

From: [Bumpus, Sonia \(UTC\)](#)
To: [Aitken, Joan \(UTC\)](#); [Mastro, Tammy \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Solar on farmland in Kittitas County
Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:42:41 PM

Joan and/or Tammy,
Please be sure to include this comment in the Land Use hearing record.

Thanks,
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From: Debbie Young [mailto:mail@debbieyoungart.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 6:07 PM
To: Bumpus, Sonia (UTC) <sonia.bumpus@utc.wa.gov>
Subject: Solar on farmland in Kittitas County

Sonia,

Thank you for being willing to take my statement by email to augment one that I wrote very quickly at the meeting tonight. I could not stay and I really appreciate it.

My husband and I currently power two fully electric homes and a large shop with solar and wind. We are also building an off grid home using solar and wind. We desire to see renewable energy increase.

We believe that solar is the best place on marginal land surrounding the agricultural land in our county. There's plenty of it that would have the required grade as well as access to the power lines. We would not feel concerned if a solar farm were to be placed near our home east of Ellensburg in the shrubs step region beyond the irrigation canals. In fact we think that's where it belongs.

Flat, deep soiled agricultural land is easy for solar infrastructure installation, but that is also the critical criteria required for prime agricultural land. It would be a bitter irony for us to see renewable energy displace a limited resources such as prime agricultural land. Please do not fast track these projects and taking valuable farmland out of commission forever.

Solar and our farming industry can coexist.

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