

# Converse County Wind Energy Questionnaire

<b>Do you have any general comments you'd like to share on the topic of wind energy development in Converse County? (250 characters or less)</b>	
	<b>Response Count</b>
	186
<i>answered question</i>	<b>186</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>226</b>

<b>Response Text</b>		
1	Industrial development of any type needs controls. Existing oil/gas and minerals extraction have regulations. Wind should, too.	May 25, 2010 10:19 PM
2	Wind energy development is a good thing, but it should be built only in certain areas. The mountains are a valuable resource for a great many people and because they are undeveloped, we should cherish those lands for future generations. Wind energy development should continue to move forward north of I-25.	May 26, 2010 2:11 PM
3	The officials who deal with the decisions should be impartial and/or recuse themselves from voting if there is a conflict of interest	May 26, 2010 2:22 PM
4	I think that you should keep wind out of the mountains!!!	May 26, 2010 2:26 PM
5	WY must preserve some of our open spaces and viewsheds for our future generations. When it becomes all about the money, it is a sad day for WY.	May 26, 2010 2:36 PM
6	This is a very important issue for both our state and the country as a whole. It is important for us to explore alternative energy solutions, however steps need to be taken to protect the natural resources we have from over-development. The ranchers and land owners of Converse County can help protect the beauty of the region by agreeing to implement zoning regulations or allowing conservation easements for their land.	May 26, 2010 5:47 PM
7	Excessive regulations are just that: excessive.	May 26, 2010 10:51 PM
8	Coordinate the collector lines and power transmission	May 27, 2010 7:09 PM
9	It is time for the elected officials in the county to begin acting together rather than for individual interests. The fact that a commissioner is in the wind business seems to be somewhat of a conflict of interest.	May 27, 2010 8:43 PM
10	Industrial wind energy development benefits only a handful of turbine-hosting landowners, while impairing the quality of life for everyone else. It generates only a handful of permanent jobs, and most of the power and government-subsidized profits generated go out of state. We need to be very careful about how much of it there is, and where it goes.	May 30, 2010 8:26 PM
11	Again, in general Converse is a good place for wind energy. We cannot, however, allow the scenic land the county enjoys be forfeit to the development of industrial wind facilities.	May 30, 2010 9:39 PM
12	see prior comments	Jun 1, 2010 2:21 PM
13	Be sure to do it right, and by right I mean considering all appropriate factors, including the poor environmental or other legal effects that wind turbines can create.	Jun 1, 2010 7:19 PM
14	None.	Jun 1, 2010 8:59 PM

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15	Not against it but only where appropriate. Not just to provide income to non resident owners.	Jun 2, 2010 3:07 AM
16	There should be regulation on wind farm developers which precludes them from forcing transmission lines across neighboring land owner properties to connect their generating interests to the larger power grid.	Jun 2, 2010 4:16 AM
17	Do not allow money to guide your decisions, give everyone a voice, and most importantly, let our kids experience the great outdoors as we do, as our parents do, as our grandparents do.....	Jun 2, 2010 1:17 PM
18	Don't allow the ruin of the mountains when the turbines can be located somewhere less visually offensive and with less impact on a valuable recreational resource.	Jun 2, 2010 2:33 PM
19	no	Jun 2, 2010 2:49 PM
20	Do not scare our landscape with all of this all of this. We love our wide open spaces. Keep them here!	Jun 2, 2010 3:33 PM
21	Power lines and wind turbines are visible regularly along all interstate routes in Wyoming and surrounding states. People are used to it and generally fine with it in those more featurless areas. Power lines spanning beautiful and precious remote mountains and hills would be shameful to the state of Wyoming.	Jun 2, 2010 4:59 PM
22	There is a conflict of interest with a county commisioner that also has financial ties to the wind industry that is not being addressed.	Jun 2, 2010 5:00 PM
23	Wind energy development in Converse County should be pursued in a diligent manner. The beauty of the state should not be traded for money regardless of the amount. The mountains are no place for industrialization of any kind. The effort required to maintain access to these turbines in the mountains would not only be costly in terms of money, but would also have a negative impact on wildlife that is used to not being disturbed by human activity for the winter.	Jun 2, 2010 6:36 PM
24	no	Jun 3, 2010 12:56 AM
25	Keep it out on the prairies.	Jun 3, 2010 1:57 AM
26	I am not sure wind energy is an efficient means of producing low cost energy and more should done to produce clean coal or natural gas energy.That brings more money's to the state.	Jun 3, 2010 3:19 PM
27	I think that wind energy is a good thing. I am all for wind development. I feel that wind towers should be placed where wind companys and landowners feel it is the best possible place.	Jun 3, 2010 4:50 PM
28	My opinion is that based on my limited amount of research into wind energy,it is presently not a cost effective or reliable way to produce power.Without some great improvements in the methods and materials,this is a short term and very expensive exercise in energy developement	Jun 3, 2010 6:30 PM
29	I am not in favor of dictating to a person what they can or can not do with their land but at the same time I would hope that they would use a little discretion and not let money be the deciding factor in their decision to allow wind turbine development on their land.	Jun 4, 2010 2:54 AM
30	Bonding should be required and set-aside by the companies constructing the turbines, so once a wind turbine has been decommissioned they should be required to have them removed. That is so, we do not have rusting turbines like they now have on the Main Island of Hawaii.	Jun 4, 2010 5:48 AM
31	This has awakened the sleeping giant of zoning in a county that has never had it. The county residents had traditionally viewed zoning as a restriction on their rights to develop their own properties. Now they are seeing the impacts to their property by view destruction, and eminent domain condemnations.	Jun 4, 2010 1:51 PM
32	Our commissioners should work for their voters that elected them not what serves them best.	Jun 4, 2010 2:50 PM
33	Elected Commissioners HELP SAVE OUR MOUNTAINS	Jun 4, 2010 4:01 PM

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34	Wind energy will be developed where profits can be made according to many factors. Siting wind energy to certain areas will never please everyone and most likely will create a roadblock effectively pushing wind energy's revenues out of our county.	Jun 5, 2010 1:11 AM
35	This is a private property issue and should not be infringed upon by the local government, except for making sure that the necessary ISC procedure and new state regs are followed.	Jun 5, 2010 3:43 AM
36	It could be said that violation of "a sense of place" is no basis for denying wind development. In other words, the county should not be able to dictate or zone in such a way that my private property cannot be used to make a living from wind development or anything else just because the neighbor doesn't want the view across my land obstructed.	Jun 5, 2010 4:02 AM
37	I believe that if wind is not allowed in particular areas of the county wind developers will be driven away and will get the message that it is not wanted. If wind is not allowed then I believe that persons should not be allowed to have recreational property where they choose, for example. This type of rules if you will are too restrictive to us in Converse County.	Jun 5, 2010 6:11 PM
38	Any zoning is a property rights taking, which is against our Constitution.	Jun 5, 2010 11:33 PM
39	property owner should not be restricted in the use of their property	Jun 6, 2010 12:00 AM
40	If you drive east you will see towers in S. Dakota, Iowa (along the interstate powering a town) and other areas. My neighbor put in a tower and it must have been a cheaper one because the noise is somewhat annoying when it faces a certain direction. Would I put one in? Probably but try for a better quality one. People are too worried about who is making a dollar by leasing an area. I imagine this was the same outlook when oil wells went in.	Jun 7, 2010 3:57 PM
41	Private Property owners should have a say in this and then the County....the Wind Energy leases speak for themselves...	Jun 7, 2010 4:53 PM
42	Leave the arrangements to the landowner and the wind company. The lease will protect the landowner and certainly the public. If you start laws about "viewsheds" where does it end.	Jun 7, 2010 5:38 PM
43	I am concerned that special interest groups can spread so much misinformation in order to accomplish their personal goal, and that in doing so they will compromise the rights of private property owners.	Jun 7, 2010 5:42 PM
44	Seems like this survey is geared towards the negative aspects of wind development. What about all the great benefits that can come from wind energy? Tax revenue, landowner payments, jobs? Seems like you are gearing this survey around trying to find a way to get rid of wind development	Jun 7, 2010 8:19 PM
45	private property rights are too fundamental of a right for landowners in this country. If following current correct, and ethical environmental guidelines then wind development should be allowed. Did this state not go down this road with oil and gas many times? If we wouldn't develop oil & gas there ie:(Wyoming range) would we develop wind there? I say no.	Jun 7, 2010 11:22 PM
46	Concerned about Transmission, Deimer True posture as relates to Transmission.	Jun 8, 2010 3:21 PM
47	With the gushing of oil in the gulf, we must find new energy sources that are clean, non polluting and progressive.	Jun 8, 2010 3:54 PM
48	I love wind energy	Jun 8, 2010 3:54 PM
49	Wind Development should be embraced for the positive long term economic impacts it will have on the county	Jun 8, 2010 3:56 PM
50	Land owners should be able to make their own decisions about what can be done on their property.	Jun 8, 2010 3:58 PM
51	Please seriously consider the economic benefits of wind development and look at the overall benefit wind brings to the county, state, country, and world.	Jun 8, 2010 3:59 PM

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52	The Converse County commissioners should go visit other counties in other states and visit with landowner and other public officials. Also they should seek out an consultant who has actually been involved in the development and construction of a windfarm so they can see that most of the concerns from the public are addressed during planning.	Jun 8, 2010 4:09 PM
53	Wind farms need to be built in windy locations. There are enough windy locations in Converse County that pristine locations do not need to be developed. 'Pristine' is a subjective adjective. The proposed location that is being contested is itself not a pristine location.	Jun 8, 2010 4:30 PM
54	private property owners should be the ones to decide when where and how much on THEIR property. government should collect taxes to defray any negative impacts to public resources and to help fund any increases in infrastructure needed for possible population gains	Jun 9, 2010 3:00 AM
55	If we have to put up with the darn wind, let's at least get some economic benefit from it!	Jun 9, 2010 3:42 PM
56	Wind Energy in Converse County could bring some much needed tax base to the area and help Wyoming to remain the nation's energy leader into the coming decades.	Jun 9, 2010 3:53 PM
57	wind is the future of Wyoming, go strong	Jun 9, 2010 7:36 PM
58	Bonding for removal of the towers should be required. Once the subsidies run out - they will be abandoned. Wind energy can't pay for itself.	Jun 9, 2010 10:34 PM
59	keep it out of the mountains	Jun 10, 2010 2:24 AM
60	I do not think it is right to be able to condemn private property so a company can put up transmission lines , sub stations and turbines whereit benefits them with no regard to the private individuals rights. There are plenty of open spaces away from the mountains to place these wind projects, so our pristine mountains areas remain a place of beauty not a place to see wind turbines and power lines.	Jun 10, 2010 3:12 AM
61	There are a lot of areas that are away from towns and highways that would make the turbines a lot less visible. I also feel that if they weren't being subsidized, they wouldn't be there at all. We are all paying for them and our bills should be going down, not up.	Jun 10, 2010 4:10 PM
62	For those who make the transmission/ eminent domain arguement; I agree utilities have to much power and can condemn to easily even when the project is a poor one. That goes for coal t-lines, nat. gas t-lines, pipelines, etc. not just a wind t-line. This is not a county issue, it is a state leg. issue.	Jun 11, 2010 12:11 AM
63	I sincerely believe that a lot of the resistance is coming from people who just don't want to accept the idea of alternative energy. I admit that it has long been the domain of the counter-culture and wide-eyed optimists but the fact is that now it is real, very real and we need to put our prejudices aside and pave the way for its development in OUR county!	Jun 11, 2010 3:51 AM
64	It is good for the state and county!	Jun 11, 2010 8:47 PM
65	Wind energy can be the means whereby some of us is agriculture continue to do business. It seems as if we in the rural areas are being segregated. Some of us may be allowed to develop energy and others not. What is happening to private porperty rights? I don't feel that wind energy is going to have any more impact than any of the other energy developments such as strip mining, uranium, oil, coal gasification or whatever. I also am aware that this may be a thirty year cycle. People have gone to great lengths to reduce the initial impact in regards to road construction, water use, wildlife impact, etc. with the "future" in mind. Discussions have focused on what this development will do now as well as what will be the impact in 30 years and how can we prepare for those impacts not to be negative ones. My major concern is that many of us are making up our minds without truly listening and weighing the pros and cons. I do not hesitate to say I was one of those persons. I now do not have any reservations that wind energy will benefit Converse County.	Jun 13, 2010 7:11 PM

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66	Based on the house bill, I feel some regulations need to be followed or enforced but zoning is not the answer. Converse County is full of smart people and we can help regulate wind without zoning.	Jun 14, 2010 2:59 PM
67	The County should not be catering to one specific interest group - most of which do not even live in the County. This illustrates that the County then is more concerned with a NIMBY group than they are about ensuring that they continue to bring revenue into our county for future growth.	Jun 14, 2010 6:09 PM
68	Zoning should not be used to eliminate a property right. Both sides need to respect each others rights. Transmission lines should not use eminent domain to cross non-receptive landowners. The county should ensure they are made whole, but not use this as a "wind"fall.	Jun 14, 2010 11:27 PM
69	For a secure future our country has to come up with renewable energy sources. Our country's main strength is that we can feed ourselves,agriculture at the grass roots level runs on an extremely narrow profit margin-wind and cattle in my case can run on the same ground-it should be up to the property owner to allow wind energy or not	Jun 15, 2010 4:51 AM
70	Support the wind development where the land owners are in favor so thay can keep their properties in the family. Thank you	Jun 16, 2010 6:07 PM
71	The County should enact an Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ). This would be done in an area of where there are favorable wind resources and low residential population. The EOZ would allow for easier permitting of wind farms and discourage development in areas of where the EOZ does not cover. Also the county should set up mandatory set backs for turbines from non project participating residences (2,500').	Jun 16, 2010 8:26 PM
72	The Haves want to stop these wind farms for esthetic reasons and the ranchers want them for financial reasons. If the ranchers are forced to sell their land the Haves will get to buy them for cheap, forced sales, makes sense to me.	Jun 16, 2010 11:57 PM
73	The issue is between the wealthy land owners opposed on esthetic grounds and the land owner who needs the income to survive. Without the added income from wind the future is bleak for many old time ranchers in Converse and some will have to sell their land to the haves which will be a sorry day for all.	Jun 17, 2010 1:51 AM
74	Wind development, on private ground, will keep ranchers in business instead of turning their land into subdivisions. It will bring jobs and revenue to the county and the communities, keeping more of our children in Wyoming instead of forcing them to move out of state to earn enough to raise a family.	Jun 17, 2010 3:49 AM
75	Zoning laws keep turbines a fair distance from towns, roads and homes, other than that unless this has become a communist country one should be able to do what he/she wants on their own property unless the neighbor wants to reimburse for missed revenues.	Jun 17, 2010 4:01 AM
76	Wind development could provide large economic boost to both the county and to landowners. Property and generation taxes will provide steady income to the county.	Jun 17, 2010 2:36 PM
77	Once any zoning is enacted, more will follow. That is an undeniable truth. Visual impact is a very nefarious term. I may think your wife is unattractive, but I should have no power to change that. My neighbor's land is basically an elk refuge because he allows very little hunting, but I can do nothing about that.	Jun 17, 2010 5:03 PM
78	not at this time	Jun 18, 2010 11:04 PM
79	I am very concerned about the permanent changes that this type of development is going to cause. I fear that the historic Fort Fetterman road will become a highway with increased traffic. I don't want the true beauty of our area to be missed because of the urbanized feel that turbines and lines provide. I feel that they are more appropriate in areas that already have infrastructure, such as towns and highways.	Jun 22, 2010 3:23 AM
80	This appears to be a way for failing families to make money but what about the families who have worked hard to keep their land and NOT affect their neighbors. Do we not have any rights just because they can't make a silent living?	Jun 22, 2010 3:31 AM

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81	Keep it out of the mountains!	Jun 22, 2010 2:28 PM
82	I think it should NOT be something that is pushed through until all of the aspects of this "temporarily popular idea" have been thought through and should not be crammed down any property owners throat!	Jun 22, 2010 3:14 PM
83	Please stop it completely.	Jun 22, 2010 4:09 PM
84	Leave the mountains alone and as they are.	Jun 23, 2010 1:37 PM
85	I hope the wind energy development will not destroy our rural way of life and our mountains and wildlife.	Jun 23, 2010 9:19 PM
86	No wind turbines in Laramie mountains or on high ridges	Jun 25, 2010 8:48 PM
87	I have seen a lot of wind power and i think it looks horrible	Jun 25, 2010 10:43 PM
88	There are several areas in Wyoming that are fit for such development. South of Douglas is not one of these. We need to keep in mid that we need to preserve the beauty of our state.	Jun 25, 2010 10:51 PM
89	We will lose our scenic views with turbines.	Jun 25, 2010 10:56 PM
90	Following the Wyoming Game and Fish recommendations should be a significant standard.	Jun 27, 2010 2:33 AM
91	Develop all you can	Jun 28, 2010 2:38 PM
92	See #10	Jun 28, 2010 2:45 PM
93	It should be taped and development controlled by county officials.	Jun 28, 2010 2:52 PM
94	Transmission lines need to be considered as much as the towers.	Jun 28, 2010 2:58 PM
95	Let the land owners do what they want ton their own land as long as they don't infringe on their neighbors rights.	Jun 28, 2010 3:03 PM
96	If it is allowed it should be out in the plat open ground!	Jun 28, 2010 3:14 PM
97	none, no development.	Jun 28, 2010 3:17 PM
98	Yes, we need a clean new source of energy. So why not harness Wyoming wind. Animals will get used to it. They have survived our mining in this state and money will be generated for road and other needs off the taxes. Every thing else is a crybaby need attention	Jun 28, 2010 3:21 PM
99	No need to be in the mountains when there is to much prairie lands.	Jun 28, 2010 3:25 PM
100	I am against it, but don't want to tell landowners to do this their land, but we can discourage transmission towers on public land and discourage eminent domain.	Jun 28, 2010 3:27 PM
101	they aren't ever going to pay out it costs more to mountain there than they prarhry will be shut down and the damage is already done	Jun 28, 2010 3:36 PM
102	Energy (electric) generation is quite small when compared to the impact (land - visual - etc).	Jun 28, 2010 3:47 PM
103	There are large areas of land suitable for wind development outside of the mountains, with good year round access and other industrialization. Many landowners support wind development and should also bear the burden of transmission.	Jun 28, 2010 4:04 PM
104	no	Jun 28, 2010 4:38 PM
105	Who will be responsible for the clean-up when these turbines become obsolete?	Jun 28, 2010 4:50 PM
106	No in the Laramie Ranfe	Jun 28, 2010 5:00 PM
107	They should not be allowed south of I-25 or in the mountains =	Jun 28, 2010 5:07 PM
108	Build them anywhere on flats so as to not affect wildlife	Jun 28, 2010 5:13 PM
109	The beauty of the mountains especially and Wyoming in general needs to be preserved. We DO NOT need towers running over the top of the Laramie Range.	Jun 28, 2010 7:04 PM
110	no	Jun 28, 2010 7:09 PM
111	The placement of transmission lines to support wind farms placed on private land are an egregious intrusion on neighbors who choose not to participate in wind farming	Jun 28, 2010 7:22 PM

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112	Should be only allowed north of I-25 and below certain elevations	Jun 28, 2010 7:29 PM
113	Lets consider all of the impact obviously electrical transmission has been left out, why?	Jun 28, 2010 7:34 PM
114	Keep out of the mountains	Jun 28, 2010 7:39 PM
115	We do not need wind energy but put the lines where there now exists some. do not ruin our beautiful mountains.	Jun 28, 2010 7:47 PM
116	There is plenty of land north of Douglas on both side of Hwy 59 that already have oil field roads all over, why not use this county for turbines?	Jun 28, 2010 7:54 PM
117	I would appreciate a representative from Clarion Associates to visit my home here in Natrona Co to see what irresponsible siting looks like!	Jun 28, 2010 8:09 PM
118	Should have at least 2 mile setbacks from subdivisions or residences. one mile setback from property lines	Jun 28, 2010 8:20 PM
119	It needs to be done very carefully.	Jun 29, 2010 11:28 AM
120	Although some of the highest wind sites are located in remote mountainous areas, the wind is ubiquitous in Wyoming. While we may get 30% more power by putting a turbine on top of a mountain instead of on the plains, we also must pay for more roads, power lines, etc. and those must be maintained and will affect the landscape significantly more than the turbine itself. The maintenance costs may fall more on local municipalities than the developers - taking a hard look at the economics, I suspect that payoff for putting turbines in the mountains goes primarily into the developers pockets as opposed to residents, who are losing much of the character of the wild mountains for the foreseeable future. The plains are generally more of a working landscape that the mountains, and those ranchers deserve the opportunity to profitably host turbines, while reducing development pressure on relatively rare undeveloped mountain lands. As far as energy return on investment, i suspect putting more turbines in the plains (for equivalent generating capacity) will be equal or better than putting fewer turbines in the mountains given the differences in access.	Jun 29, 2010 1:55 PM
121	Needs serious thought and involvement by all the public not just those who think they can profit by the development.	Jun 29, 2010 3:26 PM
122	We have to remember that the only reason most of these wind farms are being built because of the government feds funding them tar relief for doing this. They are putting tax burden back on us. They build it for free, we pay for power? They really don't bring anything to the towns or county but tear our roads hauling heavy load up and down them an leave. Don't cost them anything. They cant say honestly they have done any investigation on what health concerns may come with them they thought speed guns were safe too. how many police officers have died because of them? They put a practical drain on emergency services they don't think so thought. Remember drill baby drill now look at the impact we as humans jump into things we really don't know about only people we think are smart ideas.	Jun 29, 2010 3:40 PM
123	The general consensus with people I have visited with is that if you are not a big land owner or in the wind business you don't have any say	Jun 29, 2010 3:52 PM
124	don't let it happen!!	Jun 29, 2010 5:03 PM
125	Keep it out in the praire	Jun 29, 2010 5:05 PM
126	The north Laramie range is a howling wilderness in the winter, any repairs would require a major arctic expedition	Jun 29, 2010 5:43 PM
127	I understand the feeling of some of the small ranchers and property owners. Times are hard and extra income would be helpful. One of the reasons their forefather's started there ranches was the love of the land. Thats one of the reasons they stay on the land now. They should also try to look at our side. Even thought we cant be out there with them every day or love for the land is in our hearts and minds. Its hard to think that in the future while driving Windy Ridge and Downty Park the main view will be rows of towers.	Jun 29, 2010 5:53 PM
128	see #5	Jun 29, 2010 6:03 PM

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129	The benefit of wind generators is mall compared to the negative visual impact to our beautiful county and state!	Jun 29, 2010 7:54 PM
130	If we use all resources properly taxes should decrease	Jun 29, 2010 7:58 PM
131	Does wind energy really need to be placed at "optimum" wind zones. put a value on location.	Jun 29, 2010 8:04 PM
132	I believe wind energy is a temporary solution to a much bigger problem so why have it in our mountains	Jun 29, 2010 8:09 PM
133	see #6	Jun 29, 2010 8:15 PM
134	All wind energy created by Wyoming wind should remain in Wyoming to be used by Wyoming residents	Jun 29, 2010 8:41 PM
135	If and when the wind farm come to be - what else will come - I also understand some ranchers need money from this project.	Jun 29, 2010 8:44 PM
136	Although I do not want turbine farms and.or power lines defileing the mountains south of Douglas, Glenrock and Casper, i could back the same in the area north of I-25 as there is little or no recreational ownership in that area.	Jun 29, 2010 8:53 PM
137	[paraphrased from a long letter attached] not against it but thinks they should be kept in areas that are already commercialized - following existing highways, interstates, roads and power line corridors. Do not locate in a virgin non-commercialized area that should be preserved	Jun 29, 2010 9:13 PM
138	The lack of public input has resulted in widespread opposition which would have been avoided if the county commissioners would have been doing their jobs instead of appearing to pursue possible self interests and conflicts.	Jun 29, 2010 9:23 PM
139	My opinion is this is just a fad and a small group of greedy landowners and companies are trying to get a little easy money at the expense of everyone else. Wyoming is a beautiful state but these things are a big eye sore and once roads and power lines are all over the place and these turbines have reached their lifespan it will all be to late. There is a lot of open space that could be used carefully but I would hate to see the hills and mountainous areas destroyed by these unsightly turbines and power lines.	Jun 30, 2010 12:22 AM
140	How are the wind mills going to benefit the citizens of Wy. other than those who own the property the wind mills are on or those selling them? Are our already sky high electric bills going to go down?	Jun 30, 2010 1:33 AM
141	No zoning in Converse County; no restrictions on wind development	Jun 30, 2010 3:06 PM
142	make the wind power companys prove that these towers are cost effective before they expand into different corridors, Atleast make them tie into existining lines,	Jun 30, 2010 7:17 PM
143	My concerns are more with the prospect of zoning in general, I do not want to see zoning begin in our county under any circumstance. Knowing that it is the NLRA and SFW generally opposing the boxelder project, they fail to recognize that it is the current landowners that have allowed them use of their land for recreation, if they have to sell it, these people will likely no longer have access to this land all because they do not to see WT's. Although I am willing to bet Glenrock will erect one in their city in 50 yrs as a monument, just as Casper did with the unsightly oil derrick along the Platte river on Poplar St.	Jul 1, 2010 1:33 AM
144	Wind development on private property should be at the discretion of the landowner, not their neighbors or fellow county residents. Visual impacts have no standing and studies on neighboring property values show no declines. Do not erode property rights with zoning.	Jul 1, 2010 2:31 AM
145	I think that wind developement is sustainable and great for the entire county. It will bring in jobs and revenue, bettering the entire county.	Jul 1, 2010 3:27 AM
146	Development needs to slow down. Things are moving too fast at too far of an extreme	Jul 12, 2010 3:36 PM
147	It seems like a greed issues since it is not electric power needed in Wyoming, but other states that do not want the eye sores.	Jul 12, 2010 3:53 PM

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148	Wind energy is such a small percentage of overall electrical output that it is not worth the destruction of the land and impact it has on it just to put a few dollars into the pockets of a few people.	Jul 12, 2010 4:00 PM
149	Forget it!	Jul 12, 2010 4:05 PM
150	I have concerns with the placement of transmission lines through private land near Laramie Peat and Fort Fetterman road south of Douglas. I also feel that they royalties hough be greater for Converse County.	Jul 12, 2010 4:26 PM
151	Basically Wyoming doesn't need to jump on this "fad" that produces poor tax benefit and get back to the real natural resources that can support Wyoming's future.	Jul 12, 2010 4:31 PM
152	Wind energy is not as efficient as most believe. Check with engineers at major power plants and they will state the facts about how efficient it is.	Jul 12, 2010 4:35 PM
153	Wyoming has lots of wind, lets use to decrease America's dependence on energy from other countries and decrease the impact fossil fuels have on the environment	Jul 12, 2010 4:50 PM
154	mind your own business and property and let other do the same	Jul 12, 2010 4:51 PM
155	Don't ruin our mountains please	Jul 12, 2010 4:55 PM
156	Wind energy is great, just make sure it's done responsibly and with fair compensation to land owners.	Jul 12, 2010 4:59 PM
157	I do NOT support it.	Jul 12, 2010 5:05 PM
158	There are thing in life more important that money. Friends, beautiful county, health, birds and other wild life. Some people will get money at the expense of other loosing money, in diminished property value including their own home. We will pay taxes so others can accomplish this.	Jul 12, 2010 5:21 PM
159	yes junk it and use what we have	Jul 12, 2010 5:51 PM
160	yes. drop the whole project and use the monies to develop what we already have.	Jul 12, 2010 5:57 PM
161	People that have ranch land, etc. have gone crazy with greed! Even at other expense.	Jul 12, 2010 6:01 PM
162	Wind turbines are ill-efficient monstrosities that should not be forced on us, our mountains, our public lands, or our communities! Visual impacts on our public lands and mountains would be horrific.	Jul 12, 2010 6:23 PM
163	Our state should get at least 50% of the energy developed in our state.	Jul 12, 2010 6:29 PM
164	Put all blade towers in wind farms and bury all transmission lines, no exceptions. No blade towers on elevated areas, ridges, mountains, etc. Keep them hidden as much as possible. I would rather see blade towers next to highways and towns keep them out of the mountains for sure.	Jul 12, 2010 7:14 PM
165	Why aren't they trying to put these west of Casper?	Jul 12, 2010 7:14 PM
166	Why is this questionnaire just now coming to the public - with windmills going up everywhere - it seems the people have no say.	Jul 12, 2010 7:36 PM
167	with the hoax of global warming and the fact it has been debunked bid time in a moratorium should be put in place on all wind energy	Jul 12, 2010 7:39 PM
168	we have other energy resources in the country	Jul 12, 2010 7:47 PM
169	I think it is a way to get tax payer money and in 20 years will be in the junk yards.	Jul 12, 2010 8:11 PM
170	Get out of the state of Wyoming	Jul 12, 2010 8:21 PM
171	Why not put it along the interstate. There is ease of maintenance, beal land, access, excellent path for transmission lines	Jul 12, 2010 8:24 PM
172	Keep it to lower elevations.	Jul 12, 2010 8:26 PM
173	I really think our mountain lands should be protected for the future generations money to hal every thing but real beauty nececls protection	Jul 12, 2010 8:32 PM
174	We can use tax dollars, but somehow the visual impact has to be held down. I don't want a power transmission line running through the mountains.	Jul 12, 2010 8:39 PM

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175	Wind development should support land owners that have to get power lines build. no payment for power lines - then not wind towers! Not just surface damage at the time of construction - a monthly/yearly rent for the life of the lines.	Jul 12, 2010 8:47 PM
176	Do not try and take people's land for your own money hungry reasons	Jul 12, 2010 8:52 PM
177	Keep lines off wild, hilly, mountainous areas and consider I-25 as a corridor.	Jul 12, 2010 8:59 PM
178	Load the ranches up - Don't care just not close to town so we can hear - NO MOUNTAINS	Jul 12, 2010 9:10 PM
179	Keep it out of the mountains!	Jul 12, 2010 9:12 PM
180	Please don't let them ruin the mountains. thats why we come to Wyoming.	Jul 12, 2010 9:15 PM
181	If a land owner near an established tower favors the establishment of wind energy they should be allowed to participate. Also around the I-25 corridor should not be harmed by the establishment of the wind turbines.	Jul 12, 2010 9:19 PM
182	I believe we need wind energy. We need to plan ahead using science and not money as a guide. I don't mind the look of wind towers if in a proper place. I believe we need some very explicit zoning in Converse County for wind energy and other land uses.	Jul 12, 2010 9:24 PM
183	I am not against wind energy I just think there are places these turbines do not belong. This needs to be planned very carefully. i would never want to drive to the mountains and see wind turbines.	Jul 12, 2010 9:39 PM
184	we have enough flat land to use that is in nomans land	Jul 12, 2010 9:41 PM
185	Wind energy is an interesting alternative source. i would like to see how effective our existing turbines are over a 10-15 year period before expanding development into more parts of our county.	Jul 12, 2010 9:52 PM
186	I feel that wind energy development should be tested and watched for 10 -15 years to see how effective it truly is and in addition I would like to see exactly how much Wyo can profit from this. I hate to see our profit get dispersed throughout other states instead of our schools and highways	Jul 12, 2010 10:05 PM