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Please do not approve any BESS facilities in or near Tenino or Washington State. Fires involving battery energy storage systems cannot be safely extinguished with water and can cause significant, lasting damage to the environment, wildlife, air quality, soil, and groundwater.

This proposal appears to be driven primarily by the Climate Commitment Act. However, allowing BESS facilities that pose these risks could undermine the environmental goals the act was intended to support.