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This proposal is being unduly rushed through the process even though it is clear that the people of Skagit County are not convinced that this is an appropriate action. Our County representatives are in opposition to the proposed designation and further action on the proposal should be postponed. The proponents of the designation are from special interest groups with focused objectives that do not represent the diverse local population.

I attended one of the hearings and I was struck by the evasiveness of answers provided by DOE staff. The full impact of a Tier III designation is not known and appears to be intentionally hidden. I urge you to act in the broader public interest and delay action until full transparency can be achieved. Benefits, costs, and environmental impacts need to be fully appraised before a well informed decision can be made.

Thank you