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**From:** Rebecca Lexa, Naturalist <rebeccathenaturalist@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Lauren Whybrew  
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Good evening,

I am writing with concerns about the wood pellet facility proposed by Pacific Northwest Renewable Energy. While wood pellets can be a way of keeping sawdust out of the waste stream, as burnt fuel they add more carbon load to the atmosphere and are not considered truly clean compared to solar or wind energy. Moreover, the facility would be a significant producer of carbon emissions and other physical pollutants, as well as noise pollution which can have detrimental effects on both human and nonhuman residents of the area. I request that this project NOT go forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

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