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When I saw the front page photo of the Goldendale Sentinel newspaper last week, I was shocked. The photo featured the 60,000 acre Newell Road fire in Klickitat County near Goldendale, which came within feet of the largest solar project to date in Washington state. Our heroic volunteer firefighters had to not only work night and day protecting homes, livestock, livelihoods, etc., but also had to make sure this massive solar expanse did not burn. Just imagine when a fire like this threatens the enormous proposed solar project off of Knight Road. It is likely to happen. Just several weeks ago, there was a fire that raced quickly from Knight Road all the way to across Pine Forest Road. This proposed solar farm will be within 3 miles west of Goldendale. We have strong prevailing westerly winds. Does no one care about the citizens of Goldendale? If a fire were to even burn just several acres of a solar farm, the prevailing winds would bring toxic gasses and materials directly to the town of Goldendale and leave our soil and other surfaces toxic for many years to come. I do not want to see Goldendale become a Superfund site. Toxic chemicals and heavy metals in solar panels include “cadmium telluride, copper indium selenide, cadmium gallium (di)selenide, copper indium gallium (di)selenide, hexafluoroethane, lead, and polyvinyl fluoride...(and) silicon tetrachloride.”... “A hazard summary of cadmium compounds produced by the EPA points

out that exposure to cadmium can lead to serious lung irritation and long-lasting impairment of pulmonary functions. Exposure to lead hardly needs further explanation.” (Fee.org). The photo on the front page of the Sentinel reminded me what a destructive presence these solar panels will have. Carriger Solar by Cypress Creek Renewables is an exploitive opportunistic project, preying upon a rural residents and the economically depressed town of Goldendale. The last thing we need is an environmental disaster on our hands. I hope no one will be influenced or pressured by this large corporation or by the several landowners who stand to make a significant amount of money by selling the heart of Klickitat county to the aforementioned exploitative corporation. There are many other better options for solar in areas that are not at such high risk for wildfire. Thank you—hoping for the best for my rural town.

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