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***I want to share why I think Badger Mountain is NOT a good location for Solar Panels.***

Badger Mountain is habitat to much wild life, including the Sage Grouse, which is an endangered species, this has been documented by Fish and Wild Life, Conservation N.W. and Pheasants Forever.

To install solar panels all the ground cover must be removed to allow for concrete pads to be laid. This would eliminate the habitat.

With not ground cover the wild life has no protection.

Without ground cover there is nothing to stop the potential for flooding and there are housing developments below Badger Mountain. Water running off the solar panels has the potential to contaminate the soil, seeping down into the water supply. The panels are made with lead, cadmium and other toxins. Heavy metal in solar panels can leach out of the cells and get into the ground. The drinking water on and around Badger Mountain comes from wells, so this would contaminate the drinking water. Solar Panel Farms devalue all the homes around them.

This is why I think Badger Mountain is NOT a good location for Solar Panels.

Thank You,

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