

Good day EFSEC,

My name is Elaine Harvey and I am a lifelong resident of Klickitat County and a member of the Kamiltpah Band (Rock Creek Band). We have already experienced detrimental impacts the solar industry has had to our cultural resources located on the Lund Hill Solar Project and the many different wind projects in the county. We are the local tribal people of this land and we can be contacted to discuss tribal cultural resources in this county. We still fish, hunt, and gather on the lands in the area and continue to lose more lands to green energy projects in the Klickitat County.

- 1.) This proposed project will impact the local tribes of this land which include the Klickitat and Kamiltpah (Rock Creek) bands who continue to reside here in the Klickitat Valley. We have never left our ancestral lands! This proposed project is within our First Food Gathering Areas (Knight Road, Hill Road, and Fish Hatchery Road, etc.). We continue to harvest our traditional foods within these areas. The project proponents state they will construct the **CARRIGER INDUSTRIAL SOLAR PROJECT** on privately owned lands; however, the impact solar panels will have on the ephemeral, perennial streams, ground water, and local aquifer will directly impact the **TRIBAL FIRST FOODS** in this area. There are scientific studies that determined that solar panels will warm up the land directly within the project site which will in turn cause un-natural warming and evaporation of the surface and subsurface water sources. This un-natural warming of land and water evaporation will then impact **TRIBAL FIRST FOODS** which rely upon those water resources.
- 2.) The land proposed for this **INDUSTRIAL SOLAR PROJECT** is not zoned for Industrial uses. The land is currently in agriculture, range, and rural. Six to eight foot fences with barbwire is not consistent with the current land use and existing fences in the project area. The solar project will impact the views from the City of Goldendale to view the Simcoe Mountains and Mt. Adams.
- 3.) This proposed project is within the Klickitat County's Energy Overlay Zone; hence, shall require a full EIS and NOT be allowed to go through the **EXPEDITED EFSEC TRACKING PROCESS!**
- 4.) There is a current Solar Moratorium enacted by the Klickitat County Commissioners. The Carriger Company has no respect for the Klickitat County current moratorium.
- 5.) Klickitat county does not have a finalized Critical Ordinance and Shoreline Masterplan in place. How can this project proceed? EFSEC is a Washington State agency and so is the Department of Ecology (who requires counties to have these protection documents in place). There is a conflict!
- 6.) All federally listed ESA listed and state listed species and their critical habitat needs to be preserved and solar projects should not impede these people. Ferruginous hawks, steelhead, and soon to be grey squirrels habitat need to be protected. There is so much more I can discuss but you heard all the verbal testimony. Much of southern Klickitat canyon is important for winter deer habitat and with more green energy projects coming onboard, then the wildlife will be subjected to more loss of habitat. There are Western Grey Squirrels and Ferruginous Hawks within the projected project footprint.

Thank you for your time,
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