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Q3. Are you part of an Agency or Organization?	No
Q4. Share any comment	<p>1/8/26 The report on: January 2026: Horse Heaven Spec-5 FEHA Mitigation Plan is deficient in a number of areas: * EFSEC and the contractor knowingly planning for the killing of Ferruginous Hawks (FHs) by a project as this report documents is not wildlife protection. The Washington Department Fish and Wildlife site documents the following: "The population size of ferruginous hawks in Washington is low. This species is impacted by the loss and fragmentation of shrubsteppe and grasslands from agriculture and residential development and associated declines in distribution and abundance of its primary prey, jackrabbits and ground squirrels. Direct sources of mortality include illegal shooting, electrocution from powerlines, and collision with wind turbines." https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/species/buteo-regalis The project needs to be denied for this reason as well as the reasons listed below. * Forcing FHs to nest in areas they would not normally use because their nesting & hunting areas facilitates their decline. Forced re-nesting areas co-opted by wind and solar and battery devices is not addressed. And the impact of being unable to fight fires on the FHs habitat and food gathering areas because of the wind, solar, and battery devices will further decimate the number of FHs is not addressed. This needs to be added to the report or the project denied. * No consideration of the FH's loss of food sources due to disturbance of their food sources' habitats was addressed. And no mitigation measures to restore the FH's food sources' habitats was addressed. Mitigation of FH food sources habitat needs to be addressed or the project denied. * Nest replacement (artificial nest platforms) relies on other land owners' (i.e., conservation easements) to potentially replace nests as well as food source habitat disturbed on the project. This is a taking of others' land issue/other people's property which is a violation of the U.S. Constitution, Amendment IV. The project needs to be denied. (Section 3.0, Mitigation Actions, page 7 and Artificial Nest Platforms, page 8.) * Financial+ penalties for killing of FH's is not addressed to prevent killings and, in fact, encourages such killings. (See Sections 5.0 and 6.0.) Killings should be sufficiently harsh to prevent (e.g., \$10M indexed annually to inflation/FH) FH killings and should be paid to the Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife to assure wildlife habitats. Section 5.0 Minimization of Ferruginous Hawk Mortality Through Operational Changes and Section 6.0 Post-Construction Mortality Monitoring. * Section 5.0, Operations, "established through field observation" should be replaced with "established through independent and documented field observations by a biologist qualified in FH life cycle and habits". In conclusion, the Horse Heaven Hills Wind and Solar and Batter project should be denied because it is environmentally unsound as well as a misuse of taxpayer funds. J. Polehn Tri-Cities, WA</p>
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