

August 9, 2022

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

**RE: GOLDENDALE PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT**

Dear Sir:

I am writing a letter to oppose the proposed Goldendale Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project because of the damaging impacts that it will have on the resources of the Yakama Nation.

The Yakama Nation has Ceded Land and Trust & Non-Trust land in the on/off the Yakama Reservation. On the Ceded Land we are allowed to continue practicing our Cultural and Traditional Food & Medicinal Gatherings: Fishing, Hunting, Gathering Roots, Berries, Sage, etc. We have practiced first food gatherings for many many years, even before our Treaty of 1885 was signed and initiated. The proposed Going Green-Sources of Energy will destroy the natural habitat areas of our natural foods that were gifted to us by the Creator/God. Our people traveled and harvested along the ceded areas that once all belonged to us. Initiated harvesting foods/medicines beginning in February to late September: Hunting, Fishing, Celery, Roots and Berries.

The surrounding areas, you have large companies, coming into the areas wanting to change the land base for this and that: Dams, HydroElectric Pumps, Wind Mills, Solar Panels. Who will this benefit the rural or the dominant cities? Does it benefit the Yakama Nation People? Destroying our land to construct Sources of Energy is taking away from the original peoples. We have farmers, companies already putting up fence lines with signs "No Trespassing" where we once gathered. There are also signs erected "No Fishing" "No Hunting", "Violaters will be Prosecuted" in these areas.

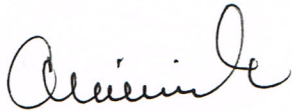
Along these harvesting trails we have different Indian names for each area. We have lost people along these trails buried in the grounds with many artifacts. Some of these areas are considered Archeological Sites to be preserved under state and federal written laws.

The government took away our people, water, and land when the Celilo Falls was erected for the Dalles and John Day dams. Many of our people were displaced. This was a tragic event to our people considered Historical Trauma. What else will you

destroy to become monetarily rich? Please do not destroy our natural lands for a few rich people. I heard some of these people are coming in from California and Utah looking for land base resources to start these projects. Like I asked before, who does it benefit?

Please leave our natural based properties as is, just because no one lives in the area does not mean it serves anyone purpose. Will there be any public meetings for this proposed Goldendate Pumped Storage Project?

If you have any questions, please respond to my post office box.



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