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Thanks,

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I'm going to be frank here. Now while on the surface this appears to be a green project, the implementation as described would be utterly thoughtless, ill considered and completely contrary to it's supposed green intent.

There is a healthy ecology up there on the ridge right now and those who own the land and their wealthy partners Terra-Gen, have no problem shaving 900 acres clean and planting these huge windmills.

What's the problem? There are a multitude of serious environmental problems: 1. Biodiversity. The habitat for our native wildlife is already so seriously fragmented that each loss like this is a mortal wound. Terra-Gen claims that the inevitable loss of a few of our highly threatened birds like the Spotted Owl and Marbled Murrelet from the turbines is acceptable. These populations are already so threatened that we cannot lose precious individuals to be chopped up by turbines. We plan to write the governor in protest. I am doubting that this plan is even legal. 2. Erosion. Has it occurred to anyone that denuding a hilltop and replacing it with cement will cause extreme erosion? Water moves much faster on cement and strips topsoil. 3. Water quality. The erosion and destruction wrought by the endless parade of huge machines will cause the soil to pollute the Eel, which is already on it's last legs. 4. Water. Where is the water for the project coming from. Likely the Eel and guess what, we have no extra to spare, particularly with the challenge poised by climate change. Things are going to get progressively dryer and quite quickly. 5. Noise pollution and Vibrations. Vibrations first. The continuous vibrations will sift the heavy metals from the soil to where they will pollute our aquifer. It's like panning for gold, heavier elements move down. We drink this water. Any extra water, we already need for the fire department. Noise pollution. No doubt the noise pollution will disturb all wildlife within a 25 mile radius. The noise pollution will interfere with humans as well. 6.



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The noise pollution will destroy what little property values we have left. 7. Huge windmills will completely destroy any aesthetic value we have in our town. 8. The windmills will dry out the soil in addition what is happening with climate change and increase fire risk. 9. The windmills themselves with their highly flammable materials are a fire risk. The cables and wires of the windows above ground are a fire risk. Windmills like this have a tendency to fall and that is a risk.

So, you see, this moronic plan to put these windmills on the ridge will destroy our town. It's too late for us to sell. Anyone researching the area will see this monumental stupidity marching on in and won't consider it.

My husband and I bought during the real estate bubble in 2008. We lost a 100'000.00 worth of value right away. Since I am on disability, this will finish us off.

I would consider the people in this and surrounding towns first above any financial considerations for yourselves before entertaining this fatal folly.

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