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Dear Washington Department of Ecology,

I oppose the proposed Goldendale Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project. There's really no excuse to further infringe of tribal ancestral lands or to disrupt the fragile wildlife and water quality in the area. By the way, my family are homesteader from the 1880 in Goldendale. I still have family running farms and ranches in the area and enjoy the rivers and mountains. The area has immeasurable intrinsic value, but also has irreplaceable history and practices for our tribal neighbors and friends. The project will have damaging impacts on tribal cultural and religious practices and risk destruction of archeological areas as well.

I agree with the Draft EIS finding that there will be "significant and unavoidable adverse impacts."

Any proposed mitigation for these impacts are likely insufficient to offset the harm. The plants and roots that I have gathered at

We in the NW have benefit from our hydroelectric power, but we need to improve even those dams that have so negatively impacted our multi-million dollar fisheries. Our future "Clean energy" must not be licensed so that more harm is done even before we've taken on the reparations needed for prior harm.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

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