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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

RE: Proposed West Shokan Hydro-Electric Power Plant Docket #P-15056:000

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in hopes of convincing you to say no to the hydro-electric project on Moonhaw Road in West Shokan.

I am the sixth generation in our family to steward our land on Moonhaw, to us it is our little piece of heaven.

The thought of this project in this pristine valley and in the Catskill Mountains is absurd. The environmental destruction that would take place is not acceptable! Every year we walk the road to the very end, we admire the trillium, colt's foot and Dutchman's breeches every Spring. I move newts out of the road so they don't get run over by vehicle traffic. We have seen the trout spawn in the pristine creek known as the Maltby Hollow Stream. We need to preserve the wild areas, future generations need to see untouched forever wild land.

Please really think about this project and the negative impact it will have on our mountains, streams, forests and wildlife, the flora and fauna of this area needs to stay intact. To destroy so much land for an idea that really does not solve any issues would be a horrible mistake.

Thank you for reading this letter and I pray the right choice is made for the preservation of this sacred valley.

Sincerely yours,

James W. Hyde

