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I am a resident, landowner and business owner in Klickitat County...and I strongly support this pumped storage project.

In my opinion, certain renewable energy concepts make sense and others do not. For example, covering our County's and State's valuable agriculture land with acres of industrial solar farms is short-sighted, an environmental disaster and simply wrong. On the other hand, selective projects present significantly less environmental impact and make total sense.

The pumped storage site leverages the topography, proximity to wind energy, the electrical grid and the abandoned aluminum plant. The project provides both construction and operational jobs to Klickitat County and our Columbia Gorge region. Yes, the engineering, entitlement and construction tasks are complex, but the overall concept is straight-forward, strong and worthy of the effort.

I encourage the development team, elected officials, governmental agencies, tribes and all impacted parties to work together to find acceptable solutions to bring this project to fruition.