From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	<u>bswagoner</u>
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Horse Heaven Wind Project
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:37:45 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: bswagoner <bswagon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 2:41 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Project

External Email

EFSEC Director, Sonia Bumpus,

As a resident of the Tri-Cities area, I appreciate and support the intervention efforts of Tri-Cities CARES in the process to establish a wind turbine farm on Horse Heaven Hills.

Respectfully, BRADLEY WAGONER 1206 Jonagold Dr Richland, WA

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
To:	LarryAnderson
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Horse Heaven Wind Project
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:38:08 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

-----Original Message-----From: LarryAnderson <leasaa@msn.com> Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 3:14 PM To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov> Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Project

External Email

We support the Tri cities CARES project in their efforts to intervene in the bringing of a wind farm into the horse heaven hills. Sincerely, Larry and Sally Anderson -Richland, Washington

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	Debbie Larson
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Support TRICITY CARES (TCC)
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:38:23 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Debbie Larson <debarv@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 3:37 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Support TRICITY CARES (TCC)

External Email

Tri-Cities CARES has been doing an exceptional job of representing local communities in the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. We want to confirm our support for their intervention in the process.

Sincerely, Arvid and Debbie Larson

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Mary Anne Sisk <nanm3@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 3:48 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Tri-Cities CARES

External Email

I am a strong supporter of Tri-Cities CARES and their efforts and activities to preserve the Horse Heaven Hills from the damaging Wind Project. They represent me and my interests in this objective.

Mary Anne Sisk Richland, WA

For emailing questions to EFSEC, please email: <u>efsec@efsec.wa.gov</u>.

Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Brian Isaacs <brian.isaacs99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 5:37 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: No Wind Farm

External Email

Ms. Bumpus,

Myself and my wife are lifetime residents of the Tri-Cities, and we hate the idea of the skyline being polluted by the massive windmill farm planned. We appreciate and support the job the Tri-Cities CARES has been doing representing local communities in the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. We want to confirm our support for their intervention in the process.

Brian and Susan Isaacs Richland WA

From:	Jim Money
To:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:40:17 AM

To Whom It May Concern,

I wanted to let you know that Tri-Cities CARES is doing a wonderful job at representing the Tri-City area in the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project. All of the people I have mentioned this project to have responded with a resounding "NO". We don't want this project in our Horse Heaven Hills!

I want to also confirm my support to Tri-Cities CARES in their efforts to move this project out of our area!

Thank you, James Money & Debra Money Kennewick, WA



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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: prrrfct60@aim.com <prrrfct60@aim.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 6:26 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject:

External Email

What a miserable mess this wind farm project is going to make. Just the construction of so many of those huge machines is quite enough but then once finished it goes on destroying the environment, killing animals and birds, including our beautiful eagles, and making a visual mess of our fantastic landscape. Does anyone pay any attention to what the local population wants? If our coastal neighbors are so intent on having wind power let them have the machines and put them in the ocean or perhaps Lake Washington. The current over-sight group apparently does not live in our area or care to learn about it. They seem to see only what is most important to them - money.

The adjudication process as I understand it is an important step to either stop the project or permit it to continue. I can only pray that it comes to any end. The good people of this community, which does not include the politicians, do not want this destroying project in our community. I fully support Tri-Cities CARES.

Fred Shaffner Richland, Wa.

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Renee Utley <reneekutley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 7:11 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Tri Cities Care

External Email

Please stop the wind turbine project south of the Tri Cities, don't ruin our environment.

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	Brad Lane
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: support for tri cities cares
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:46:15 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Brad Lane <bradlane56@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:37 AM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: support for tri cities cares

External Email

my home is at the base of the horse heaven hills by mcbee grade. I was born and raised in Benton city. my home and all the things i have worked for in my life will certainly be devalued because of this wind turbine project.the negative things about the wind turbines are so many it is ridiculous. f From the beautiful visas being ruined to the impact on the environment not to mention the wind turbines do not solve our clean energy problems. Also a major issue is the fact that the decisions that will impact the local citizens will be made by people who dont live here or really care about this area., and also they are misinformed about the values of wind turbines. I am in total support of tri cities' care efforts.

brad lane and family

From:	Debbie Larson
То:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	Save Our Horse Heaven Hills/TC CARES
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:14:21 AM

Tri-Cities CARES has been doing an exceptional job of representing local communities in the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. We want to confirm our support for their intervention in the process.

Sincerely, Arvid and Debbie Larson

From:	Brian Isaacs
To:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	Tri-Cities Wind Farm
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:27:32 AM

Myself and my wife are lifetime residents of the Tri-Cities, and we hate the idea of the skyline we've known being polluted by the massive windmill farm planned. Please listen to the local community.

Brian and Susan Isaacs Richland WA

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> This message is to voice our support for Tri Cities Cares and their efforts to save our Horse Heaven Hills. Their efforts which started with a small group of concerned citizens has grown increasingly important to protect our quality of life here in Eastern Washington. We totally support the work of TCC not only in theory but we have also supported them with a generous donation. We seldom donate to causes such as this but we feel this is a very important effort to protect the future of our environment.

> The Horse Heaven Hills wind turbine project will provide very little, if any, benefit for our community. Any economic benefits will be short lived and energy benefits will not be felt locally whatsoever. Instead, we will be left with an eyesore that will impact property values and harm precious wildlife.

> We are proud to support Tri Cities Cares and wish them much success going forward.

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> Larry and Kathi Christensen

> Richland, Washington

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> Sent from my iPad

> Larry Christensen

I am proud to be represented by Tricities Care in regards to the horrible Horse Heaven wind project. Wind and solar represent less than 1% of the total supply in our area. It is not a constant source of electricity and is an environmental nightmare. Plus the windmills destroy the landscape. Between hydroelectric and nuclear at over 80% of the total supply in our area with no CO2 emissions how could you even consider installing inefficient windmills and solar panels. We are truly blessed to have hydro and nuclear. Install these eyesores in Seattle and Portland not in our backyard.

Mike Mike

From:	Mark Morton
То:	EFSEC mi Comments; EFSEC (EFSEC); Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
Subject:	Tri Cities CARES is our representative for HHH Wind Project
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 2:13:16 PM

I have interacted a number of times with the Tri-Cities CARES group and believe they have been doing an exceptional job of representing our local communities in the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. We want to confirm our support for their intervention in the process.

Respectfully, Mark & Virginia Morton West Richland 509 727 2929

B.E. Beldin
EFSEC mi Comments
Horse Heaven Wind Project
Thursday, June 8, 2023 2:22:05 PM

I'm a homeowner in the Tri-Cities area (Richland) adjacent to the area under consideration for installation of a combination wind turbine and solar energy project. I strongly object to its siting in the proposed areas surrounding the Tri-Cities for the following reasons:

1. First and foremost these technologies will not provide energy beneficial to the Tri-Cities area.

2. Construction will create traffic in rural areas on roadways not designed for heavy equipment or high volume traffic, and will increase already unacceptable levels of traffic congestion on local roadways, feeder roads, and main arteries.

3. The components of the wind turbines are not recyclable and thereby violate the "green energy" concept.

4. The components of the wind turbines require chemical lubricants that will leak and contaminate the surrounding soil.

5. The wind turbines are unsightly; they ruin the beautiful skyline/horizon, and the blinking red lights are distractive.

6. The wind turbines are noisy, which will significantly impact adjacent residential areas.

7. The wind turbines are dangerous to birds.

Bernard E. Beldin 469 Winesap Court, Richland, WA

To whom it may concern, I have been supporting various groups in the Tri Cities area to fight the construction of a wind and solar farm in the Horse Heaven Hills south of the Tri Cities in the state of Washington.

I am very knowledgeable about the capability of the wind turbines and solar systems, the performance, the cost of construction and maintenance. I am also aware of the negative impact that a project like this will have on our community.

In the Tri Cities area, we have all the clean, cheap power we need now and in the future. Building a project like the one envisioned is of no value to the inhabitants of our area.

I will continue to fight this project until it is canceled. There are a number of local groups that are opposed to this project and I support their efforts.

William Lambert Richland, Washington

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From:	Renee Utley
To:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	Wind Turbines Horse Heaven Hills
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 5:55:09 PM

This is to express my opposition to wind turbins in our Horse Heaven. Hills area. Please do not destroy our area.

From:	Carol O"Callaghan
То:	EFSEC mi Comments; Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC); goosie1515@aol.com
Subject:	Support for Tri-Cities Cares anti-windmill efforts
Date:	Friday, June 9, 2023 8:48:16 AM

Hello!

I just wanted to lend my voice to the efforts of those (like Tri-Cities CARES) who are trying to stop any growth of the Wind Turbine Project that has created rashes of windmills all over the landscape. Please do not install more of these windmills in any number across our ridges and fields. The benefit is not worth the cost in more ways than one.

I would be in favor of removing the ones that already exist.

Thank you, Carol O'Callaghan 9903 Coronado Dr Pasco, WA 99301 509-289-9065

Sonia,

I'm writing to let you know that, in regards of the Horse Heavens Hills wind energy project, I consider Tri-Cities CARES to represent my interests. Please treat them as an 'intervenor' on my behalf. An acknowledgement of this email would be appreciated.

Best Regards, Terry L. Johnson 607 Muriel St. Richland, WA 99352 509-551-6781

Sent from my iPad

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	jaserles49@gmail.com
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project
Date:	Friday, June 9, 2023 11:06:53 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: jaserles49@gmail.com <jaserles49@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project

External Email

Ms. Bumpus,

We support the effort that the Tri-Cities CARES group is expending in their opposition to the proposed Wind Project. We are some of the fortunate residents in this area that have a panoramic view of the surrounding hills which includes the Horse Heaven Hills in the background. We do not want that view destroyed by the presence of countless rotating wind turbines generating questionable power, most likely not even for the benefit of the local residents, but to be transmitted via the Western Interconnecting Grid to customers 100's of miles away.

Jim and Anne Serles 3347 River Valley Drive Richland WA 99354

Sent from Mail for Windows

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Charles Barnett <chasbarnett@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 11:55 AM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: HHH Wind project

External Email

I support the Tri cities CARES in representing local communities in the Horse Heaven Wind project adjudication process. Thank You, Charles Barnett 3114 E. Highland Ext. Benton City, WA. 99320

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone Get <u>Outlook for Android</u>

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
To:	Darrell Osborn
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Support for Tri-Cities CARES efforts representing residents
Date:	Friday, June 9, 2023 11:07:19 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Darrell Osborn <osbornda@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Support for Tri-Cities CARES efforts representing residents

External Email

Hi EFSEC

Tri-Cities CARES has been doing an exceptional job of representing local communities in the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. My entire family, as affected residents, want to confirm our support for their intervention in the process. We are all patiently waiting the EFSEC due diligence and actual receptivity to the local community thoughts on this HHH project that if moves forward will cause irreparable damage to the community and environment.

Thanks from a concerned local family,

Darrell Osborn

26006 S 816 PR SE, Kennewick, WA 99338

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	HawkRun@pm.me
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Support for CARES
Date:	Friday, June 9, 2023 11:09:23 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: HawkRun@pm.me <HawkRun@pm.me>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 2:18 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Support for CARES

External Email

To Sonia Bumpus:

Tri-Cities CARES has been doing an exceptional job of representing local communities in the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. I support their intervention in this project. they represent the people of this community and this county and need to be respected, heard and listened to.

Regards, Ronne

Sent with Proton Mail secure email.

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
To:	pixelate@mathsavers.com
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: HHH (Horse Heaven Hills) wind project, the Tri-Cities CARES (TCC) and Save Our Horse Heaven Hills movement
Date:	Friday, June 9, 2023 11:09:58 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: pixelate@mathsavers.com <pixelate@mathsavers.com>
Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 7:25 AM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: HHH (Horse Heaven Hills) wind project, the Tri-Cities CARES (TCC) and Save Our Horse Heaven Hills movement

External Email

Hello EFSEC Director Sonia Bumpus -

Regarding the HHH (Horse Heaven Hills) wind project, the Tri-Cities CARES (TCC) and Save Our Horse Heaven Hills movement:

- First and foremost I am Against the HHH Wind Farm Project in all its myriad of aspects.
- I fully Support the efforts of the Tri-Cities CARES (TCC) group.
- My name is Patrick D. Grengs II.
- I am the Owner of 40 Acres of land in West Richland located Southwest of Harrington Road:
 - See attached image file: BentonCountyGIS_Sandhill_ArgentumMatsonColorBoundaries_20181028v3
 - The satellite image was taken a few years prior to installing the center pivot irritation and growing of 25 acres of corn / alfalfa.
 - I currently own the 40 acres as depicted with the Red boundary.
 - I used to own the 35 acre parcel (Orange boundary) and sold this to local real estate developer Titan Homes (June 2020).
 - The 40 acres include 12 acres of CID water rights.
 - A portion of the 40 acres is presently being used for the cultivation of alfalfa.

- The alfalfa crop is part of a business partnership with Garth Hatch, my neighbor who owns 31 acres just south of my 40 acres.
- Plans include the eventual construction of a personal home on my property.
- I am also looking at selling a portion of these 40 acres to a local home developer, given a good sale price.
- The Effects that the HHH Wind Project will have on my property:
 - Destruction of over 120 degrees of view, essentially the entire view to the West of my Sandhill property.
 - Reduced value of my property to any future buyer / developer in terms of the despoiled landscape.
 - The wind turbines will generate long shadow flicker for the miles of property that they impact.
 - It is also well known that wind turbines change the climate by altering the surface air temperatures during the day (cooling) and night (heating).
 - Wind patterns will be impacted because of this huge installation and can have damaging effects on the local crops in terms of precipitation patterns.
 - There will also be the expected noise pollution because of all the moving parts.
 - The winking red lights will despoil the quiescence of the Tri-Cities night.
- There are additional negative impacts that will result if the HHH wind project is implemented:
 - All wind power must be supplemented by hot-standby power (typically natural gas plants).
 - The turbines have an expected life of 15 years (despite the PR material that shows 25 years for the amortization).
 - There will be constant maintenance required for the moving parts on these huge unnecessary wastes of resources.
 - The blades will need to be replaced after 15 years and there is no effective means to recycle the wind blades (they typically end up in landfills located in low-population counties).
 - Washington State already has over 70% of its electrical power provided by safe, quiet, green, paid-for hydroelectric plants.
 - It is interesting that Washington State politicians insist that hydro-power is not green this designation has been made so that the highly subsidized wind farms can be installed at great cost both economically and environmentally.
 - The wind turbines are a so-called solution to a problem that does not exist we have safe and effective green power already. More importantly, CO2 is not a pollutant, it is a necessary ingredient for plant growth.
 - The natural resources and costs to mine the materials, fabricate, ship and install the turbines, maintain and decommission them exceeds the sum of the intermittent power that they generate over their lifetime.
 - The 2500 tons of concrete at the base of a 2MW baseplate turbine (one of the

typical turbines with a 200' tower and 100' blades) requires 600,000 pounds of cement – just the creation of that cement generates ~300 tons of CO2. This does not even include the costs for the rebar, forms, transportation and installation of the concrete base. The much larger turbines in the HHH project will require significantly more materials and generate a far greater amount of CO2 (so much for the clean-and-green claims for wind turbines).

• In Summary: I see the HHH wind project as both a criminal waste of resources and the application of unnecessary technology that will destroy the beauty and value of property owned by individuals throughout the Tri-Cities.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. Grengs II / Land owner and farmer of 40 acres in West Richland, Washington

<u>Stephanie Brubaker</u>
FSEC mi Comments
-wd: Tri-Cities CARES has my support
riday, June 9, 2023 11:24:07 AM

------ Forwarded message ------From: **Stephanie Brubaker** <<u>kunkangk2@gmail.com</u>> Date: Sat, Jun 3, 2023, 4:13 PM Subject: Tri-Cities CARES has my support To: <<u>sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov</u>>

Good afternoon,

It has come to my attention that you are needing "proof" with regards to the fantastic job that Tri-Cities CARES organization has been providing to our community. On my behalf, they are doing their best to keep that wind farm out of my back yard.

The Horse Heaven Wind Project is the worst possible thing that could happen to our hills. The ferruginous hawks native to our area need that land protected.

Tri-Cities CARES speaks for and does their best representing me in the adjudication process that's been ongoing. I fully support them.

Thank you.

-Stephanie Brubaker

Michael J Brubaker
EFSEC mi Comments
Fwd: TCC and HHW project
Friday, June 9, 2023 11:25:09 AM

----- Forwarded message ------From: **Michael J Brubaker** <<u>brubakermotorcarrier@gmail.com</u>> Date: Sat, Jun 3, 2023, 4:03 PM Subject: TCC and HHW project To: <<u>sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov</u>>

Hello,

I am sending this email to confirm my support for Tri-Cities CARES as they speak for our best interests regarding the Rejection of the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Project.

Tri-Cities CARES has been doing a great job representing me so far, as a resident of the Tri-Cities area, during the adjudication process.

Please allow them to continue fighting for my best interests. We do NOT want this wind farm project.

-Michael Brubaker

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	Karen Richardson
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Wind turbines
Date:	Friday, June 9, 2023 2:58:43 PM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

-----Original Message-----From: Karen Richardson <zimbaz2910@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 2:45 PM To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov> Subject: Wind turbines

External Email

We've been instructed to contact you if we have further comments about the Wind turbines in the Horse Heaven Hills. The Homeowners all along the Clodfelter Road are vehemently are AGAINST the Wind Turbines!!!! THEY WILL DRIVE OUR PROPERTY VALUES DOWN ON OUR HOMES, cause concentration problems in our brains, kill WILDLIFE, destroy the roads we travel on, rape our beautiful landscapes, devalue our HYDROPOWER and MAKE OUR BACKYARD LOOK LIKE A METAL JUNKYARD!!! What are you thinking??? DO NOT ERECT USELESS WIND TURBINES IN OUR COMMUNITY!!! Even the "BOEM", Bureau of Energy Management says, "Wind turbine production, construction, and operating COST negates ANY CARBON SAVINGS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Karen R.

From: Karen Richardson <zimbaz2910@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 5:50:51 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: EFSEC (EFSEC) Subject: Wind turbine farm

External Email

By now, I've been writing letters, sending comments, going to meetings, and watching Zoom calls since October 2020!!!

I'm not the only one! Anyone in the Tri-Cities that cares about our area and the "wide open spaces" have been signing petitions, going to meetings at court houses, and donating hard earned dollars to our "TriCities Cares" group.

We have Hanford, our Nuclear area here in Richland, huge dams on our Great Rivers for our "reliable Hydro" power and you still want to squeeze our Community for more!!!!

If we have a smaller voting population and the West side of Wa. State needs more electricity for the "Green Energy Community", put your wind turbines on the West Coast!!!

Electricians in our area, have told us the infrastructure for Electric Auto Charging Stations, are not developed over here. And while you boast about job security, by the time you're done building your turbines, and then building your infrastructure for energy to be transported, the turbines will start disintegrating, throwing blades and spewing oil to start fires in "dry wheat fields" where the turbines are purposed to be erected!!

Karen R.

From:	EFSEC (EFSEC)
То:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	FW: Request Letter
Date:	Friday, June 9, 2023 9:09:34 PM
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From: Michael, Reni <Reni.Michael@leg.wa.gov> Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 9:09:03 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov>; Drew, Kathleen (EFSEC) <kathleen.drew@efsec.wa.gov>; Grantham, Andrea (EFSEC) <andrea.grantham@efsec.wa.gov>; Moon, Amy (EFSEC) <amy.moon@efsec.wa.gov>; Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>; ethan@yakamanation-olc.org <ethan@yakamanation-olc.org>; shona@yakamanation-olc.org <shona@yakamanation-olc.org>; jessica@yakamanation-olc.org <jessica@yakamanation-olc.org>; hare@yakamafish-nsn.gov <hare@yakamafish-nsn.gov>; Reyneveld, Sarah (ATG) <Sarah.Reyneveld@atq.wa.gov>; bill.mckay@ci.kennewick.wa.us <bill.mckay@ci.kennewick.wa.us>; gretl@gretlhomes.com < gretl@gretlhomes.com>; marie.mosley@ci.kennewick.wa.us <marie.mosley@ci.kennewick.wa.us>; lllehman@aol.com <lllehman@aol.com>; tchristensen@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US <tchristensen@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>; trichardson@ci.richland.wa.us <trichardson@ci.richland.wa.us>; Jones, Jhoanna <jjones@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>; skent@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US <skent@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>; Ryan Lukson - City of Richland <rlukson@ci.richland.wa.us>; svandyke@ci.richland.wa.us <svandyke@ci.richland.wa.us>; rwhitten@ci.richland.wa.us <rwhitten@ci.richland.wa.us>; jamundson@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US <jamundson@CI.RICHLAND.WA.US>; Jerome Delvin <Jerome.Delvin@co.benton.wa.us>; michael.alvarez@co.benton.wa.us <michael.alvarez@co.benton.wa.us>; Will McKay <Will.McKay@co.benton.wa.us>; Adam Fyall <Adam.Fyall@co.benton.wa.us>; Greq.Wendt@co.benton.wa.us < Greq.Wendt@co.benton.wa.us>; cdidier@franklincountywa.gov <cdidier@franklincountywa.gov>; Mike R. Gonzalez <mrgonzalez@franklincountywa.gov>; rmullen@franklincountywa.gov <rmullen@franklincountywa.gov>; Brad Peck <bpeck@franklincountywa.gov>; Johnson, Jim (DOHi) <wwcocommissioners@co.walla-walla.wa.us>; cory.wright@co.kittitas.wa.us <cory.wright@co.kittitas.wa.us>; laura.osiadacz@co.kittitas.wa.us <laura.osiadacz@co.kittitas.wa.us>; brett.wachsmith.co@co.kittitas.wa.us <brett.wachsmith.co@co.kittitas.wa.us>; amanda.mckinney@co.yakima.wa.us <amanda.mckinney@co.yakima.wa.us>; kyle.curtis@co.yakima.wa.us <kyle.curtis@co.yakima.wa.us>; ladon.linde@co.yakima.wa.us <ladon.linde@co.yakima.wa.us> Cc: Connors, April <April.Connors@leg.wa.gov>; Boehnke, Matt <Matt.Boehnke@leg.wa.gov>; Schmick, Joe <joe.schmick@leg.wa.gov>; Barnard, Stephanie <Stephanie.Barnard@leg.wa.gov>; Rude, Skyler <Skyler.Rude@leg.wa.gov>; Dye, Mary <mary.dye@leg.wa.gov>; Shirk, Drew (GOV) <drew.shirk@gov.wa.gov>; Klicker, Mark <Mark.Klicker@leg.wa.gov> Subject: Request Letter

External Email

June 8, 2023

Energy Facility Siting Evaluation Council,

We are writing to express our concerns about the proposed Horse Heaven Hills Wind/Solar project and adjudication.

This unprecedented project is the largest proposed wind farm in the state of Washington to date. Up to 244, 499-foot-high wind turbines are planned to occupy an area over 25 miles across and approximately 8 miles wide, straddling ridgelines of the Horse Heaven Hills directly in sight of the cities of Benton City, West Richland, Richland, Kennewick, Pasco and Finley.

We have serious concerns about the disproportionate impacts the project will have on Southeastern Washington, as there are over 100,000 people who live within six miles of the project. This is more visible and orders of magnitude larger than any other wind project in the state.

Significant concerns about the project and the adjudication process have been raised by Benton County, the Yakama Nation, and by Tri-Cities CARES, a local non-profit organization that is doing a noteworthy job representing the diverse interests of the public.

Chair Drew has denied requests from the parties to conduct the hearings in the Tri-Cities and in spite of grave concerns about fairness and prejudice, has directed that the venue for the adjudication be held virtually. We do not believe this decision to be appropriate given the nature and magnitude of the impacts this project will have on the citizens of the region.

EFSEC has accelerated the adjudication process without letting the public know how they are going to address the 2,400 public comments that were sent in by the public, many of which pointed to substantial errors, omissions and misrepresentation made in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

To date EFSEC has not yet released a target date for the publication of a final EIS nor explained how they propose to mitigate the significant impacts posed by the proposed project.

We are also troubled that WDFW biologists are being prevented from transparently sharing their scientific knowledge regarding the ferruginous hawk and other endangered species. EFSEC is apparently placing limitations on the testimony of public employees who work for a public agency on a public matter all paid with public money. Ferruginous hawks do not belong to the project applicant and for EFSEC to be anything less than transparent and objective regarding the freedom of these employees to testify and share their knowledge is not acceptable.

Energy facilities of this magnitude are normally sited in rural areas. The Tri-Cities is the second most populous urban area in eastern Washington with a population of approximately 300K. Arbitrarily siting the Horse Heaven Hills project above the urban area of the Tri-Cities sets a concerning precedent.

Given the magnitude of the project and the number of people impacted, EFSEC must take great care to fulfill its duties and obligations in a thorough, intentional, and impartial

manner. We are not confident that this is being considered.

This process illustrates everything that is wrong when giving legislative authority to EFSEC to override local land use decision-making, and to adjudicate issues prior to the finalization of an environmental impact statement (EIS).

The Horse Heaven Hills project is too big, with negative impacts on the urban community of the Tri-Cities to disregard local concerns.

For this reason, we request that EFSEC exercise extreme care and prudence to openly assure that the project can be quantitatively shown to minimize environment impacts, produce substantial, tangible benefits to those communities, and satisfy the renewable energy needs of the State of Washington in a rational and reliable manner.

Regards,

Mark & Klicker

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Representative Mark. R. Klicker 16th Legislative District

Representative Stephanie Barnard 8th Legislative District

Representative Mary Dye 9th Legislative District

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8th Legislative District

From:	Mary Anne Sisk
То:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	Fwd: Tri-Cities CARES
Date:	Saturday, June 10, 2023 8:33:10 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mary Anne Sisk <nanm3@yahoo.com> Date: June 6, 2023 at 3:48:17 PM PDT To: sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov Subject: Tri-Cities CARES

I am a strong supporter of Tri-Cities CARES and their efforts and activities to preserve the Horse Heaven Hills from the damaging Wind Project. They represent me and my interests in this objective.

Mary Anne Sisk Richland, WA

From:	<u>Joyce</u>
To:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC); EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	TRI-CITIES CARES - HORSE HEAVEN WIND PROJECT ADJUDICATION PROCESS
Date:	Saturday, June 10, 2023 1:41:03 PM

Sonia,

I'm writing to you in support of our local community "TRI-CITIES CARES" group that is representing our family as residents of the Tri-Cities region. Tri-Cities Cares has been doing a fabulous job helping to represent us in the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. I want to confirm our support for their intervention in this process.

When this request was put out for public opinion regarding the Horse Heaven Wind Project, it was rejected by so many residents in our area. We love our landscape and we know there are so many other ways to have Green Energy without scarring our beautiful Hills with these monstrosities! I drive through the Gorge quite often, and it breaks my heart seeing how the beauty of that area has been marred by the huge Wind Turbines....and the majority of them aren't even recyclable! Why, in this day and age of Green Energy technology...do we allow things to be made that aren't recyclable, cause damage to migratory birds and wildlife, and worse of all, damage our Earth.

I'm sure you've heard all this before Sonia. Please know that I'm completely behind Tri-Cities Cares representing our region.

Thanks for reading,

Joyce A. Bowman Richland, WA resident

From:	jaserles49@gmail.com
То:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	Horse Heavens Wind Farm Project
Date:	Sunday, June 11, 2023 8:52:52 AM

External Email

We support the effort that the Tri-Cities CARES group is expending in their opposition to the proposed Wind Project. We are some of the fortunate residents in this area that have a panoramic view of the surrounding hills which includes the Horse Heaven Hills in the background. We do not want that view destroyed by the presence of countless rotating wind turbines generating questionable power, most likely not even for the benefit of the local residents, but to be transmitted via the Western Interconnecting Grid to customers 100's of miles away.

Jim and Anne Serles 3347 River Valley Dr. Richland, WA 99354

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Hello EFSEC Director Sonia Bumpus -

Regarding the HHH (Horse Heaven Hills) wind project, the Tri-Cities CARES (TCC) and Save Our Horse Heaven Hills movement:

- First and foremost I am Against the HHH Wind Farm Project in all its myriad of aspects.
- I fully Support the efforts of the Tri-Cities CARES (TCC) group.
- My name is Patrick D. Grengs II.
- I am the Owner of 40 Acres of land in West Richland located Southwest of Harrington Road:
 - See attached image file: BentonCountyGIS_Sandhill_ArgentumMatsonColorBoundaries_20181028v3
 - The satellite image was taken a few years prior to installing the center pivot irritation and growing of 25 acres of corn / alfalfa.
 - I currently own the 40 acres as depicted with the Red boundary.
 - I used to own the 35 acre parcel (Orange boundary) and sold this to local real estate developer Titan Homes (June 2020).
 - The 40 acres include 12 acres of CID water rights.
 - A portion of the 40 acres is presently being used for the cultivation of alfalfa.
 - The alfalfa crop is part of a business partnership with Garth Hatch, my neighbor who owns 31 acres just south of my 40 acres.
 - Plans include the eventual construction of a personal home on my property.
 - I am also looking at selling a portion of these 40 acres to a local home developer, given a good sale price.
- The Effects that the HHH Wind Project will have on my property:
 - Destruction of over 120 degrees of view, essentially the entire view to the West of my Sandhill property.
 - Reduced value of my property to any future buyer / developer in terms of the despoiled landscape.
 - The wind turbines will generate long shadow flicker for the miles of property that they impact.
 - It is also well known that wind turbines change the climate by altering the surface air temperatures during the day (cooling) and night (heating).
 - Wind patterns will be impacted because of this huge installation and can have damaging effects on the local crops in terms of precipitation patterns.

- There will also be the expected noise pollution because of all the moving parts.
- The winking red lights will despoil the quiescence of the Tri-Cities night.
- There are additional negative impacts that will result if the HHH wind project is implemented:
 - All wind power must be supplemented by hot-standby power (typically natural gas plants).
 - The turbines have an expected life of 15 years (despite the PR material that shows 25 years for the amortization).
 - There will be constant maintenance required for the moving parts on these huge unnecessary wastes of resources.
 - The blades will need to be replaced after 15 years and there is no effective means to recycle the wind blades (they typically end up in landfills located in low-population counties).
 - Washington State already has over 70% of its electrical power provided by safe, quiet, green, paid-for hydroelectric plants.
 - It is interesting that Washington State politicians insist that hydro-power is not green this designation has been made so that the highly subsidized wind farms can be installed at great cost both economically and environmentally.
 - The wind turbines are a so-called solution to a problem that does not exist we have safe and effective green power already. More importantly, CO2 is not a pollutant, it is a necessary ingredient for plant growth.
 - The natural resources and costs to mine the materials, fabricate, ship and install the turbines, maintain and decommission them exceeds the sum of the intermittent power that they generate over their lifetime.
 - The 2500 tons of concrete at the base of a 2MW baseplate turbine (one of the typical turbines with a 200' tower and 100' blades) requires 600,000 pounds of cement just the creation of that cement generates ~300 tons of CO2. This does not even include the costs for the rebar, forms, transportation and installation of the concrete base. The much larger turbines in the HHH project will require significantly more materials and generate a far greater amount of CO2 (so much for the clean-and-green claims for wind turbines).
- In Summary: I see the HHH wind project as both a criminal waste of resources and the application of unnecessary technology that will destroy the beauty and value of property owned by individuals throughout the Tri-Cities.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick D. Grengs II / Land owner and farmer of 40 acres in West Richland, Washington

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I am a supporter of TriCities CARES and their efforts to intervene in the Horse Heaven Wind Project to avoid the implementation of the project. Thank you. Margaret J. Merk Richland, WA.

-----Original Message-----From: Karen Richardson <zimbaz2910@gmail.com> Sent: Friday, June 9, 2023 5:51 PM To: EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov> Subject: Wind turbine farm

External Email

By now, I've been writing letters, sending comments, going to meetings, and watching Zoom calls since October 2020!!!

I'm not the only one! Anyone in the Tri-Cities that cares about our area and the "wide open spaces" have been signing petitions, going to meetings at court houses, and donating hard earned dollars to our "TriCities Cares" group.

We have Hanford, our Nuclear area here in Richland, huge dams on our Great Rivers for our "reliable Hydro" power and you still want to squeeze our Community for more!!!!

If we have a smaller voting population and the West side of Wa. State needs more electricity for the "Green Energy Community", put your wind turbines on the West Coast!!!

Electricians in our area, have told us the infrastructure for Electric Auto Charging Stations, are not developed over here. And while you boast about job security, by the time you're done building your turbines, and then building your infrastructure for energy to be transported, the turbines will start disintegrating, throwing blades and spewing oil to start fires in "dry wheat fields" where the turbines are purposed to be erected!!

Karen R.

From:	EFSEC (EFSEC)
То:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	FW: Horse Heaven Wind Project
Date:	Monday, June 12, 2023 8:18:12 AM

From: Denise Christensen <cjcfarms@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 11, 2023 3:22 PM
To: EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Horse Heaven Wind Project

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EFSEC Committe;

I support the mission of the Tri-Cities CARES (TCC) group in the Horse Heaven Wind project adjudication process. The issues of wildlife, aesthetics, human and domestic animal health, safety, quality of life, lack of local control, etc., that TCC is focused on are of concern of the Tri-City community.

I am a landowner if the Horse Hills and this project will adversely affect my quality of life. Please stop the Horse Heaven Wind project.

Denise Christensen 509.222.8844 cjcfarms@msn.com

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	Barbera Buckmaster
Cc:	pam minelli; Judy; EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	Re: No Wind Mills
Date:	Monday, June 12, 2023 8:50:06 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Barbera Buckmaster <bchervy25@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 10, 2023 11:16:31 AM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Cc: pam minelli <pam_minelli@hotmail.com>; Judy <goosie1515@aol.com>
Subject: No Wind Mills

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Dear Director Sonia Bumpus,

I support Tri Cities Cares, and honor their effects to stop the construction of Wind Turbines.

I am not in favor of Scout Clean Energy's proposed construction of a major wind farm on the ridges of the Horse Heaven Hills. I own a 200 acre farm that boarders the base of the HHH where turbines are proposed to be erected. I worry this could lower the value of my property, especially in years to come with urban growth. The flashing lights, the constant thumping of blades, distorting the most beautiful, quite, relaxing, God given serenity of nature, to be sacrificed to the monstrous eyesores (for decades to come), is plain heartbreaking. Truly I worry most about the wildlife its self.

Currently this spring, (now, as I write this) we have two baby Great Horned owls, a family of American Kestrels just born a week ago, a nest of newly born Magpies, along with the just hatched tiny little Killdeer birds, along with a nest of Starlings born a couple weeks ago. Not to mention the Robins, the Cooper Hawks and new family of Coyotes.

I was **strongly** approached by Scout Clean Energy when they first came to our community in 2020 hunting for a pathway to transport the turbines power to the power gird. After Council and much thought, I decided this was not in my interest and **ran** from their offers. It is not, in my opinion in the best interest of our community. This community will for decades be giving up the most gorgeous beauty of our Horse Heaven Hills. May I also interate, we don't need this extra bit of power. We have abundance of hydro power, clean nucular power and solar power. Again, these turbines are for

the greed of Scout Clean Energy, their investors, and Cities and States far from our community. PLEASE SAY NO. If they go up, all I can say to all involved, "SHAME."

With Sincerely, Barbara Buckmaster 509-987-2675

Sent from Mail for Windows

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Mary Ann Burrow <ma.burrow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 11:19 AM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Tri-Cities Cares

External Email

Ms. Bumpus,

This is to inform you that I support Tri Cities Cares and that they represent me as a resident of the Kennewick and Benton County.

Mary Ann Burrow 28007 Country Meadows Lane Kennewick, WA 99338

(509)438-9903

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	Larry Christensen
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Save Our Horse Heaven Hills
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:42:33 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

-----Original Message-----From: Larry Christensen <larryjchristensen@gmail.com> Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 2:25 PM To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov> Subject: Save Our Horse Heaven Hills

External Email

This message is to voice our support for Tri Cities Cares and their efforts to save our Horse Heaven Hills. Their efforts which started with a small group of concerned citizens has grown increasingly important to protect our quality of life here in Eastern Washington. We totally support the work of TCC not only in theory but we have also supported them with a generous donation. We seldom donate to causes such as this but we feel this is a very important effort to protect the future of our environment.

The Horse Heaven Hills wind turbine project will provide very little, if any, benefit for our community. Any economic benefits will be short lived and energy benefits will not be felt locally whatsoever. Instead, we will be left with an eyesore that will impact property values and harm precious wildlife.

We are proud to support Tri Cities Cares and wish them much success going forward.

Larry and Kathi Christensen Richland, Washington

Sent from my iPad Larry Christensen

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	Lori Judkins
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Save Our Horse Heaven Hills
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:43:04 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

-----Original Message-----From: Lori Judkins <lhjpraisegod@comcast.net> Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 5:18 PM To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov> Subject: Save Our Horse Heaven Hills

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Ms Bumpus,

I just wanted to let you know that I STRONGLY support the work of Tri-Cities CARES efforts to represent the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. Please make note of my support and full confidence in them to take care of our wishes for all our local residents!!!

Thank you,

Lori Judkins

From:	<u>Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)</u>
То:	Jeffery Banning
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Tri Cities CARES Representing Community
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:43:24 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Jeffery Banning <jbann64@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2023 7:58 PM
To: EFSEC mi Comments <Comments@efsec.wa.gov>
Cc: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Tri Cities CARES Representing Community

External Email

As a 25 year resident of Kennewick, WA, I fully support the Tri Cities CARES organization representing myself, my family and the citizens of Benton County, WA opposing the poorly sited and unwanted Horse Heaven Hills Wind and Solar Farm.

The Tri-Cities would be negatively impacted by the construction of such a large scale solar & wind farm so close to so many residential homes as well as the negative impact on wildlife and migratory patterns of many bird species. I completely trust TCC to represent us as residents of the Tri-Cities in their continued efforts of opposition to this project.

Thank you, Jeff Banning <u>ibann64@gmail.com</u>

From:	Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC)
То:	Mark Morton
Cc:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	RE: Tri Cities CARES is our representative for HHH Wind Project
Date:	Thursday, June 8, 2023 10:44:26 AM

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Kind regards, EFSEC

From: Mark Morton <helperinkenn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2023 9:12 AM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (EFSEC) <sonia.bumpus@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Tri Cities CARES is our representative for HHH Wind Project

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Ms Bumpus and EFSEC Committee,

I have interacted a number of times with the Tri-Cities CARES group and believe they have been doing an exceptional job of representing our local communities in the Horse Heaven Wind Project adjudication process. We want to confirm our support for their intervention in the process.

Respectfully, Mark & Virginia Morton West Richland 509 727 2929



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ENERGY FACILITY SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL

June 22, 2023

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 6 21 Woodland Square Loop SE Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Council Members:

On behalf of the over 1200 members of the TriCity Association of Realtors, I'm writing to express our opposition to the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm project.

Our organization advocates for pro-housing legislation in the TriCities area. In addition to housing issues, we are also champions of property rights for all homeowners.

This is a controversial project, with much opposition including Benton PUD, various environmental groups, and the Yakima Nation. We believe it is our duty to stand alongside these numerous groups as a dissenting voice to this wholly disadvantageous proposal. The harm to the property rights, viewsheds, and future planning for local housing are far too detrimental to our profession and those we advocate for. Although there are countless reasons to not move forward with this project, these 4 points highlight the most glaring opposition:

- 1. In 2019, Hydro power created over 30,500 megawatts of power wind pales in comparison.
- 2. Regarding the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, wind poses a threat to native birds in our region.
- 3. Agriculturally, wind can create direct effects on local temperatures that can detrimentally affect our region's output of food and other necessary resources.
- 4. An alternate location where the windmills could be housed is at the Hanford Site. The location has become an Epicenter for Energy Creation; Nuclear, Small modular Reactors, Solar, etc.

We will firmly support Benton County and all other local jurisdictions and special interest groups in strict opposition to Scout Clean Energy's intent to compromise and exploit our homes and local resources.

We will make ourselves and our resources available in any way that we might help inform, encourage, and engage the community and our members to help bring this project to a halt.

We thank each of you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

TRICITY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Lola Franktin, CAE Chief Executive Officer







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Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 621 Woodland Square Loop SE Olympia, WA 98504

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From:	EFSEC (EFSEC)
To:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	FW: HHH project comment
Date:	Thursday, June 15, 2023 3:59:30 PM
Attachments:	Video.mov

From: Christina Caprio <capriotri@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 3:59:09 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada) To: EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov> Subject: HHH project comment

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3 fires in the HHH at the same time. Wild fires are typical. See pictures.



From: Christina Caprio «capriotri@gmail.com> Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 4:00 PM To: EFSEC (EFSEC) «efsec@efsec.wa.gov; EFSEC (EFSEC) «efsec@efsec.wa.gov> Subject: Hih fires

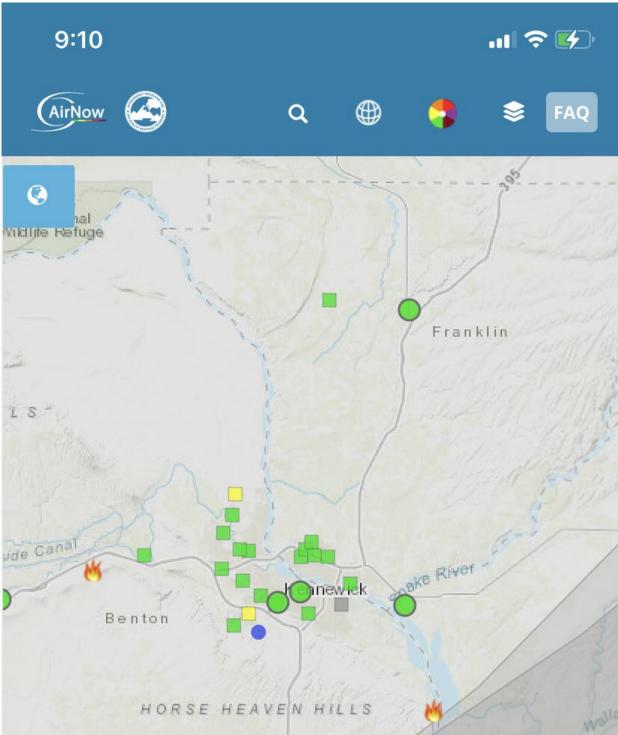


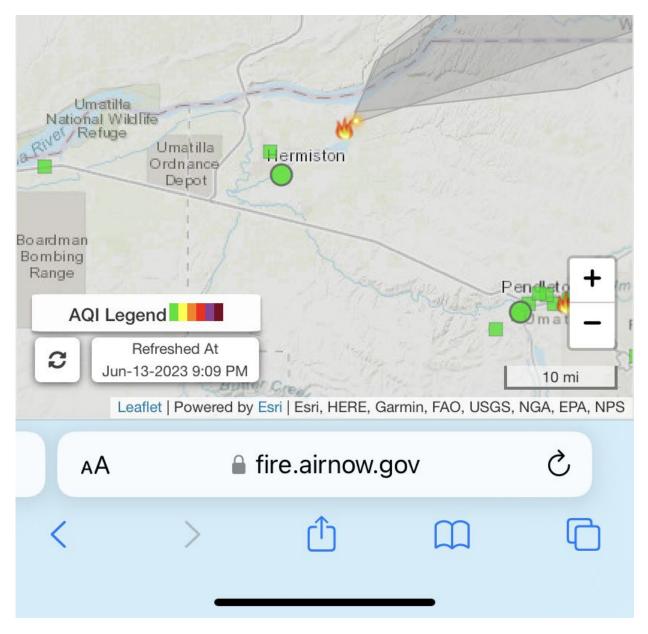


From:	EFSEC (EFSEC)
To:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	FW: Hhh fires
Date:	Thursday, June 15, 2023 4:08:45 PM
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From: Christina Caprio <capriotri@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 4:01 PM
To: EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov>; EFSEC (EFSEC) <efsec@efsec.wa.gov>
Subject: Hhh fires







From:	EFSEC (EFSEC)
To:	EFSEC mi Comments
Subject:	FW: HHH 3 Fires at the same time
Date:	Thursday, June 15, 2023 4:08:46 PM
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From: Christina Caprio <capriotri@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2023 4:04 PM
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Subject: HHH 3 Fires at the same time

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Southeast Washington Interagency Incident Management Team 7h · 🔊

HANSEN, HOVER, & RUPPERT FIRES UPDATE SE Washington Incident Management Team 1 Incident Commander: Walter Escobar / Ryan Nicholls, Trainee Date: June 15, 2023 Time: 8:00AM Fire Information: (971) 800-0411 se.wa.t1.info@gmail.com

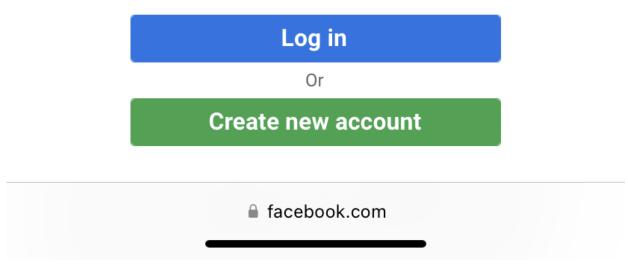
Hansen: 6,334 acres / 50% contained / 1 outbuilding destroyed Hover: 411 acres / 54% contained / 0 structures destroyed Ruppert: 164 acres / 55% contained / 0 structures

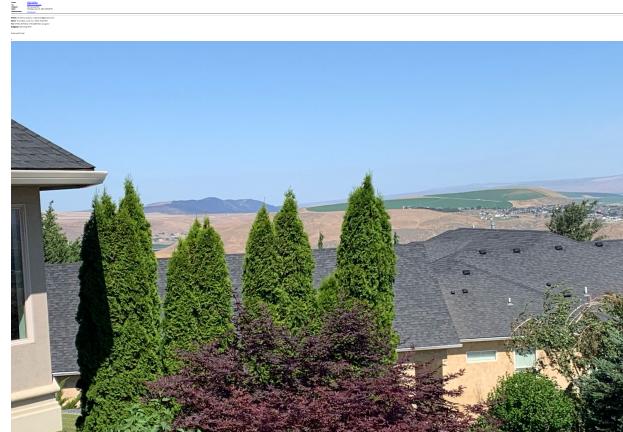
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Strong winds tested the firelines yesterday and late into the evening producing interior isolated flare ups, but cooler temperatures overnight prevented any new growth. Updated acreage reflects more accurate mapping.

Today, firefighters on the Hansen Road Fire will be

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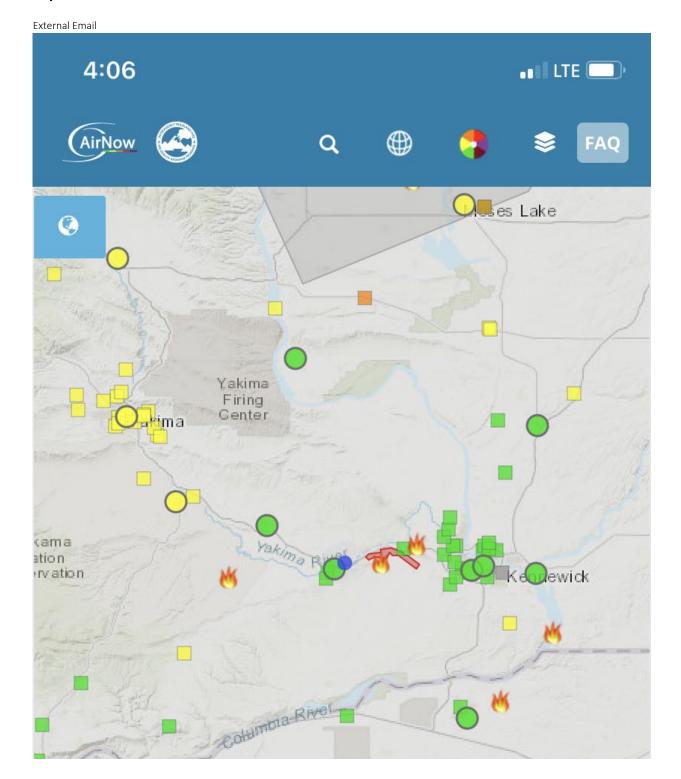


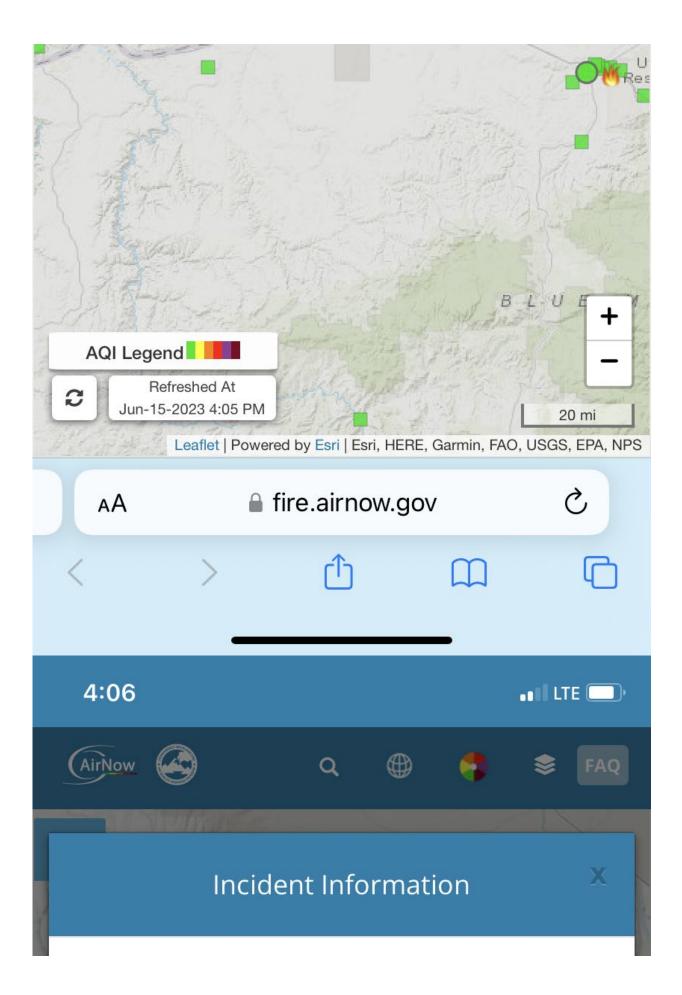




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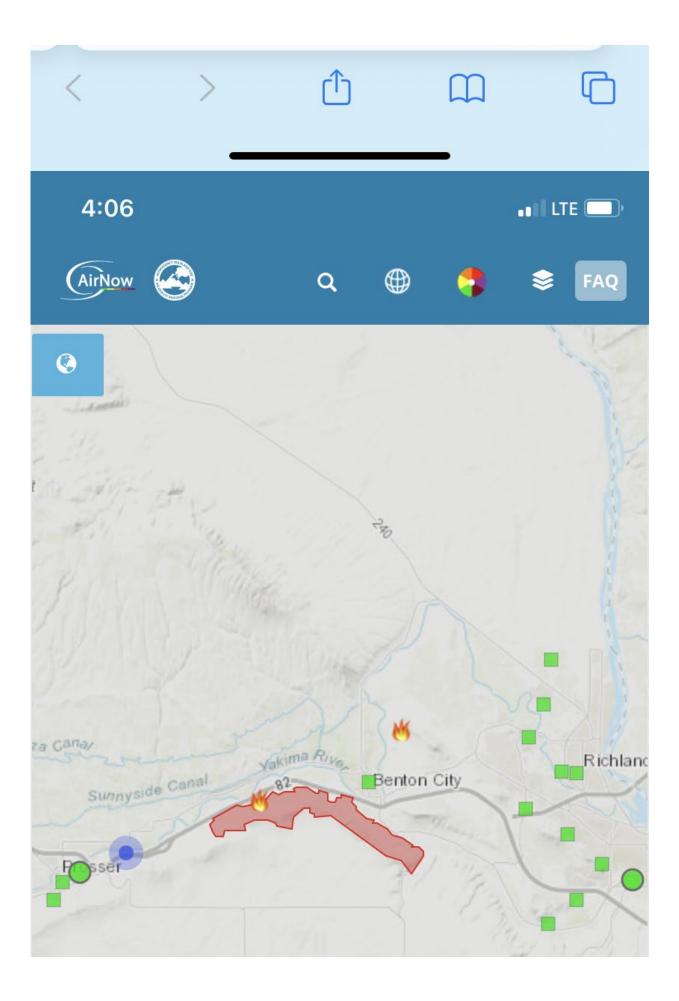
Hansen Road Fire

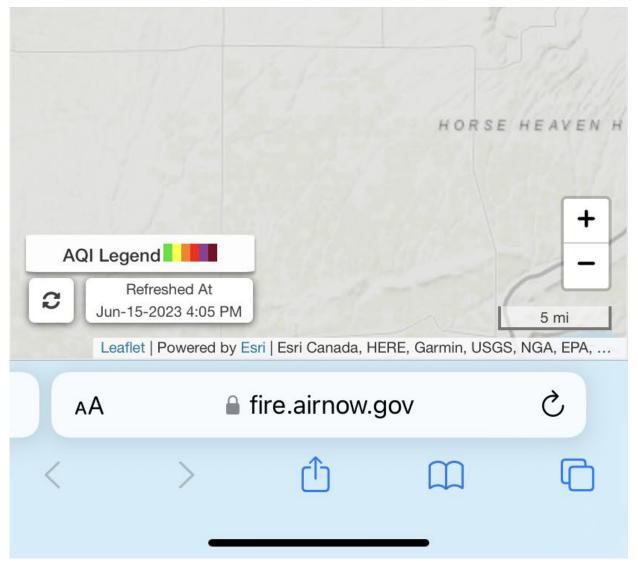
Total Acres: 6,309 acres. **Last Report:** June 15 2023 04:06PM UTC No previous reports available to calculate growth.

Latest total area burned perimeter shown on map. Remove

Reported data reflects overall fire to date, not currently burning area. Check report date for timeliness; also satellite detections can provide additional information on recently burning areas. Learn more about fire data sources.







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I sent many pictures and videos of the three + fires going on simultaneously in the Horse Heaven Hills which is a typical issue in the greater Columbia Basin area. Windmills are just left to burn. Burning windmills and solar farms would be a real risk. Burning these items would be added fuel and be very toxic to the environment.

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I support Tri-Cities CARES efforts as a resident of the Tri-Cities region. Please no more windmills. Thank you

Luke Graesser