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We live in the middle of the proposed Cypress Creek / Carriger project and have commented many times over the last 3-4 years to Klickitat County Commissioners and EFSEC regarding the negative impact this project will have on our property, our valley and our community. I have hired real estate appraisers to provide comparison value appraisals to use as needed in the future. The reduced value is shocking. In addition, our domestic water well is within a few hundred feet of the project, and we anticipate that baseline testing will eventually show ground water contamination. Once this happens, there is no way to mitigate or undo the negative land / health issues no matter what generic statements Carriger's consultants make. In addition, recent fires in our county have, once again, reminded us that no one is equipped or interested in fighting a solar farm or solar battery fire. The recent Newell Road fire came within feet of the Lund Hill solar project near Bickleton. Because of the toxins, fire fighters were not equipped or interested in fighting a fire with toxic contaminates in the air. If this fire would have penetrated the boundary of the solar farm, many of our neighbors in Benton County would have been impacted and forced out of their homes. Any fire west of Goldendale in the Carriger's solar project, such as this summer's Knight Road fire, would have quickly blown into and contaminated the entire town of Goldendale. (see Jefferson County, New York solar

farm fire. July 2023) Our moratorium (land use regulation) was in place BEFORE Cypress Creek submitted their Carriger project to EFSEC. Recent data has shown that a huge majority of our citizens (~85%+) are not in favor of industrial solar within the moratorium's boundaries.....while believing there are much more appropriate locations in our County. Our Klickitat County Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners have voted to ban industrial solar within the moratorium's boundaries. It is appalling and negligent that in light of all the testimony against the project coupled with our county's land use moratorium, that EFSEC ignored everything and simply voted to approve an expedited path. It presents such a clear snapshot on how the Washington State government ignores local land use regulations and steamrolls ahead. I doubt that you will, but would hope that every member of this EFSEC committee asks themselves these questions: "How would I vote if this project was in my neighborhood, impacting my family's health and my property's value? How would I feel if it was located elsewhere, but there was a toxic fire ..... and I know I ignored my common sense and voted in favor of a disaster that killed people?"

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