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I am adamantly opposed to this proposed rule. This is an ill-conceived proposal given the current available power system in the Northwest. In addition, these types of vehicles ARE NOT environmentally friendly and pose serious risk of fire and environmental damage. EVs are not designed to be used under extreme weather conditions that are often present in the Northwest. They are not reliable or safe for rural Washingtonians who often have to commute long distances to access things such as medical services or for those who live off grid. The following is an excerpt from a Aug. 1, 2022 Spokesman Review article "Northwest residents are generally unaware of the huge increase in renewable energy that decarbonization laws will require. A recent study showed our region will have to build 160,000 megawatts of additional wind, solar power, and large-scale batteries for storage, to achieve a zero-carbon grid by 2045. To put that into context, it's taken about 100 years to get to the 115,000 megawatts of generation we have today."