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Subject: Disappointment over plans for Humboldt Wind Energy Project

Hi,

[I obtained your email address seeking comments from your Press Release which I read on Lost Coast Outpost.]

I am a hiker. I have done many hundreds of different hikes to every corner of Humboldt county, including walking from the Mendocino border to the Del Norte border and from the coast to the Trinity border. Having already done so many, I am 70-80% towards my long-term goal of walking every trail, minor road, and back road that are publically-accessible in the county.

Thus I can say with first-hand experience that hikes on Bear River Ridge Road between Monument Road and Mattole Road and on Upper Bear River Road down to the Bear River are among the best in the county in providing outstanding views; they are at the pinnacle of gloriously combining both hillsides and the ocean.

They feature as hikes 60 and 61 in Rees Hughes's book: "Hiking Humboldt, Volume 2".

Given the above, it is very disappointing that the superb vistas of those hikes would be spoilt by the plans for the Humboldt Wind Energy Project which call for huge wind turbines to be installed on Bear River Ridge.

I am very much support of wind energy, and I realise that turbines need to be placed at elevations high enough to be exposed to prevailing winds off the ocean, but I believe there are other locations which would not ruin vistas from publically-accessible roads/trails - for example, to the west of Mattole Road between Centerville and Petrolia, where the vistas which would then be spoilt would only be those of a very much smaller number of residents and those in the few boats/ships which pass close to that shoreline.

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