

TCC Update October 24, 2023

What's Happening Right Now?

Up. EFSEC is going to release **the Final Environmental Impact Statement** at the end of October, like by Halloween, next week. Once released, TCC will be reviewing it closely and sharing what we learn with you. The FEIS will be available for you to read at [EFSC.gov SEPA Horse Heaven Hills](https://efsc.gov/SEPA/HorseHeavenHills)

Page 14 of the October 18, 2023, EFSEC Presentation on the FEIS is an example of what the Tri-Cities is up against.

Significant Unavoidable Adverse Impacts – Visual Aspect (Operation Phase)



- Recommended Visual Mitigation
 - Relocate turbines to avoid siting within the foreground distance zone (0 to 0.5 miles) of non-participating residences.
 - Avoid advertising or cell antennas on turbines
 - Maintain clean nacelles and towers to avoid any dirt accumulation or staining.
- Post-mitigation and Applicant commitments, the turbines would still dominate views from many Key Observation Points and the landscape would appear strongly altered.



They openly illustrate the impacts using the view from the top of the Badger Mountain Preserve.

Let's be really clear!

EFSEC is failing to balance the benefits and impacts of the Project as required by the Revised Code of Washington 80.50.010

The alleged "green energy" benefits are few and are outweighed by significant, unavoidable, impacts to wildlife, cultural, visual, property values, air quality, recreation, and economics including agriculture, the wineries and tourism.

The FEIS is essentially a duplicate of the DEIS which is an all-or-nothing proposed action.

EFSEC is not considering any alternatives that would mitigate the impacts of the project by eliminating or moving the most onerous turbines to a reasonable distance.

There are only three actions left:

1. Focusing on getting the public outraged
2. Objecting loudly to EFSEC and the Governor;
3. Filing a lawsuit after the governor signs his approval of the site certification.

And that's our plan. We have to take this all the way to the Washington Supreme Court. To do that, we need your continued financial support.

What's Worth Protecting?

TCC's property appraisal experts warn that the visual impacts of the wind turbines as proposed are likely to reduce property values by 20 to 30 percent. EFSEC is ignoring the evidence.

EFSEC is ignoring the airspace restrictions needed to preserve aerial firefighting capabilities to protect adjacent properties.

WDFW wildlife biologists testified and provided evidence that the wind turbines as proposed will cause significant negative unavoidable, irretrievable and unmitigatable impacts to wildlife and their habitat.

The Yakama Nation provided testimony that the Project will have devastating negative impacts to Yakama Nation's Traditional Cultural Properties

Read the [Closing Briefs by TCC, Benton County and the Yakama Nation here](#)

Cry for Our Children

On October 18, wildlife photographer enthusiast Morrie Carter took these photos of a herd of Pronghorn Antelope and a Harrier Hawk in the Horse Heaven Hills on the project this week, posted them on Facebook at [Tri-Cities Wildlife Photography](#), and gave Tri-Cities CARES permission to share them.



Morrie Carter ▸ Tri-Cities Wildlife Photography

Top contributor · 11h · 🌐



Found some Pronghorns this afternoon as well as a Male Northern Harrier.



You, Joni Martin, Elke Davis and 20 others

9 comments

If this project goes through, these creatures will likely vanish forever.

What Can You Do?

- 1. Sign Our Petition – Voice Your Opposition**
- 2. Share this Petition on social media**
- 3. Donate Time and Money to Help Us Fight the Project.**

Here is the Petition link:

[Stop the Horse Heaven Hills Wind Farm Project Petition](#)

Please sign the petition - it takes under two minutes.

Then share the link – copy the link share it by email, social media, and paste it and post it in places where other people will see it Help us get more signatures.

If you can spare some time, work with us to reach other people. We are going door-to-door handing out information, collecting signatures, and educating people. Let us know of groups who might be interested in having us do a presentation.

Finally, please make a donation. Everything we receive is going to support the litigation.

We're trying our best to stay in this fight till the end. Will you stand and fight with us? Will you help us?

Spread the news – Tri-Cities is under attack. Help us. [Donate now.](#)

New Yard Signs Will Be Available Soon!

Help Us Spread the Word. New Yard Signs will be available soon. Make a Donation and let us know where to deliver it or place it in key places all over the Tri-Cities.

**Save the Tri-Cities
from the
Horse Heaven
Wind Farm
Donate Now!
www.tricityscares.org**

Feel free to contact us anytime.

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