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**Subject:** RE: Response to 8/23 AG comments on Carriger Solar, Klickitat County  
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Hi Joanne,

Here is my response to the question posed about recoverability of the ground for agriculture as productive as before the solar siting.

The impacts of the project include ground compaction, gravel additions to meet footing requirements, a long length of time for the project, and reduced opportunity for tillage, photosynthesis, irrigation, grazing, etc throughout the life of the project. The ground will naturally be less agriculturally productive at the end of the project than it is today as a result of the issues listed above. Even with decommissioning, WSDA does not expect the ground to meet pre-project agricultural viability. Not all gravel can be removed and not all compaction impacts can be undone at 25 years. The project impact is not short-term or transitory in nature, because not all damage will be remediated at the point of decommissioning and it may take decades for the agricultural viability issues to be remediated.

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Hi Kelly,

You provided comments on the proposed Carriger Solar facility last August. The applicant, Cypress Creek Renewables recently provided their response to your comments. See attached. Please let me know if and when you can review and if you will have any additional feedback. I know this is a busy time for you, so we can give you time as needed.

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