

July 28, 2022

TO: Goldendale Energy Storage Project Draft EIS
Sage Park Washington Department of Ecology,
Central Regional Office
1250 W. Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903-0009

From: Angeline Phillips
Yakama Nation Tribal Member

RE: Oppose the proposal

Dear Washington Department of Ecology,

I oppose the proposed Goldendale Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project "Project" because of the damaging impacts that it will on tribal cultural and religious resources, as expressly stated by member of the Yakama Nation Tribal Council. This project threatens to destroy numerous archeological, ceremonial, and ancestral use sites sacred to the Yakama Nation.

Construction and operation of the pumped storage facility would interfere with the exercise of my gathering and fishing practices. I agree with the Draft EIS finding that there will be "significant and an unavoidable adverse impacts" to my cultural and tribal resources.

Any proposed mitigation for these impacts is insufficient and none are supported by Tribal Nations. The plants and roots that I have gathered at Juniper Point for food and medicine will not be available for future traditional practice if this project moves forward. Tracking the climate crisis needs to also achieve environmental justice and prevent further burdens on indigenous communities. "Clean Energy" must not be licensed to flood cultural sites.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,



Angeline Phillips
Yakama Nation Tribal Member

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