

CLEAN ENERGY ***EXPLORATION***

Commission Presentation
March 17, 2025

AGENDA

- **Why Clean Energy**
- **Technology Learning**
- **Future Opportunities**

For Information – No Decisions

CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

Energy Generation

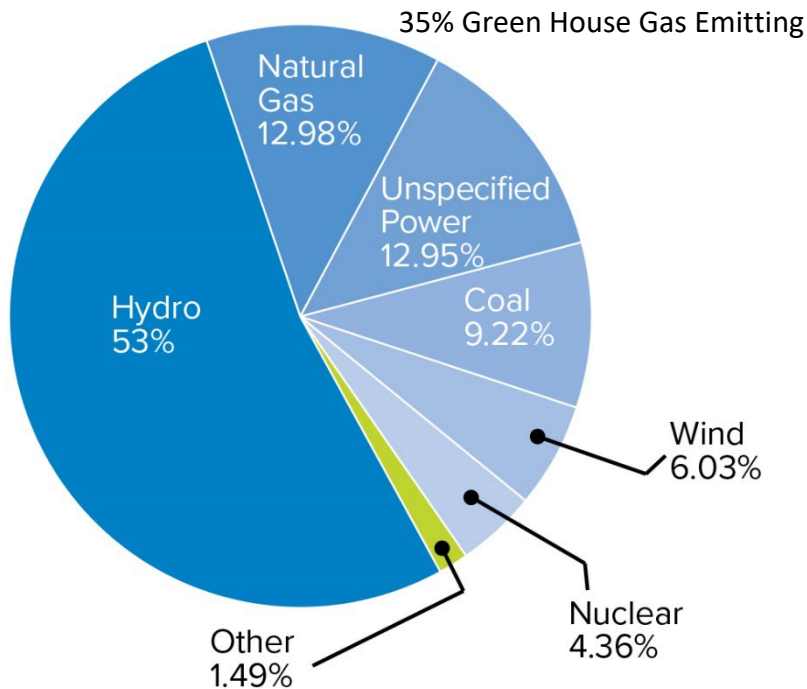
- Solar
- Wind
- Geothermal
- Fission
- Fusion
- Hydro

Energy Storage

- Pumped Storage
- Gravity
- Hydrogen
- Battery
- Compressed gas

The Why

Aggregate Fuel Mix for Washington Electric Utilities



Biomass .60%, Solar .56%, Biogas .18%, Waste .05%, Other Biogenic .04%, Geothermal .04%, Petroleum .02%

CETA

[Clean Energy Transformation Act - Washington State Department of Commerce](#) SB 5116, 2019

In 2026 coal will no longer be allowed to serve Washington electricity customers.

By 2030 Washington's electricity supply must be greenhouse gas neutral.

By 2045 – greenhouse gas free.

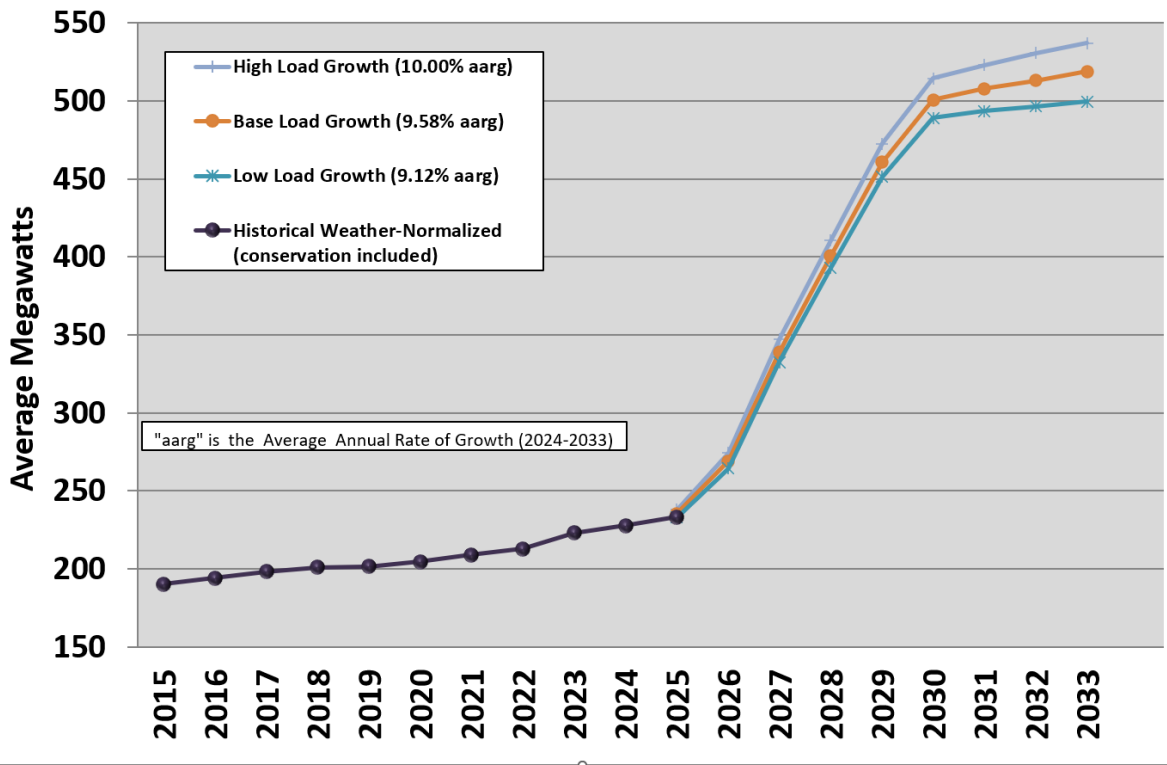
By 2050 net zero emissions from all sources – transportation, buildings, electricity, industry

The Why

Chelan PUD

Historical and Forecasted Annual Energy Load

(Before the effects of conservation)



- Large loads from data centers and industries
- Increasing residential and commercial loads. Chelan County Peak 585 MW Jan. 2024.
- Electric Vehicle Energy Demand
- Grant and Douglas Counties - short energy for large loads

The Why – 2075 Vision

**BOLD
ENDURING
VALUE**



**CHELAN PUD
2075 VISION
& GUIDEBOOK**



JANUARY 2025

3 of 9 Goals



ENERGY & WATER FOREVER

Ensure energy and water are available for future generations, even if they cost more.



HARNESS THE POWER FRONTIER

Invest in clean energy sources to support future community needs.



FUTURE FACING

Boldly act on opportunities that can benefit Chelan County residents in the long run.



CHELAN COUNTY

The Why

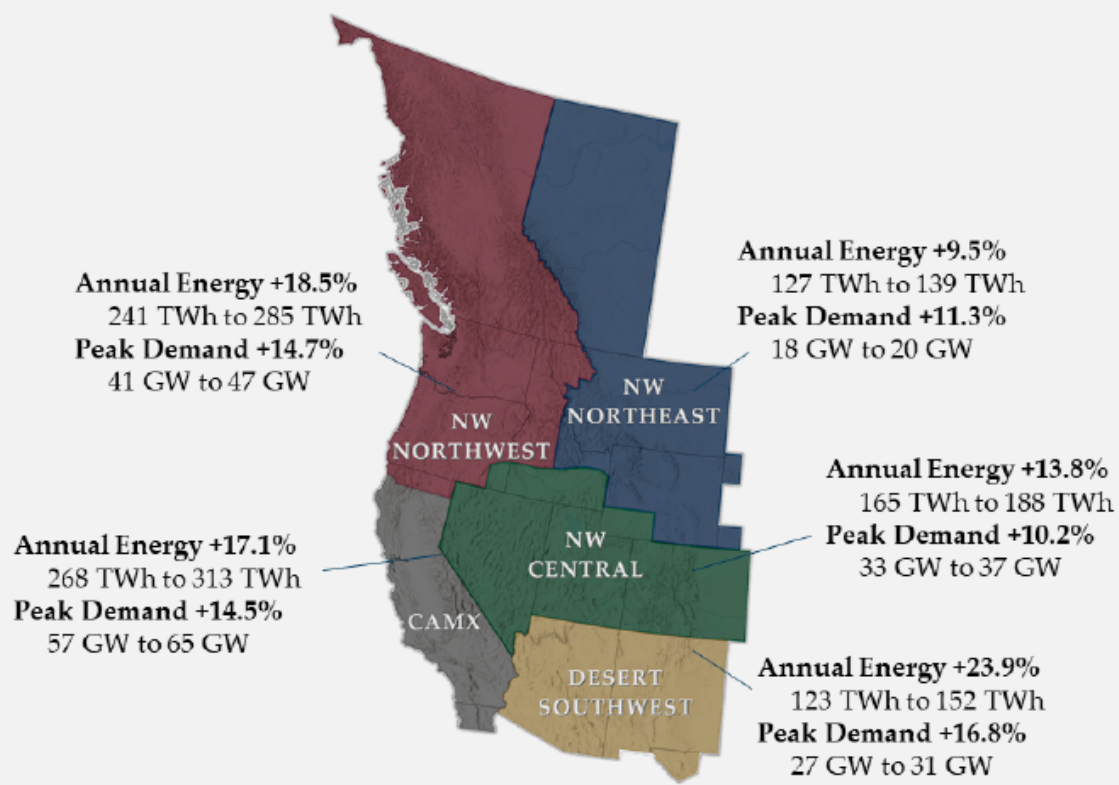
Resource Adequacy

- *Future energy market requirement*
- *Requires a percentage of generating capacity to be held in reserve in case of unplanned loss of generation on the grid*
- *Reduces amount of surplus energy we can pre-sell*

The Why

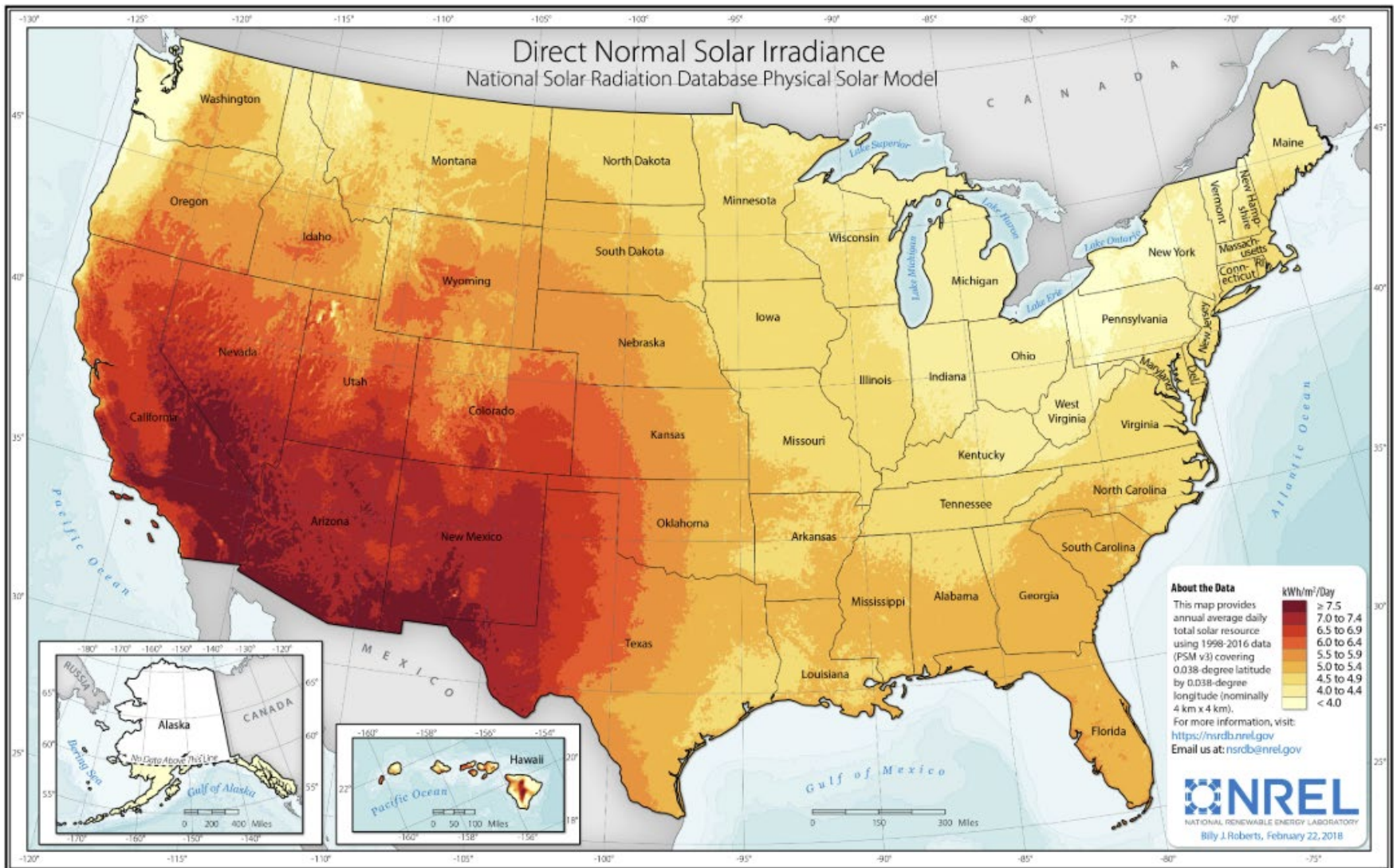
Subregional Snapshot

Load and Demand Growth: Forecast Annual Energy and Peak Demand 2024–2033



Western Electric Coordinating Council released a report in November 2023, that predicts the potential for capacity shortfalls across the West after 2025.

Solar

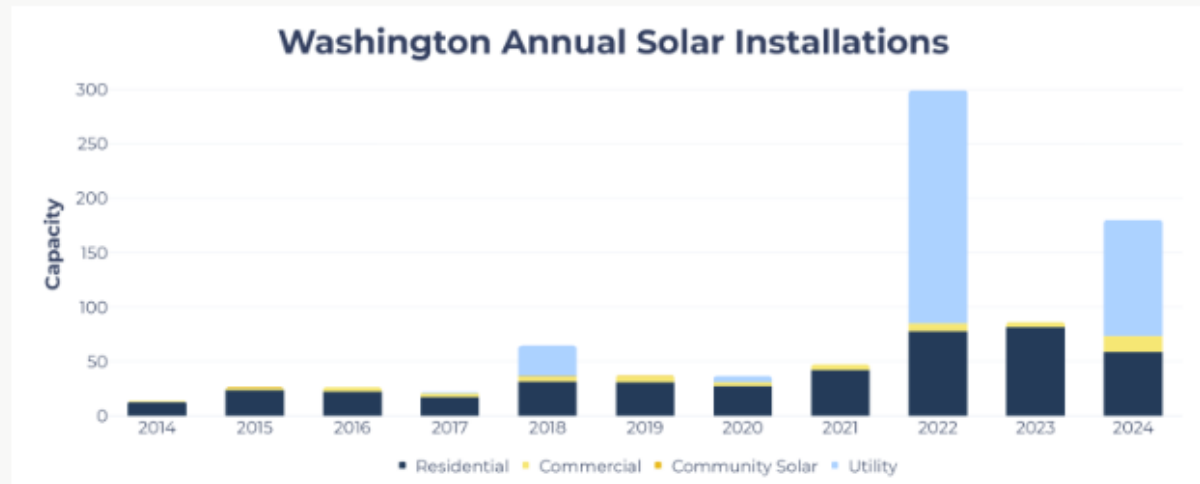


Solar

Utility Scale In Chelan County

- RI Dam – 210 Acres, 30 MW
- Jump-off Ridge – 1000 Acres, 100 MW

Washington State Solar Overview



Data References:

SEIA/Wood Mackenzie Power & Renewables, Solar Market Insight 2024 Year-in-Review

Just The Facts

Solar Installed (MW):
865

National Ranking:
37th (34th in 2023)

Enough Solar Installed to Power:
91,134 homes

Percentage of State's Electricity from Solar:
0.99%

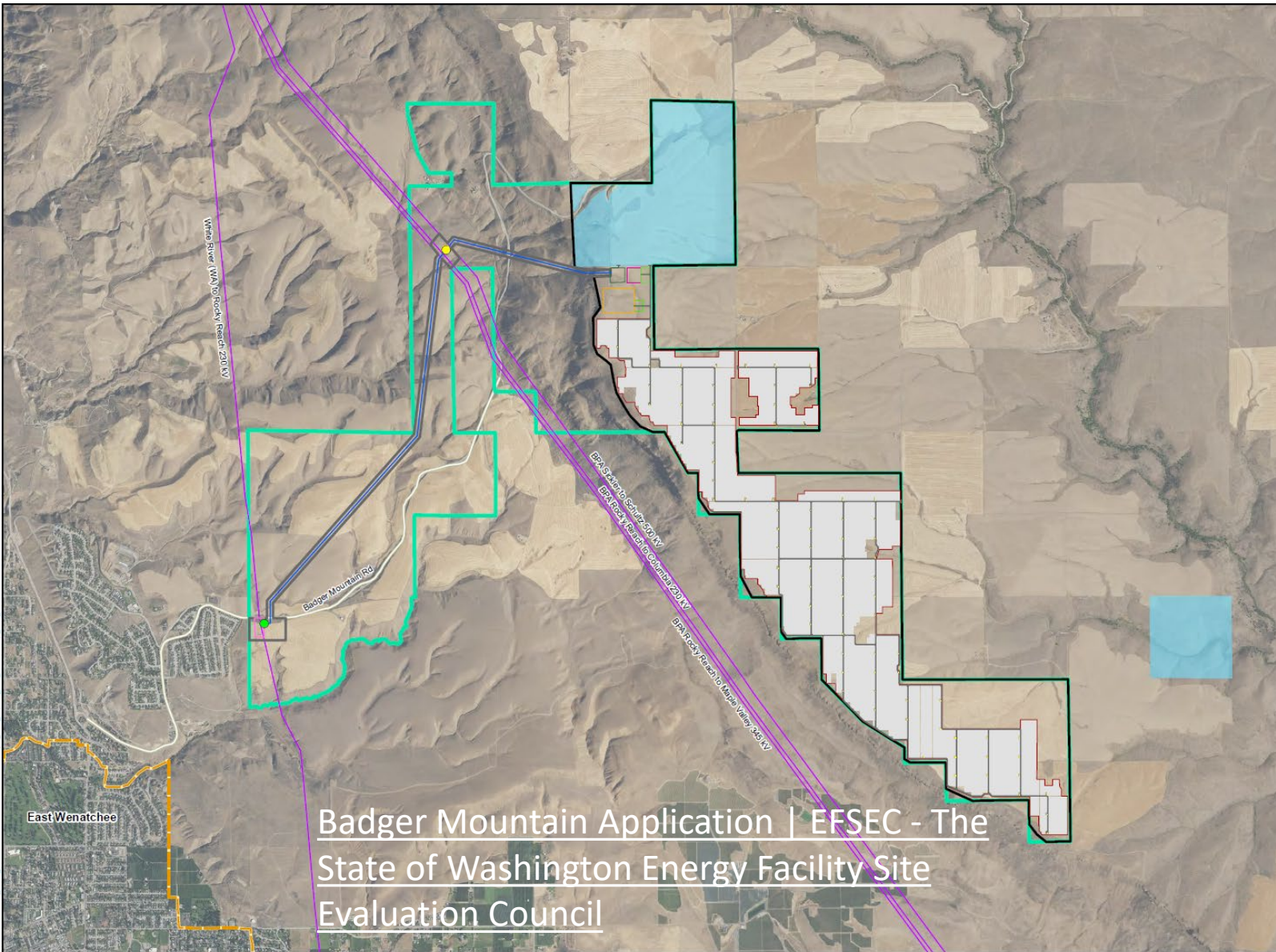
Solar

RI Dam Nominal 30 MW System with Battery Storage

Month	Hour																							
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2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-8E-04	0.494	1.7071	2.5607	3.8511	4.8282	5.1869	4.1819	2.998	2.0134	1.0551	0.0639	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	-7E-04	0.3866	1.4754	1.9655	4.218	9.6361	11.678	12.206	10.388	9.7263	3.0652	2.9375	0.7126	0.0032	0	0	0	0	0
4	0	0	0	0	-5E-04	0.3338	5.104	13.675	14.241	20.773	23.705	22.581	21.561	20.948	20.929	18.962	14.954	4.3719	0.3989	-4E-04	0	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0.0339	2.7656	11.084	19.027	20.977	23.402	23.891	22.697	24.624	25.394	23.725	22.755	20.241	11.444	1.6378	0.1011	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0.2134	5.5606	15.049	21.249	23.117	24.854	25.397	24.718	25.061	25.866	25.695	25.411	23.996	17.154	4.592	0.386	0	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0.0712	4.955	16.865	26.258	27.607	27.452	27.421	27.273	27.477	26.904	26.559	25.809	24.504	17.417	3.5975	0.2314	0	0	0	0
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10	0	0	0	0	0	0.1277	1.1251	1.6341	1.9103	2.6484	4.0415	3.6283	2.6409	1.8687	1.3242	0.6516	0.0146	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	-7E-04	0.3275	1.2536	1.5889	2.3353	2.7475	2.6697	1.9457	1.5067	0.7956	0.0299	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	0	0	0	-0.003	0.8615	1.843	2.6273	3.5705	3.4238	2.4396	1.753	0.7283	-0.003	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Month	Production (MW)	Seasonality
1	520.074851	1.06%
2	810.302713	1.65%
3	2120.29818	4.31%
4	6076.105401	12.36%
5	7867.746747	16.00%
6	8649.52289	17.59%
7	9622.457794	19.57%
8	7825.814501	15.92%
9	4016.16074	8.17%
10	670.083754	1.36%
11	455.994285	0.93%
12	534.47229	1.09%
Total	49169.03415	

Value = \$2.5M/year at \$50/MW
Capital Cost Est. \$60M



Badger Mountain Solar Energy Project

Figure A-1
Preliminary Site Plan

DOUGLAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

- Project Lease Boundary (4,399 acres)
- Project Area (2,390 acres)
- Solar Array Micrositing Area (2,274 acres)
- Gen-tie Micrositing Corridor (116 acres)
- Option 1 Point of Interconnect
- Option 2 Point of Interconnect
- Proposed Project Components
- Solar Array
- Inverters
- Perimeter Fence
- Project Service Road
- O&M Building
- Collector Substation
- Battery Energy Storage System
- 230 kV Gen-tie Line
- Switchyard
- Temporary Staging Area
- Basemap Features
- Existing Transmission
- City Limits
- State Lands



Data Sources

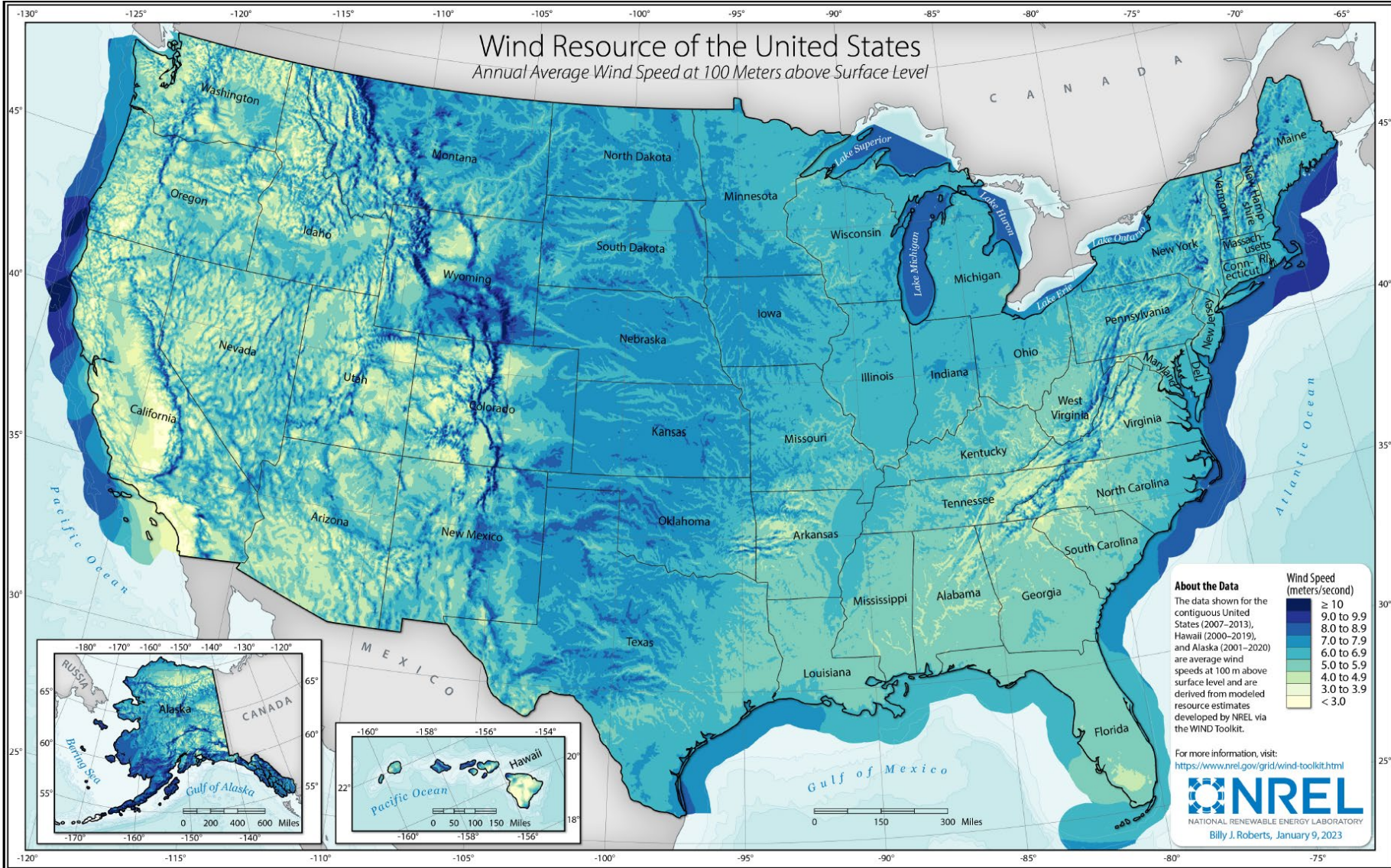
Reference Map

Avangrid-Project Boundary;
 USDA-NAP Imagery
 Ventyx Transmission



Badger Mountain Application | EFSEC - The State of Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

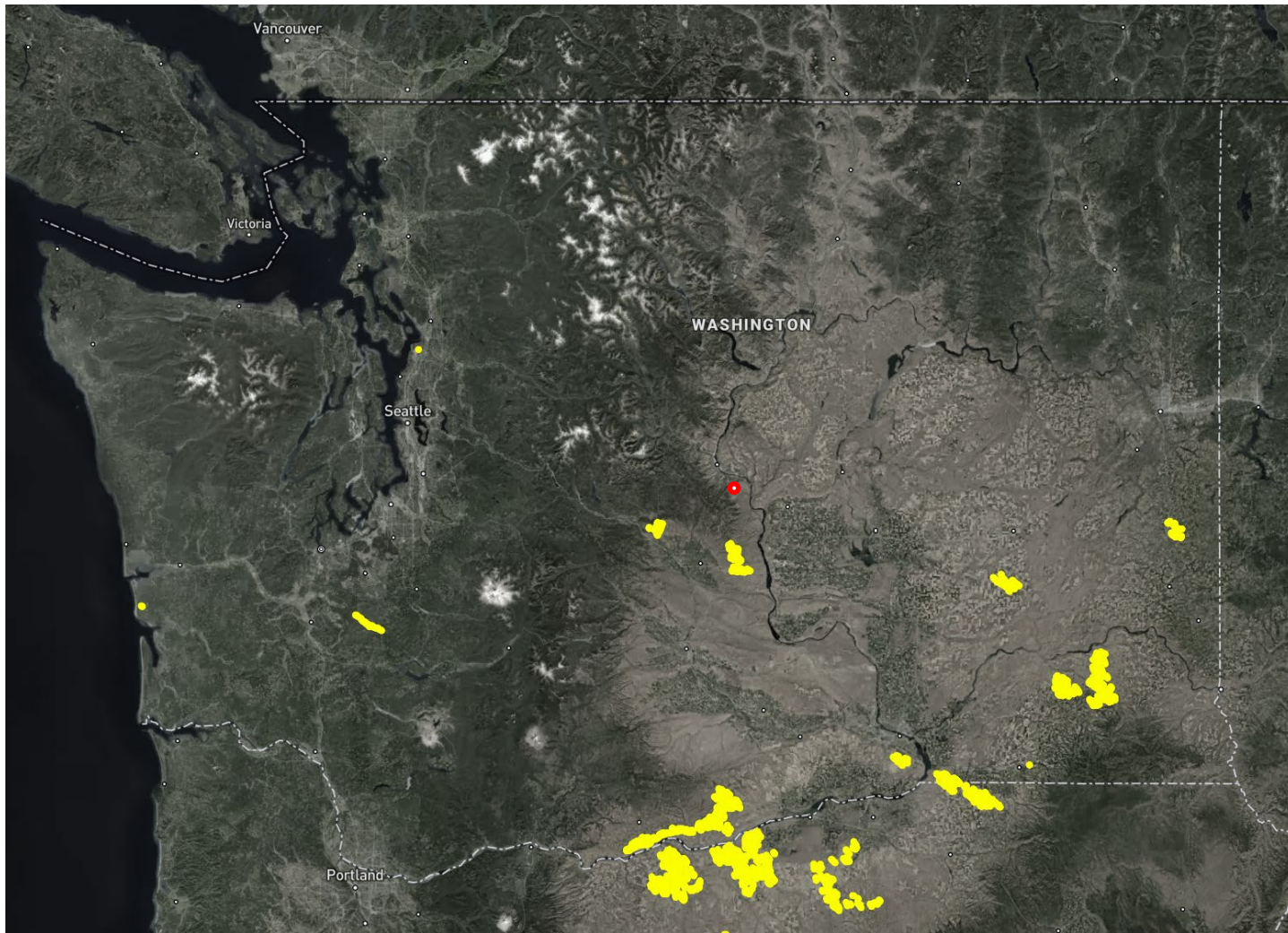
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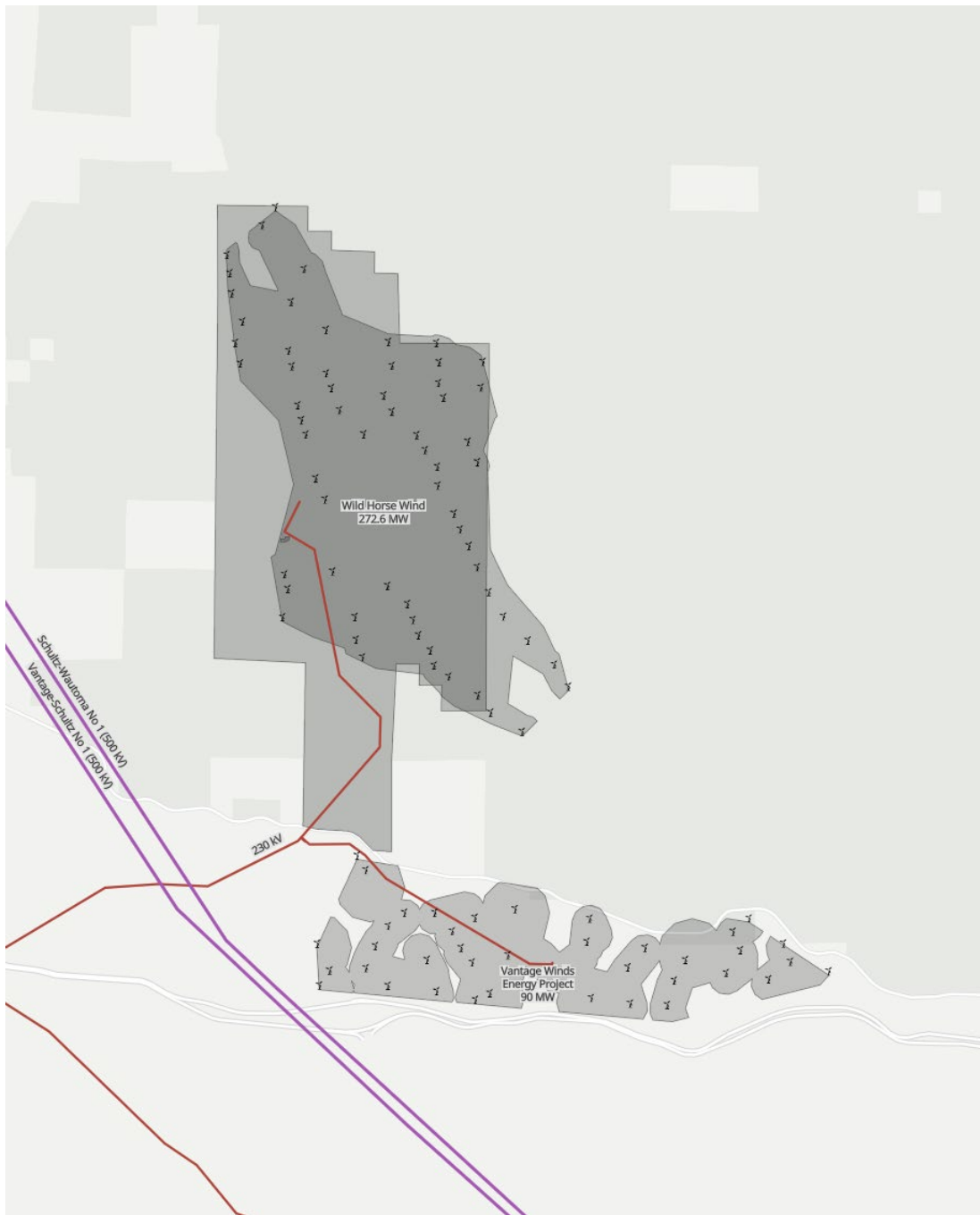


Wind

Utility Scale in Chelan County

- Jump-off Ridge 80 MW





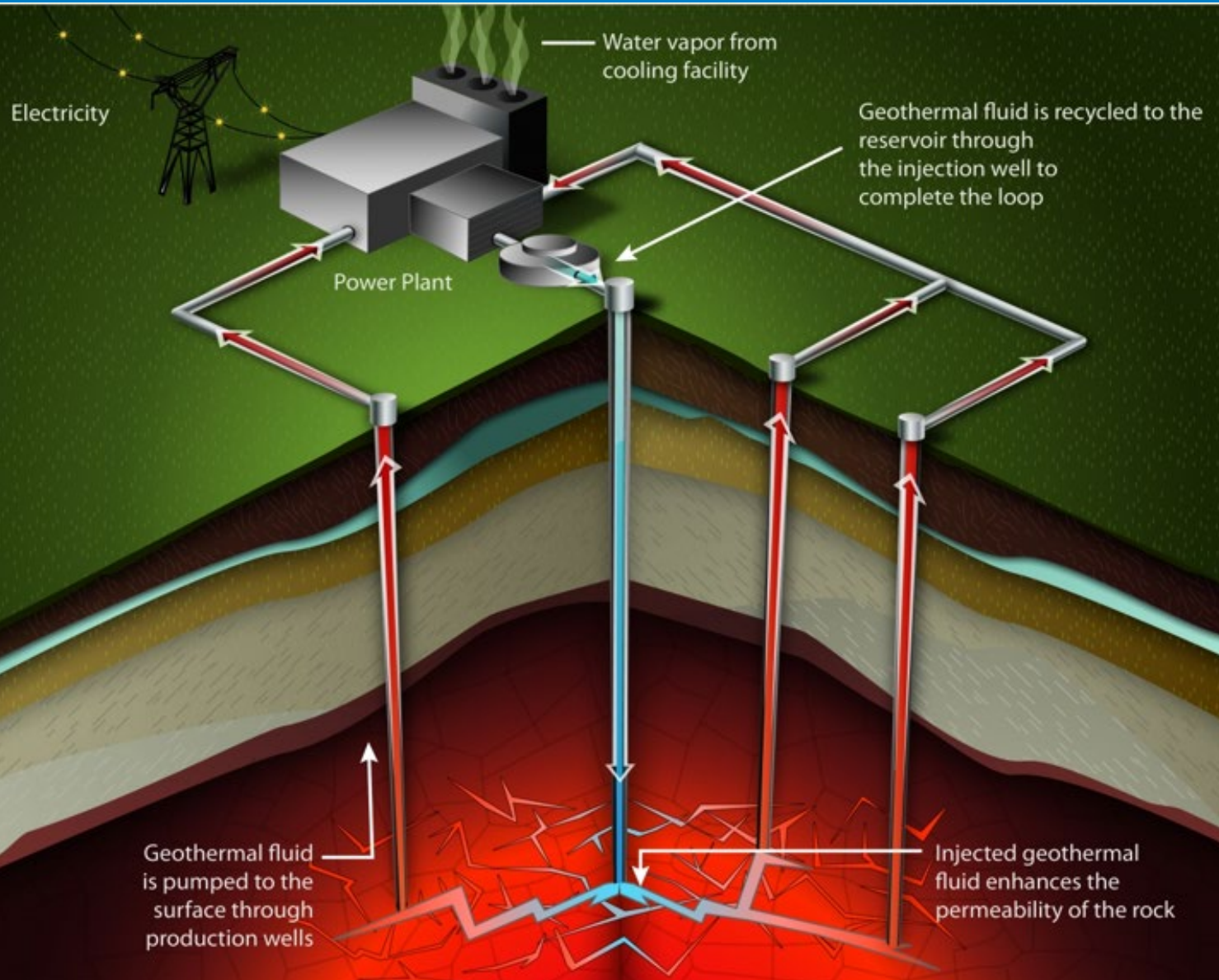
**PSE Wild
Horse Wind
11,000 ac**

273 MW

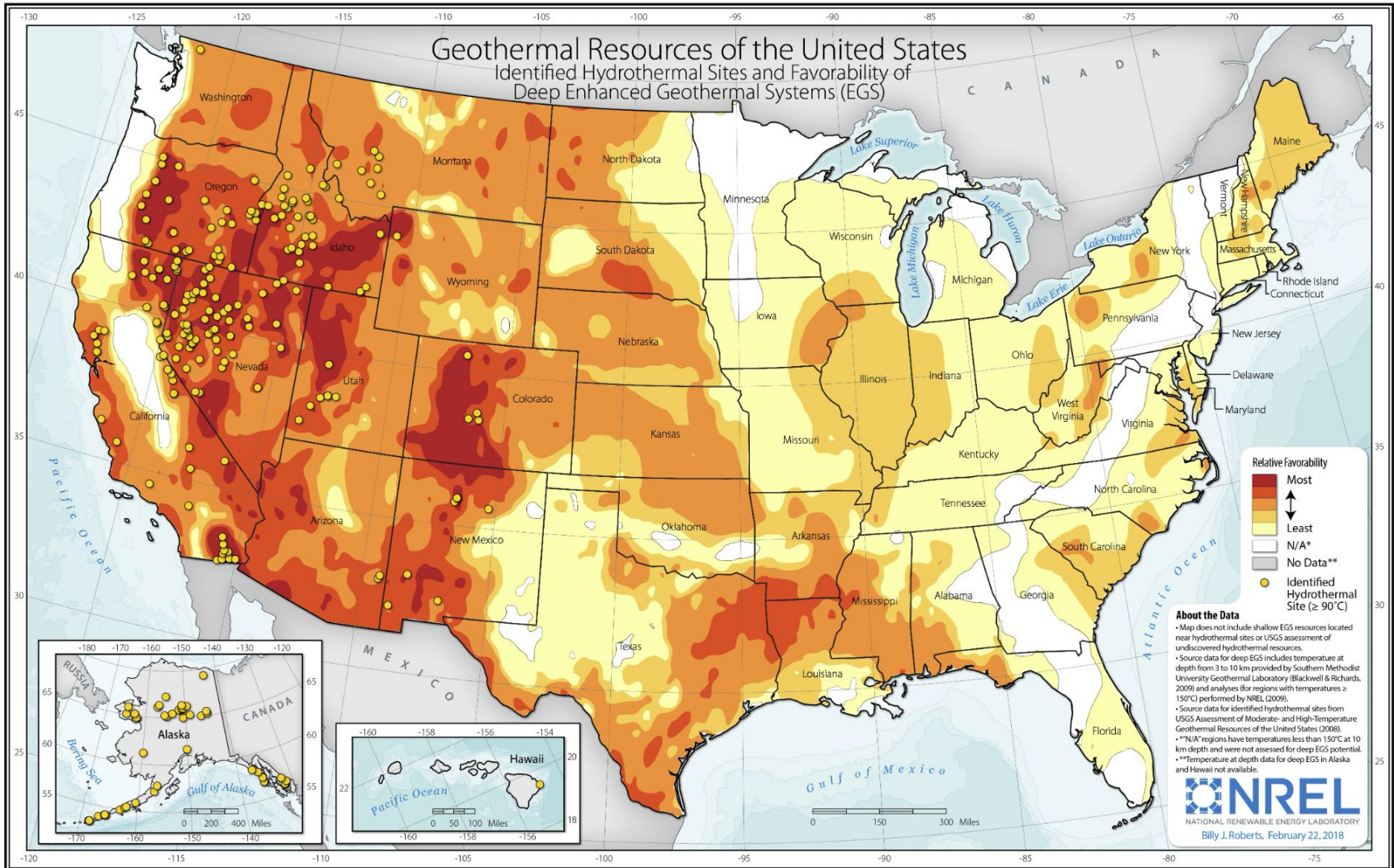
**149
Turbines**

Online 2006

Geothermal



Geothermal



Geothermal

Chelan County PUD Study

Heat Potential

- Temperature Gradients
- NA-K-Ca-Mg Geothermometry
- Quartz Geothermometry
- Thermal Spring Temperatures
- Volcanic Vent Density

Permeability Potential

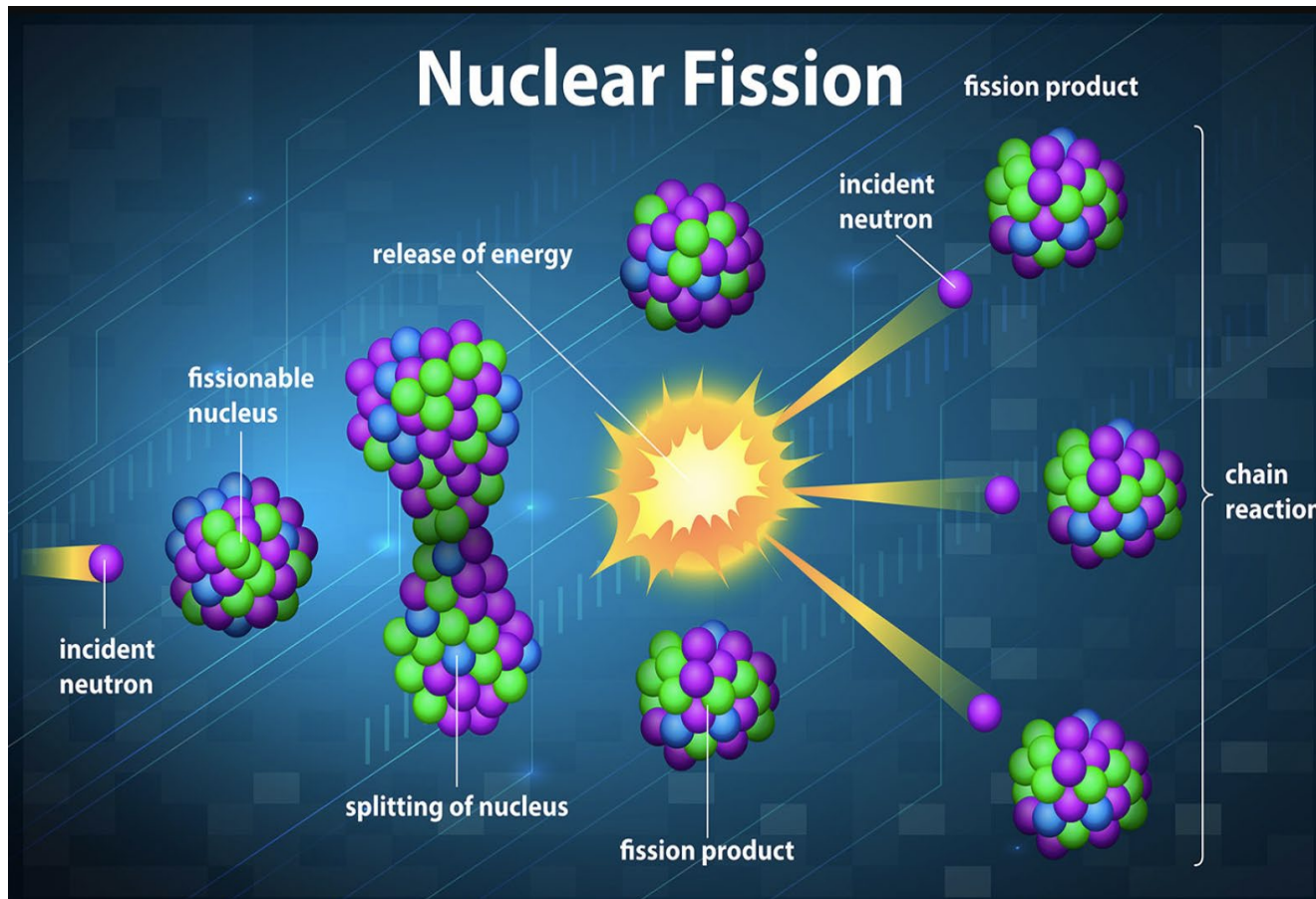
- Fault Density
- Dilation Strain Rate
- Max. shear strain rate
- Horizontal Gravity Gradient
- Dike Intrusion Density

Three prominent favorable areas identified:

1. Glacier Peak – Stratovolcano within the Cascade volcanic arc. This area contains several hot springs and fumaroles with favorable geothermometry, elevated geothermal gradient, and young volcanic vents.
2. Straight Creek Fault – Old, large, steep fault that appears to be a conduit for several thermal springs and localized shallow elevated geothermal gradient.
3. Northern Graben Anomaly – Fault complexity at the northern end of the Chiwaukum Graben where the Entiat Fault and Leavenworth Fault interact. Some indication of elevated temperatures in nearby springs.

Fission

- Splitting the nucleus of heavy atoms to release heat to generate steam to drive a turbine-generator. This is the process used in conventional nuclear power plants.



Fission Plants U.S.



Licensed to Operate (95)

[Printable Map](#)

Fission

The Future:

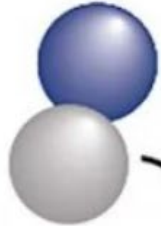
- SMR – Small Modular Reactors. Small fission plants that can be more easily manufactured, transported and erected. Xe-100 (80 MW each).
- Oct 2024 - Energy NW, in partnership with Amazon and X-energy, working to develop a site at Hanford to produce 320 to 960 MW utilizing SMR's. Chelan is a member of Energy NW but has not opted to purchase any new SMR output.

Fusion

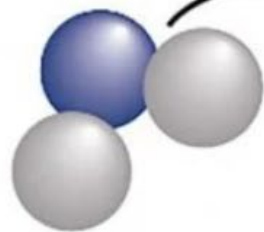
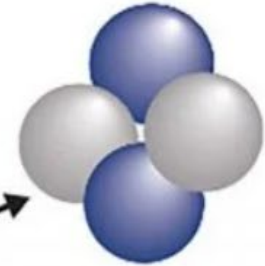
- A proposed form of power generation that produces electricity by combining two lighter atomic nuclei such as Hydrogen-2 (deuterium) and Hydrogen-3 (tritium) to form a heavier nucleus such as Helium, while releasing energy.
- Fusion processes include particle accelerators, high energy lasers and magnetic confinement which create intense heat and pressure (100+million degrees, 1000 Atm).

Fusion

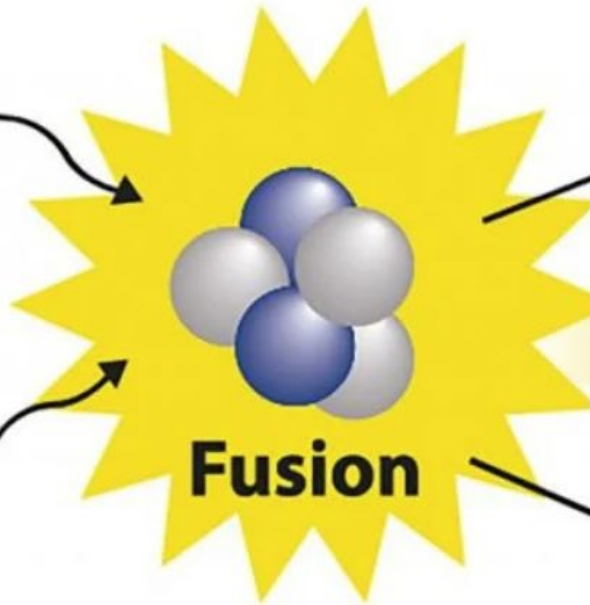
Deuterium



Helium



Tritium



ENERGY



Neutron

Fusion

There are three general approaches to fusion energy

Magnetic Fusion Energy (MFE)

**Low n
High τ_E**

Magneto-Inertial Fusion (MIF)

**Medium n
Medium τ_E**

Inertial Fusion Energy (IFE)

**High n
Low τ_E**



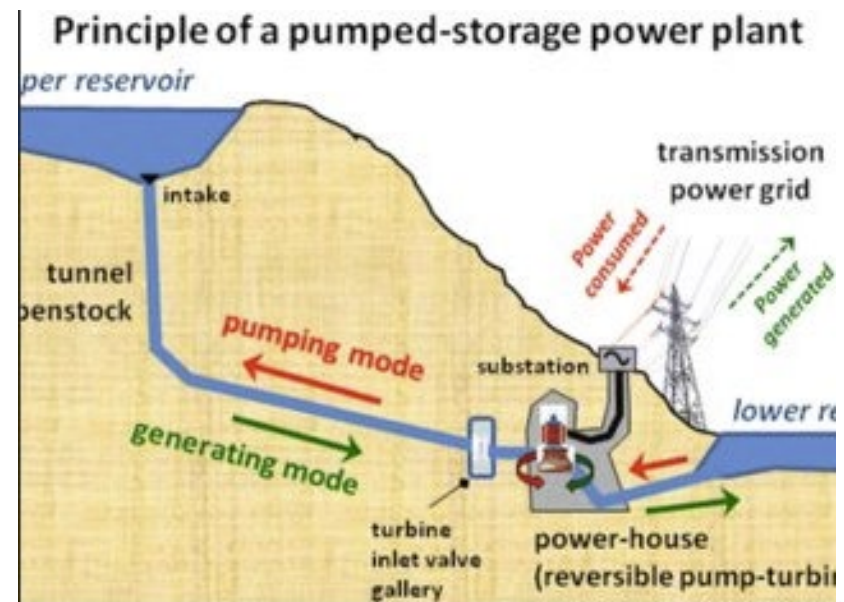
TVA signs 'landmark' agreement with Type One Energy to develop nuclear fusion pilot plant

"What we're building at Bull Run is not a science project," an executive from the Knoxville-based nuclear fusion company said.

Pumped Storage

- A type of hydro-electric energy storage where water is moved with an impeller/motor to an upper reservoir and allowed to flow back down to the lower reservoir through a turbine/generator
- 42 Sites in U.S.
- 94% of U.S Storage
- 6% Battery and other

[Pumped Storage - National Hydropower Association](#)



Pumped Storage

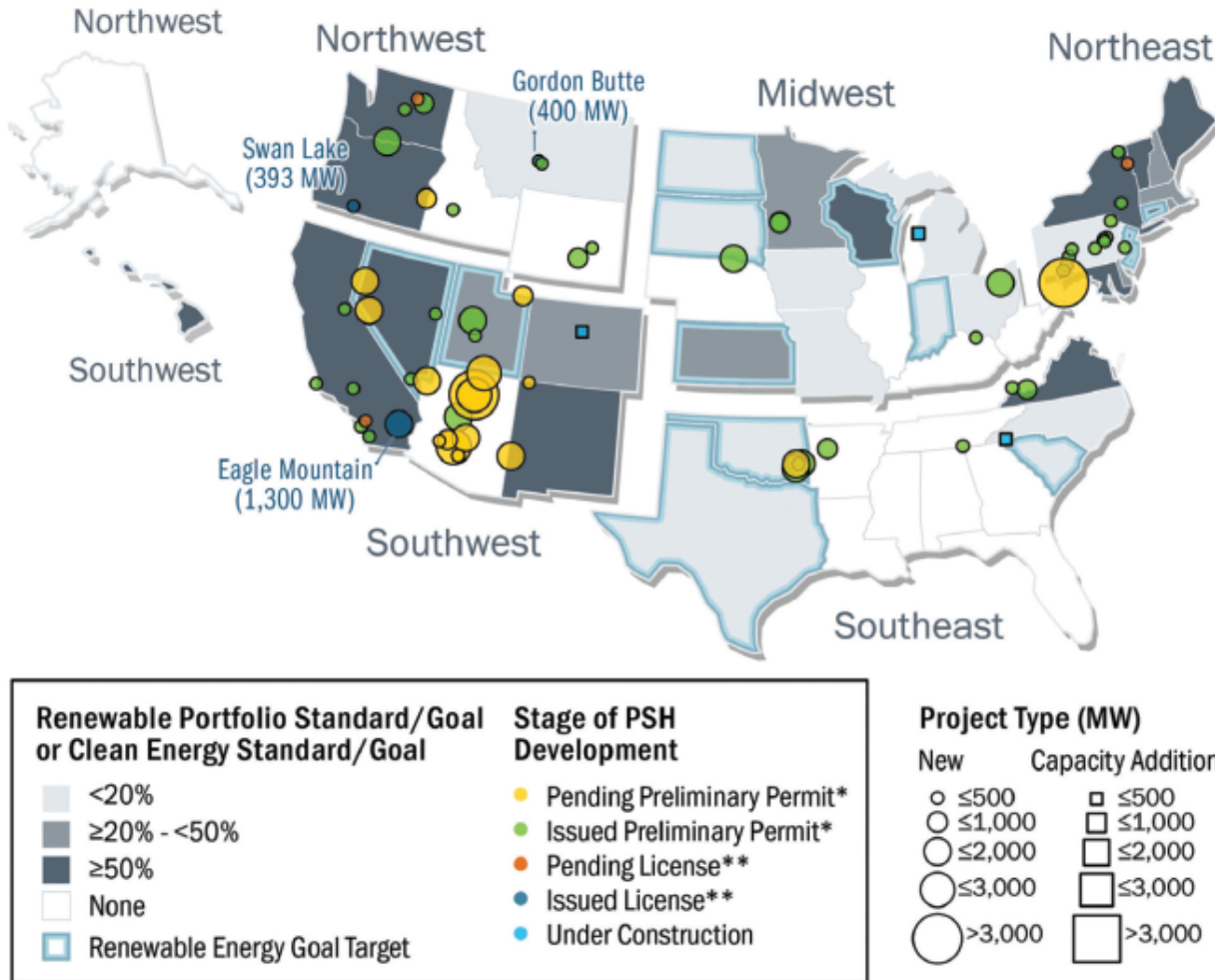


Figure 2. There are 67 new PSH projects across 21 states representing over 50 GWs of new long duration storage.

New - Goldendale Energy Storage 1200 MW for 12 Hours

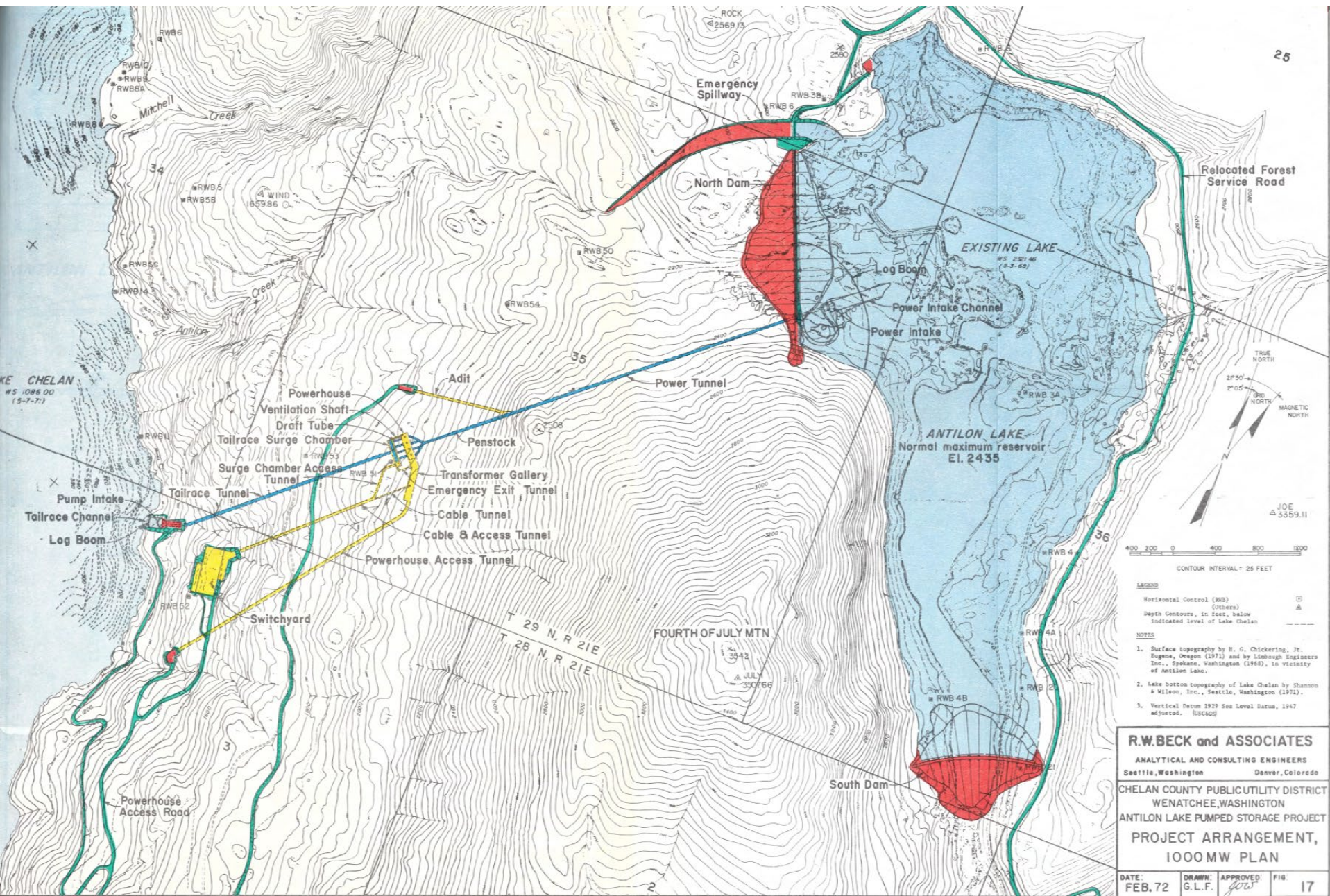


Existing Grand Coulee Pumped Storage 314 MW



Antilon Lake Evaluated - early 1970's and 2009.





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 ANTILON LAKE PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT
 PROJECT ARRANGEMENT,
 1000 MW PLAN

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Gravity Storage Advanced Rail Energy Storage



Gravity Storage

Advanced Rail Energy Storage

Siting Flexibility: Solar Farm – Washington

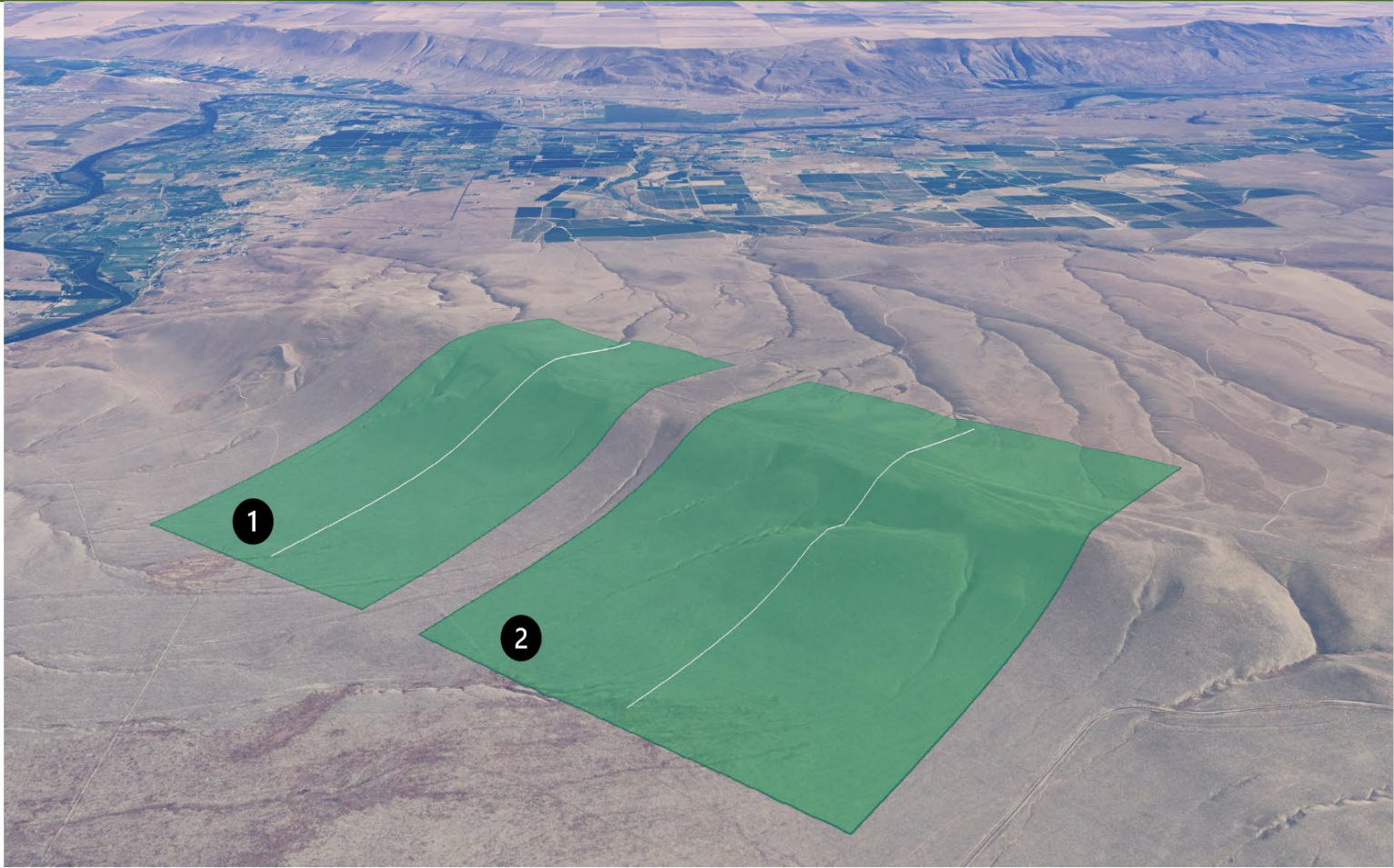


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Elevation Gain (ft)	720
MW	260
Duration (hr)	10
MWh's	2600
Acres	380

2


Elevation Gain (ft)	620
MW	330
Duration (hr)	8
MWh's	2640
Acres	460



- Similar to pumped storage except without the water.

Building Gravity Storage

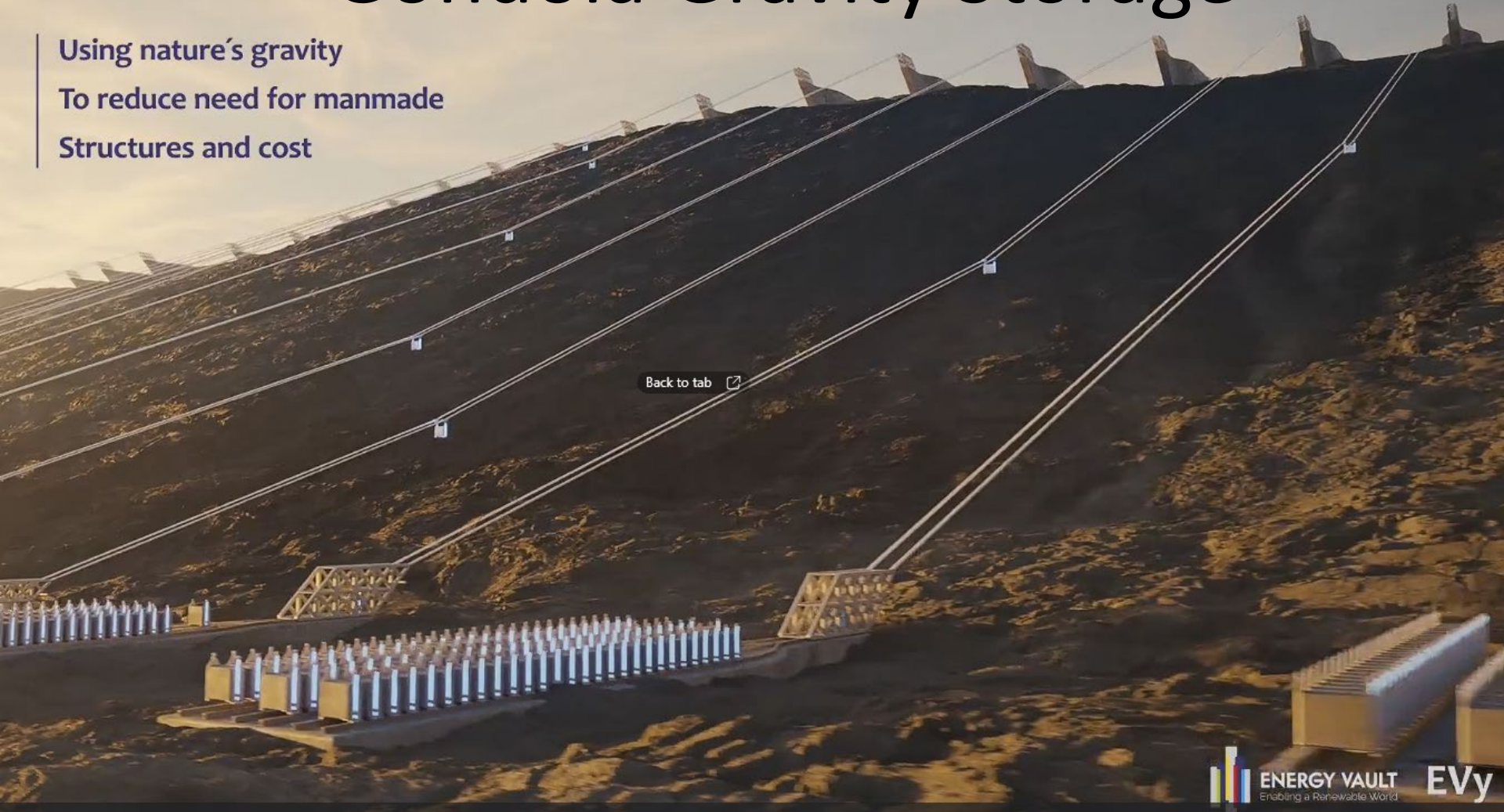
Can be built and used anywhere
Mixed residential use
From industrial to urban settings

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Gondola Gravity Storage

Using nature's gravity
To reduce need for manmade
Structures and cost



[Energy Vault® - G-VAULT™ - Gravity Energy Storage](#)

Pilot project evaluated at Jump-off.
Need property at base of the cliffs.

New Concept Pumped Storage



[Energy Vault® - G-VAULT™ - Gravity Energy Storage](#)

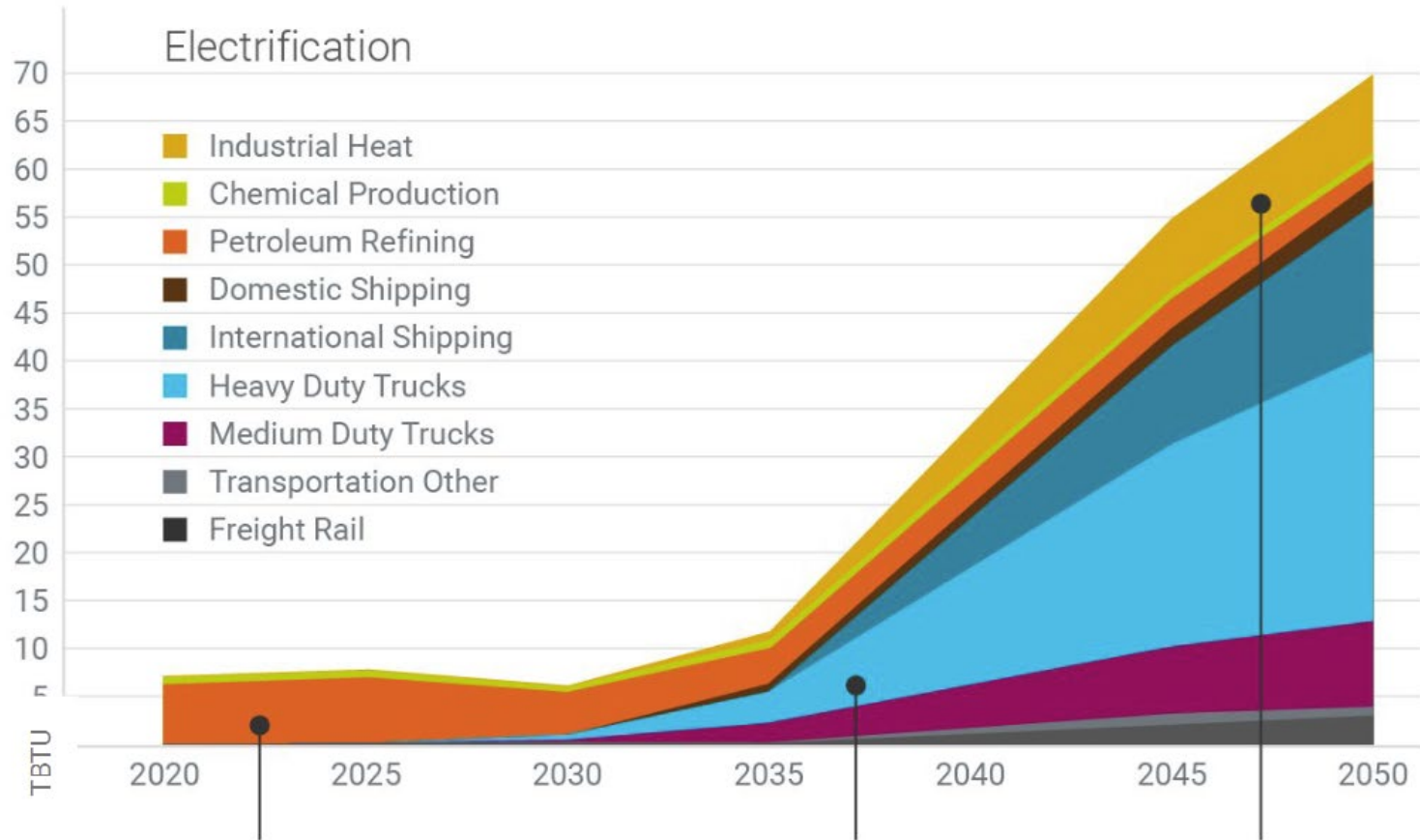
Electrolyzer (Hydrogen Production)



WA Hydrogen Projection

Hydrogen consumption and electricity demands - electrification scenario

WA Dept. Commerce

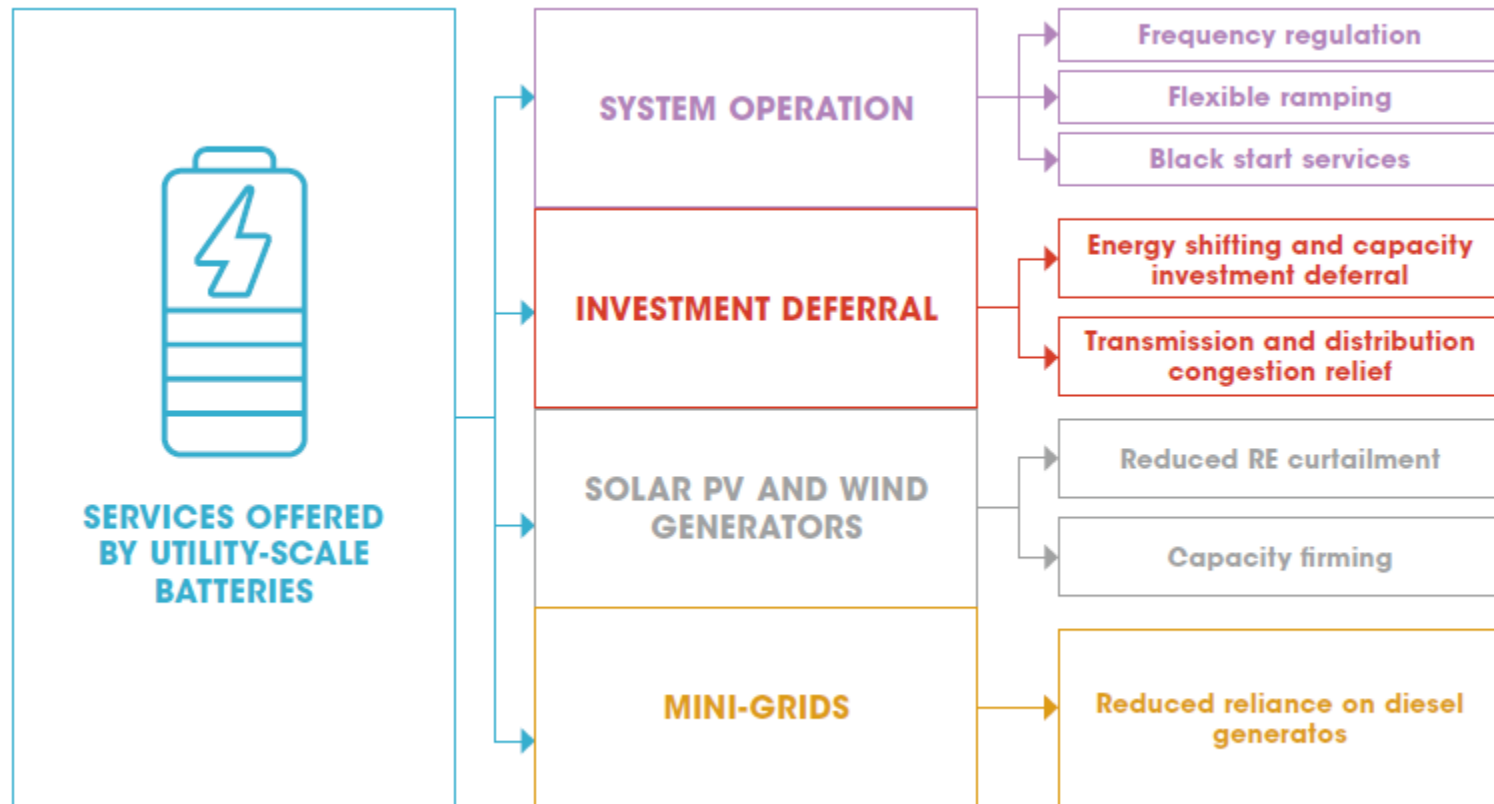


2020 hydrogen demand in petroleum refining and bulk chemicals

H2 consumption grows in transport subsectors in Electrification Scenario

Some H2 assumed in heat, displacing gas in high temp applications

Energy Storage - Batteries



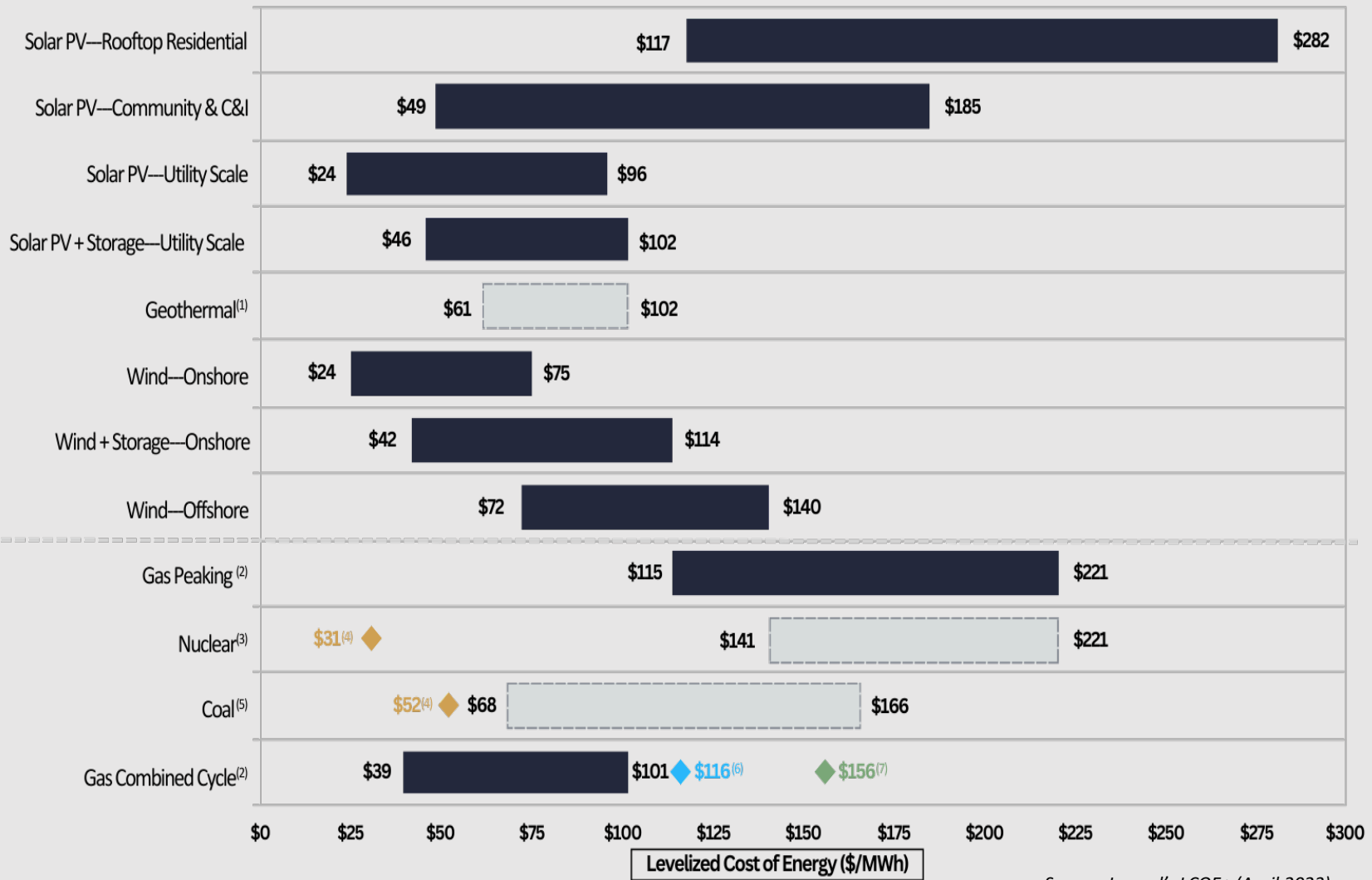
Criteria for Future Energy Generating and Storage Resources

- **Safe**
- **Affordable**
- **Base Load (24/7 output)**
- **Flexible**
- **Reliable**
- **Sustainable**
- **Least impact to water resources and environment**

Levelized Cost of Energy —Unsubsidized Analysis

Renewable Energy

Conventional



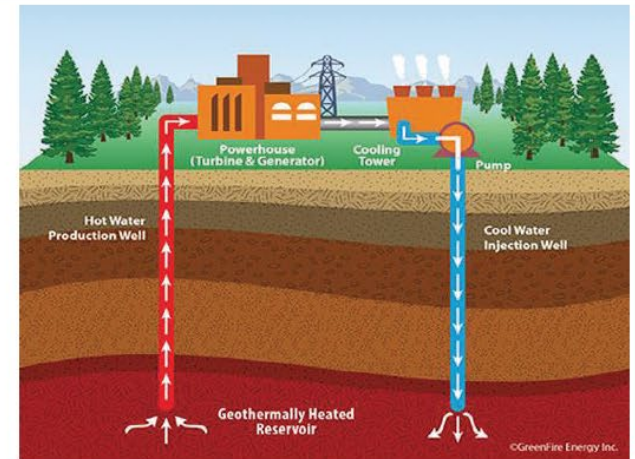
Source: Lazard's LCOE+ (April 2023)

Geothermal

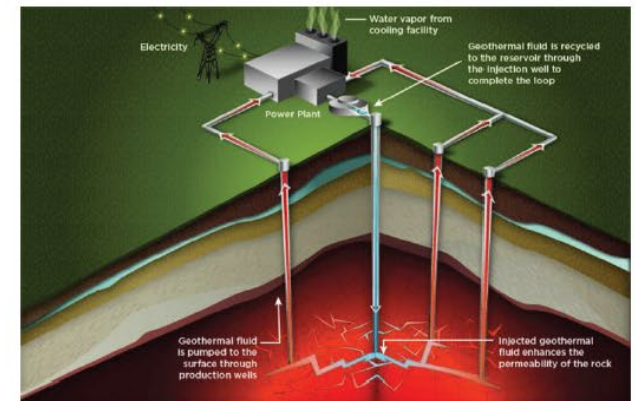
Geothermal Resource Descriptions

Two geothermal resource development options are considered in this analysis:

1. Naturally circulating Hydrothermal resources
 - Temperature $<200\text{C}$ – Pumped wells
 - Temperatures $>200\text{C}$ – Self flowing wells
 - Resource is the heat.
 - All produced geothermal fluids are injected to be reheated by the rock.
 - Natural permeability for fluid circulation is either from fractures or matrix permeability
2. Enhanced/Engineered Geothermal Systems (EGS)
 - Temperatures $>200\text{C}$
 - Reservoir is created through fracturing in either impermeable rock or enhancing fractures in low permeability rock
 - Currently EGS projects are being developed at temperatures up to 300C



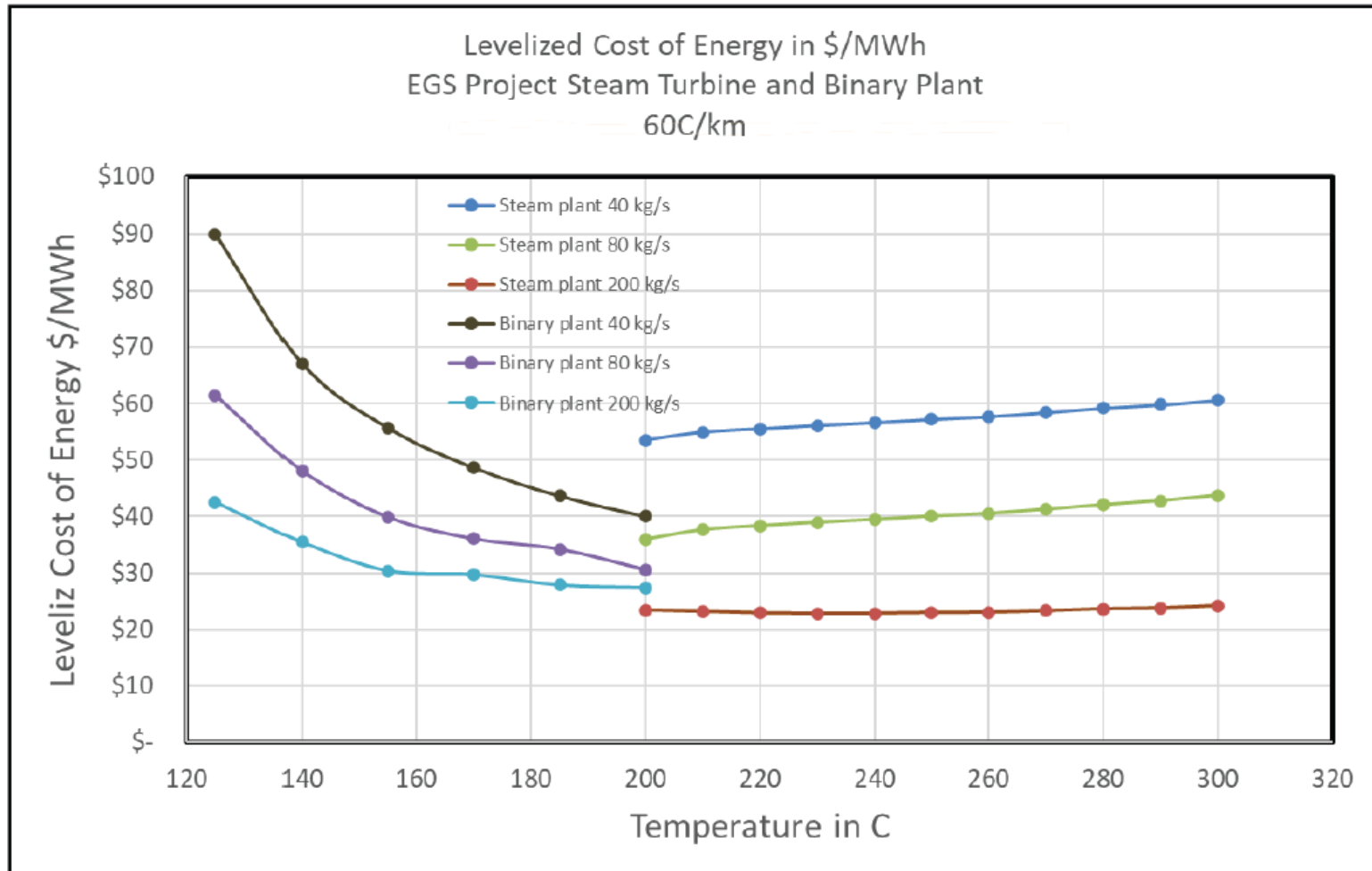
Hydrothermal Geothermal Resource



Enhanced Geothermal System (EGS)

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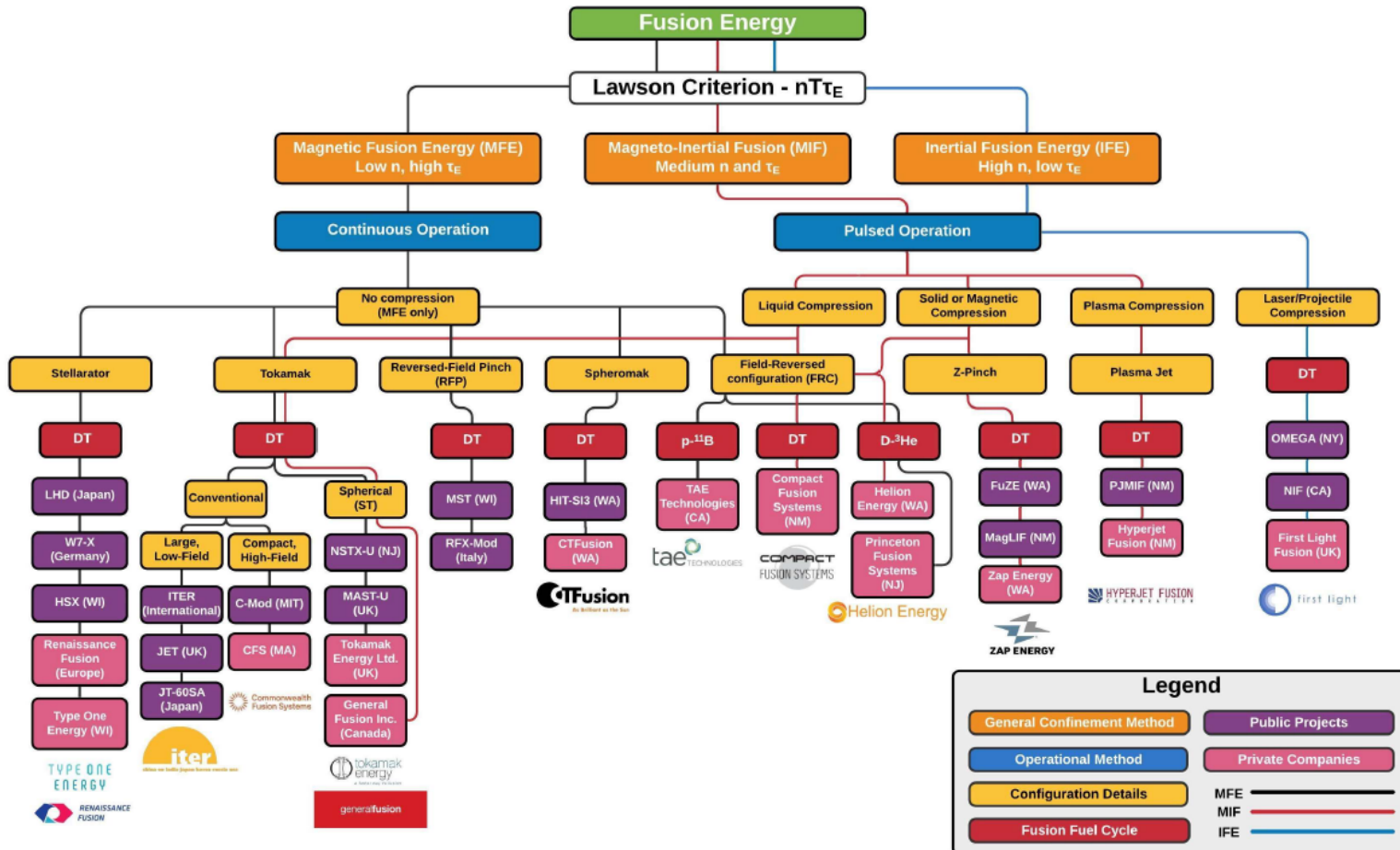
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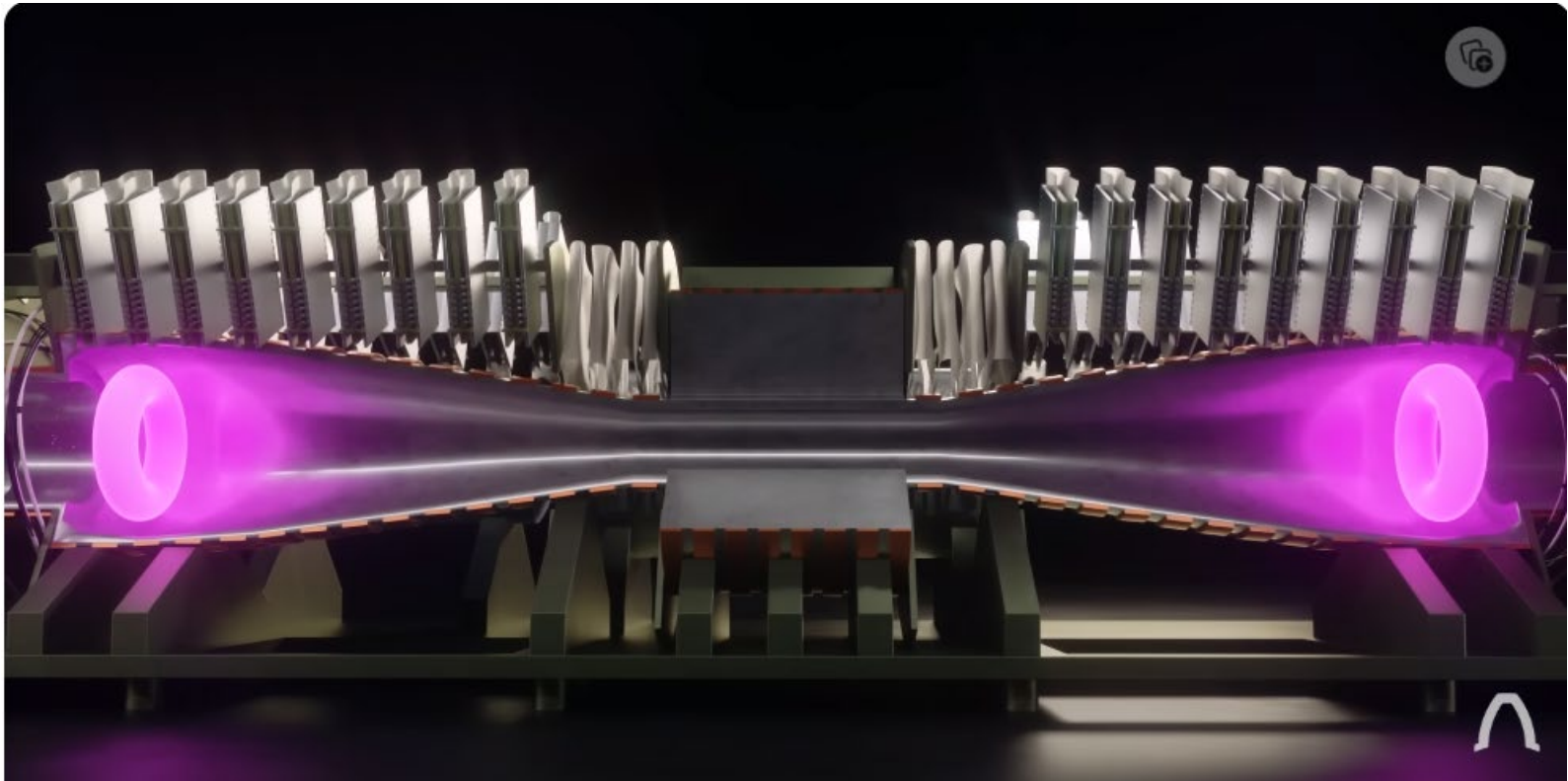
- Monitor Technology Development

Partial Fusion Energy Landscape



Fusion

- Evaluate with Community: Helion locating in Chelan County



Battery Storage

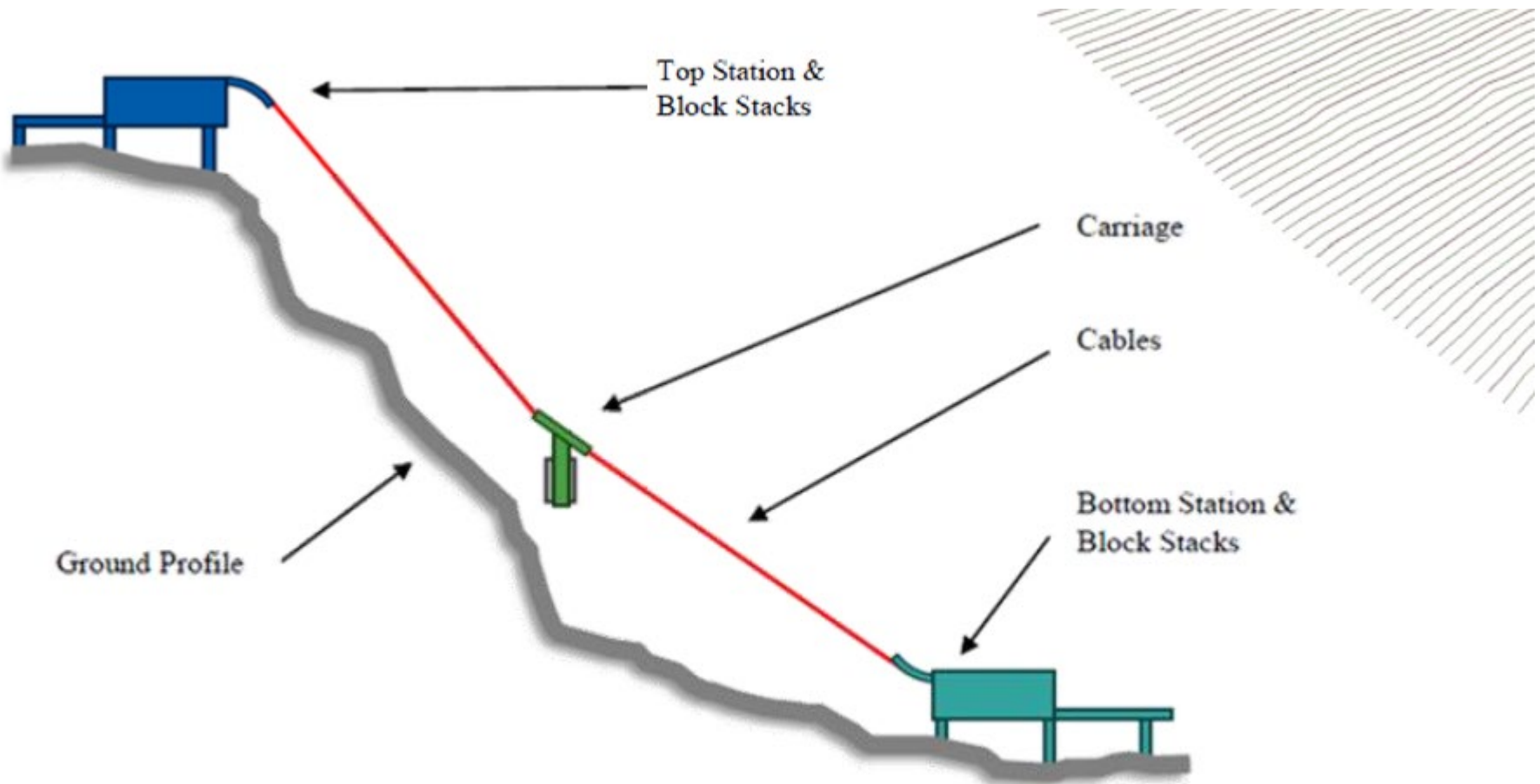
Evaluating viability for:

- Minimizing use of diesel generators (Stehekin)
- System Reliability
 - PSPS, Capital Deferral
- Capacity Firming
- Resource Adequacy
- Micro-Grids



Gravity Storage

- Evaluating technology viability and costs



Summary

The District will continue to evaluate:

- Geothermal potential in Chelan County and the Mid-C
- Helion fusion generator in Malaga
- Battery storage use cases
- Monitor technology viability and cost of gravity storage (water and dry weights)

Questions?