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I am writing in support of the “No Project Option to Alternative” for the Humboldt Wind Project proposed by Terra Gen. There are significant and unavoidable negative impacts inherent in this project that are not outweighed by any projected positive results.

1. 17 miles of paved road - 200ft wide is an unacceptable degradation to the environment.
2. A 25 mile long clear cut transmission corridor that will need herbicide applications regularly is unacceptable.
3. 900 acres of logging with concurrent erosion into the Eel River tributaries and Jordan Creek watershed is unacceptable.
4. The widened road from the freeway to the ridge to transport the windmill parts is unacceptable and frankly, bizarre - at the least, unrealistic. They can barely keep the old logging roads functioning without environmental degradation let alone a road the width of a freeway!
5. The use of 24,000 gallons of oil a year that the turbines will require - times 60 years, is unacceptable.
6. The “carbon bottom line” does not pencil out! The construction process in terms of carbon emissions is larger than any gains from the eventual operation. This is only good if you are a multi-national corporation out to make a buck with no regard for the environment.
7. This is a sacred place for our local Native Americans - haven't we taken enough away from them. We are surely at the point where we can recognize that just because a family killed the natives and stole their land and then eventually sold to a corporation or made a ranch out of it - doesn't make it acceptable to desecrate it even further.
8. The tips of these mammoth windmills will be traveling at up to 200mph - this is the land of golden eagles and the pathway of the marbled murrelets from the ocean to the old growth redwoods. Further, the Brown Pelican, Bald Eagle, White-tailed kite, American peregrine falcon, ring-tailed cat, and California condor are “Fully Protected” species which may be affected by this project. Is this collateral damage worth the sacrifice? Is it even legal?
9. The fact that there is only a 60 year projected life span and then there is no take down process in the plans is shocking! Another example of privatizing the profits and socializing the losses. Haven't we learned?
10. The businesses on the Avenue of the Giants, including tourism and agricultural, will be negatively impacted by the erosion, traffic impact, and water table usage.

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For these and many more reasons, I support the “No Project Option to Alternative” for the Humboldt Wind Project proposed by Terra Gen.

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