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No data centers in Washington! Please! We have had horrible droughts and fires every year for years! Between climate change and the lack of forest management and dwindling water resources, we cannot afford to build and run data centers! We need to work on infrastructure and conservation so we can, one day perhaps, have data centers or other large technology in our state without jeopardizing the health, safety, resources, and wealth of the state. In order for technology to be truly helpful and wanted, it cannot cause direct or indirect harm. Data centers are causing harm and need to be paused until a better way is found. We have seen the evidence of others about the light and sound pollution. We have seen the evidence of others of their once clean, safe, and fully flowing water turned to a trickle of brown liquid. We already have overflowing dumps, trash in our oceans, and toxins in the soil and air from current technology and enough is enough. We have to do better than we have in the past. We have to draw a line and say we know better so now we must do better before we can cross this line! Our planet, our children, and our future deserve better of us. Washington is a beautiful state with so much nature and possibility. We need to take care of it. It is our duty to take care of it.