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Subject: Wind farm

Hello,

I wish to state my support for the wind turbine project slated for Monument and Bear River Ridge. While I can understand some peoples fears I feel they are not really justified. I have stood at the base of a big turbine in eastern Washington and was surprised at how quiet the thing really was. My family had lived with a wind turbine since 1980 and believe me our 600 watt turbine made more noise than this monster did. The blades on our small one would blur to a disc when it was working hard and there is no way the big turbine's blades would become hard to see. The one big downside I can envision will be when the sun is setting below the ridge the machines will cast moving shadows across the landscape down in the valley. These will probably be annoying to the homes in their path, this I admit. Mine may be one of them, I'm not sure.

I am very partial to the countryside up on those ridges. It's very beautiful country up there but the fact is we need to wean ourselves from burning fossilized sunshine to other sources of power. I've been up there enough to know the wind there offers a great resource for clean power. The amount of land actually taken up by the equipment will be small, and if the example I saw in Washington can be applied to this project, current land use will continue. The cattle in Washington seemed unaware of the turbine's rotation above them.

Farming and ranching is not an easy business nor is it one that guarantees a profit. This project will give some ranchers extra income, generate clean electricity, and help guarantee that those ridges do not someday get subdivided and teem with houses. That would be far far worse than a number of windmills turning, slowly turning in the wind.

Sincerely Yours,
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