

To whom it may concern:

As dedicated environmentalists and long time Humboldt County residents, we want to say that we believe this is a solid project that is good for the environment, good for the county, and a step we need to take to make a move toward mitigating the affects of the looming climate crisis. It is not perfect. There is no perfect project. But it is good.

It looks like the technology has improved to the point this will be a successful project. That the environmental awareness has improved to the point that the DEIR has taken into consideration everything that we understand can be looked into. Of course there are things that have not been considered, but only because no one has thought of them, and perhaps the comments you receive will bring them to your attention.

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As far as we can tell there is NO project that will meet the high standards many seem to hold. No project, NO businesses/organizations, despite their intentions or mission, will not come under the microscope of those who want nothing to change. No business large enough to accomplish a major project as the 'only reason is to exploit us and make themselves rich'. Not if it changes the skyline, sends it's product out of the area or impacts the comfort zone of what is familiar. But also impacts in ways we know impact the environment and the community no matter how small relative to the benefits. We don't know how a community that was in the forefront of environmental awareness lost the Think Globally aspect of Act Locally.

That said, it would be important to consider extra effort to prevent fire danger, from the towers and any new transmission lines, as fire danger is likely to get more extreme in the years ahead. I understand the plan to tunnel under the Eel River has been scrapped. That is likely a good thing given possible pollution concerns.

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At any rate - we personally believe the biggest issue facing us in the here and now is the climate and our effect on it. We believe this project is well thought out, the DEIR is comprehensive and looks good, the unique potential of this windy ridge is an asset we can make good use of for Humboldt County and the world. It may be a drop in the bucket, but these drops add up only if we make them.

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We fear, as is often the case, you will hear only from those with complaints and fears. We hope you will also get many comments of support. Please know support is out there.

Sincerely,
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