



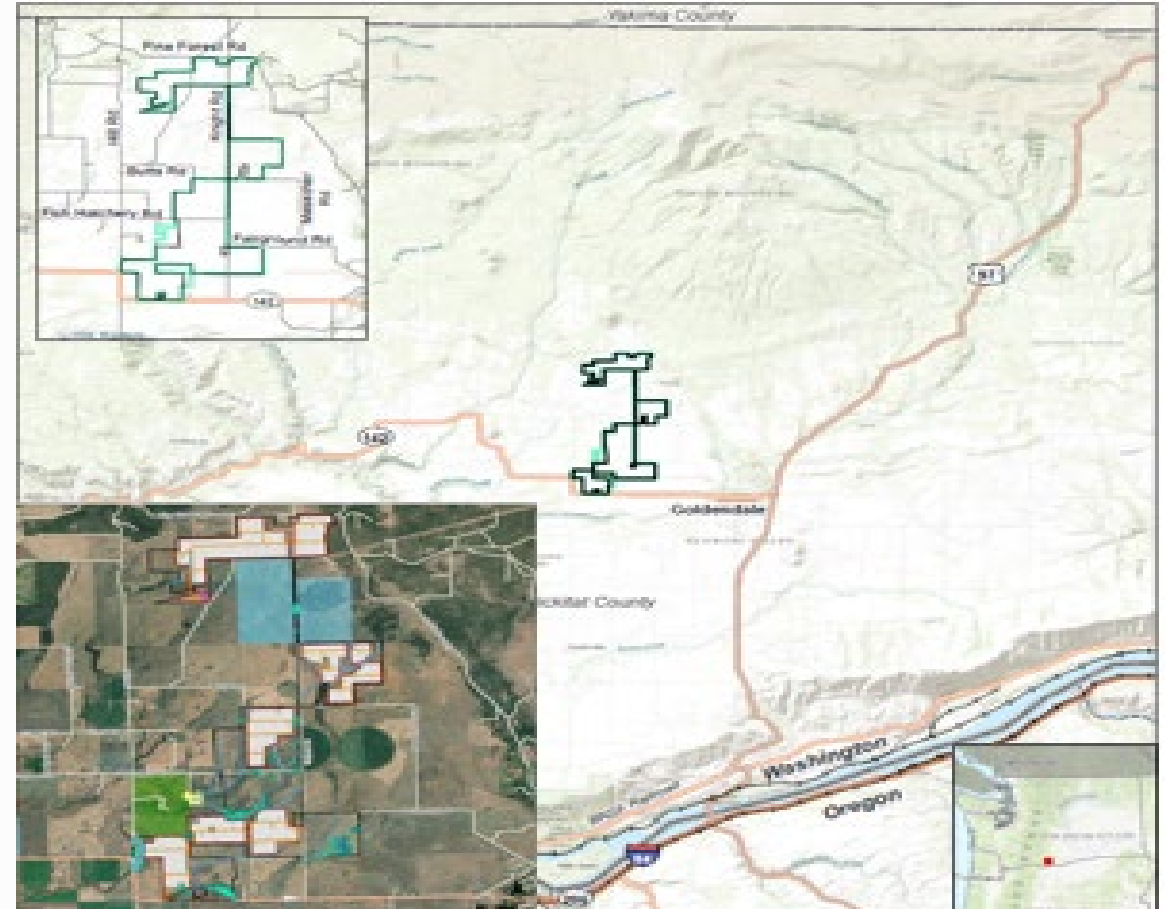
Carriger Solar Project revised Site Certification Agreement

Special Council Meeting – October 21, 2025



Carriger Solar, LLC

- 160 MW solar photovoltaic electric generating with 63 MW battery storage
- 2,108 acres on private land, Klickitat County
 - 1,326 acres includes project components





Status

- June 25, 2025, EFSEC Council votes to approve a recommendation to the Governor
- Governor's remand received August 22, 2025
- Chair Beckett letter to Yakama Nation Council Chairman August 26, 2025
- Yakama Nation response to EFSEC September 25, 2025
- EFSEC staff develop draft Resolution 360 and revised draft Site Certification Agreement October 3, 2025
- Public comment open October 6-19, 2025



Governor's remand direction

- Allow the Yakama Nation opportunity to provide input on Chair Beckett's confidential summary memo of consultation with Tribe
- Give Yakama Nation opportunity to provide input on 5 mitigation measures identified in MDNS.



Yakama Nation response - concerns

- Chair Beckett's consultation summary memo
 - Memo does not capture depth of Yakama Nation TCP concerns
 - Prefer an adjudicative process
 - Without adjudicative process, EFSEC Council interpretation is flawed and inaccurate
 - They disagree with EFSEC decision of MDNS



Yakama Nation response - suggestions

- Deny approval for placement of solar panels in northern portion of project
 - Require conservation leases on those northern parcels, or
- Council withdraw the MDNS and draft recommendation and perform a full Environmental Impact Statement and adjudication process



Public comments

- 12 comments submitted
 - 6 comments
 - Environmental impacts or
 - EFSEC process concerns
 - Environmental impact:
 - Land use, visual aesthetics, wildfire, wildlife, and cultural resources
 - EFSEC process:
 - EFSEC's review and approval processes, timing of meetings, and length of comment periods
- No comments provided new information or justified changes to draft Resolution 360



EFSEC Required Mitigation

- EFSEC issued an MDNS on April 7, 2025
- How TCPs were addressed:
 - Substantial setbacks established to TCPs and transportation routes
 - Fencing layout and design to support wildlife movement
 - Enhanced visual screening plan incorporating natural features (RMDNS)
 - Yakama Nation to provide review of site restoration plans
 - Developer to provide financial support to Yakama Nation for supplemental TCP study near the project



Visual simulation – SR142





Visual simulation – Knight Road





Visual simulation – from DNR parcel north





Visual simulation – from DNR parcel center

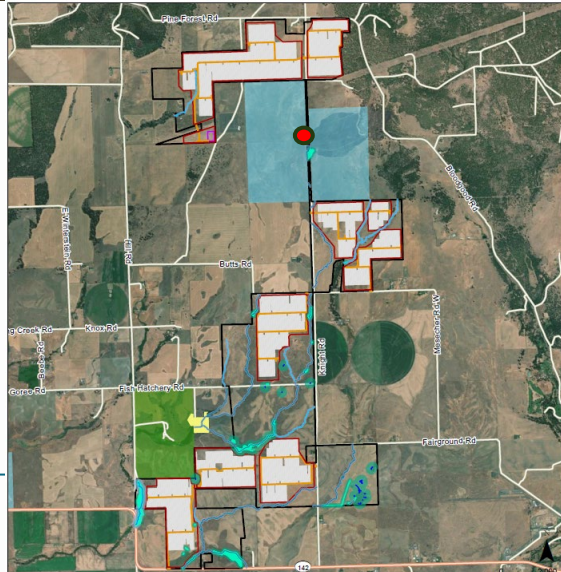
Existing
Conditions



Original
Setback



Revised
Setback





EFSEC staff recommendations

- EFSEC's determination of nonsignificance is based on effective mitigation identified in the draft SCA.
 - Reduces impacts to TCP visual aesthetics, sense of place, access, quality of experience, and traditional hunting practices to moderate or below magnitude.
- EFSEC Staff do not recommend any additional mitigation.



New language added to revised SCA

Only **one** change made:

ARTICLE VII (H): Project Operation



New addition

ARTICLE VII (H)

“Grant Funds to the Confederated Tribes of the Yakama Nation

The Certificate Holder shall provide grant funding to the Yakama Nation Cultural Resources Program (CRP) for continued documentation of the archaeological/historical aspects of Traditional and Cultural Properties (TCP) in the vicinity of the Carriger Energy Project. The Certificate Holder has committed to supporting this project with a total dollar contribution not to exceed \$100,000. The Certificate Holder will submit to EFSEC the verification of funding to the Yakama Nation CRP on a biannual basis following the start of full commercial operation of the Carriger Energy Facility. Project funding for the TCP work should be finalized within the first 10 years following the start of full commercial operations.”



Staff request to Council

Motion is to approve Council Resolution Number 360 and the draft Site Certification Agreement as amended, for transmittal to the Governor for the Carriger solar project.