



Bob James, Forest Geologist
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Dear Mr. James:

Hotrock Energy Research Organization (HERO) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to research, outreach and education into geothermal energy. Our efforts are concentrated in the Pacific Northwest and particularly in Washington and Oregon.

HERO supports local and state governments, Public Utility Districts and tribal councils to provide technical and scientific information. We also provide help with the evaluation of geothermal resource potential. HERO conducted the most recent study of the Mt. Baker area for the Nooksack tribal council and the Whatcom County PUD. Several people on HERO's team were involved in the temperature gradient well drilling and the Washington Play Fairway Analysis for Geothermal Energy completed in 2021 for Department of Natural Resources.

We are happy to submit our comments on the 2025 Consent to Lease recently released by the Forest Service.

Susan Petty

President, Chairman of the Board
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