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Dear Washington Department of Ecology:

I oppose the proposed Goldendale Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project because of the damaging impacts that it will have on tribal cultural and religious resources, as expressly stated by members 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 gathering and fishing practices. I agree with the Draft EIS finding that there will be "significant and unavoidable adverse impacts" to cultural and tribal resources. Any proposed mitigation for these impacts is insufficient and none are supported by Tribal Nations. I have a one year old son and a 2 year old daughter that comes from the Kamilthpa Band. Their family and ancestors have always harvested in this area. If this project goes forward then the food and medicine provided there at Juniper Point will not be available for my children or future generations. "Clean energy" must not be licensed at the expense of tribal natural resources. Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,
Andrea Tulee