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**Subject:** I vote against the Terra-Gen wind turbine project

What is the benefit for Humboldt County, other than money?

This project doesn't even allow the energy produced to be **used here**. It's being sent to more-populated areas that don't want **their** view shed impacted, but have no qualms impacting ours, gleaning a minuscule portion of their energy needs with a supposedly green source. Even the jobs offered will be short-lived, other than a few higher-up plant positions which will probably be filled by out-of-the-area current Terra-Gen employees.

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What fire prevention facilities or protocols would be included in this construction arena?

Monument Ridge and Bear River Ridge don't need to be the test case for Terra-Gen to further their research in whether or not their wind turbines might cause a forest fire, with our climate that is drought-dry in the summer, sometimes for over 5 months, before wetting rains lower the threat of catastrophic fire. We don't receive summer rainfall, as is the norm east of the Rockies. Does Terra-Gen understand this? Other turbine fires have thrown ignited debris almost a mile, without the wind's help. Our fire fighters haven't experienced a fire up on an electrified high tower, with the wind throwing lit materials great distances...in meadow and forested land that hasn't been burned for over 100 years. If a catastrophic fire started up there, the communities of Rio Dell, Scotia, including HRC's timberlands and saw mill, and Highway 101, would all be in its path, and there aren't enough fire fighters currently living here (mostly unpaid volunteers who **aren't** sitting in their fire houses waiting to be dispatched, but out working at paying jobs) or enough aircraft like helicopters, to make a concerted effort to stop it, with only 2 or 3 roads into that area, on private property. We can barely cover our immense areas of responsibility now, and don't need another man-made fire source to contend with...we have enough trouble with other human-caused fires, let alone lightning strikes produced by Mother Nature.

Are we the final decision-makers of what species of life is considered unworthy of our stewardship and protection?

If we have cats who kill birds, and mine have, we can lower that number if we're conscientious. These turbines can't.

Why is this project being pushed ahead on a fast track?

It seems that some sort of deadline for tax breaks is involved, which shouldn't be our concern. Terra-Gen could absorb that lack of a tax break easily, but they're going after that break regardless, rushing through this brief public comment period and partially-run environmental studies that don't include year-round data, just to make a greater profit. It's not altruism...it's all about their profit margin. All aspects of this project need to be investigated and presented to the public by some sort of disinterested party.

Respectfully submitted,

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