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The new hydroelectric project in Goldendale threatens the Columbia River and its wildlife, is fiscally irresponsible and disregards the Yakama Nation's treaty rights. It is not enough to consult with tribal nations; they must be listened to! Only the Northwest Tribal Nations can determine what is significant to the tribe. Their treaty rights must be respected and siting clean energy projects in places of cultural significance must be avoided.

Similar projects at this exact site have been denied in the past because state and federal agencies have raised substantial concerns about this project's impacts to golden eagles, bald eagles, prairie falcons, other fish and wildlife species, and aquatic habitats.

An independent economic analysis by Rocky Mountain Econometrics of costs and electricity markets indicates that this project is "unlikely to operate profitably" thus creating even greater risks in the case of bankruptcy.

No! No! No!