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Hey there. I was born and raised in Humboldt county, lived in eureka most of my life with a few years in ferndale and arcata. This email address was given to me as a place to direct thoughts about the proposed turbine farm. If this message finds you in error, i apologize.

I'm pretty unsurprised this is coming up again. As of now there aren't any major energy conglomerates profiting from Humboldt's wealth of natural resources, so it makes sense eventually they'd try again.

It's a shame people still think it's in any way worth it to scrape the woods from the earth and make a series of turbines which then will send that energy to other parts of the state. The proposed site is dangerously close to the last natural habitat of multiple endangered species; but because the energy conglomerate is using the banner of "green energy" Humboldt seems to be eager to let corporate interests blind them to what this could mean...

If you've never driven through a turbine farm, please do yourself the service of going to one. I'm blanking the exact location, but driving south of the bay area there's a vast turbine farm... You'll see why people are fighting it, why people who revere nature in any way are against this.

There are more efficient less destructive ways to harvest energy from the natural world, but they don't scale to mass corporate levels. Why Humboldt is game to consider a corporate answer, when we've successfully kept those interests from ruining what natural wonder is left there.

But i guess everyone eventually gets old and tired of the fight, and it's hard to stop the march of progress. Especially when progress has money and a plan, and all we have is

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reverence for our ever shrinking natural spaces.

Please, think about all the ways this HASN'T been considered: the carbon footprint from all the fuel spent to manufacture and move everything, the cost in man hours and the carbon footprint those hours represent... there was so much left out of that impact report it would be laughable if it weren't so serious.

There are trees who've been alive hundreds of years. They can't speak for themselves.

- Alexander Vavrek



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