

# Converse County Wind Energy Questionnaire

<b>If you noted any items above as “a big concern” in question #4, please briefly tell us more about your specific concerns. (250 characters or less)</b>	
	<b>Response Count</b>
	248
<i>answered question</i>	<b>248</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>164</b>

Response Text		
1	County should impose a 'permit fee' or other fee to offset county costs (road repairs, staff salary, etc.)	May 25, 2010 10:15 PM
2	Wind energy has visual, noise, and property value impact on the land on which it is located and neighboring lands as well. Wind energy development is not appropriate in the Mountains. It should be located in the developed parts of the County (near the Interstate and near other wind projects north of Glenrock). These mountain settings include pristine land with varied ownership and large blocks of public land, used by wildlife and recreationalists.	May 26, 2010 2:05 PM
3	There needs to be coordinated and careful placement of the turbines and the collector and transmission lines. The mountains above 6K feet is inappropriate anywhere in the county.	May 26, 2010 2:21 PM
4	The Northern Laramie Range is beautiful and significant to our area. We need to keep this mountain range in tact. In my book this is a national treasure and should not be destroyed at any cost.	May 26, 2010 2:23 PM
5	Adjacent property owners are affected by viewsheds of wind development and then landowners miles away will have the transmission lines. Adjacent landowners and landowners in transmission corridors personal property rights are being ignored by landowner's choosing to develop wind.	May 26, 2010 2:33 PM
6	The mountains of Converse county are not the place to put 400 ft turbines. The impacts to current land values and view sheds and density of road traffic would be bad for this part of Wyoming	May 26, 2010 2:34 PM
7	I believe the negative impacts from wind turbines as well as the transmission lines required to carry the power to end users will outweigh the potential benefits. We have an opportunity in Wyoming to preserve these valuable open spaces for future generations to enjoy. However, if wind power is allowed into these mountain areas the ecosystems there will no doubt be adversely affected. We cannot say for certain what will happen to the migratory patterns of the elk and other wildlife that inhabit this region but evidence indicates it will cause stress to these populations. Disturbing the topsoil to create new roadways adds to both air and stream pollution, in addition to removing vegetation from the landscape.	May 26, 2010 5:05 PM
8	I have no major concerns with wind energy in Converse County. I think it's a great idea, and I hope more wind projects are built.	May 26, 2010 10:50 PM
9	I want to make sure that any development in Converse County and Wyoming are done responsibly.	May 27, 2010 4:00 PM
10	Viewshed, we are in an area where a wind farm is proposed in the high mountains of Boxelder	May 27, 2010 7:05 PM

Response Text		
11	As an avid outdoorsman the view shed impact of the wind turbines is quite negative. Beyond being hard to look at, what will happen in 20 years when the towers have outlived their usable lives? The tax payer will be burdened with the removal and reclamation again.	May 27, 2010 8:40 PM
12	Damage to roads and moving roads to accomodate large trucks can diminish character of roads.	May 30, 2010 3:31 PM
13	Industrial-scale wind infrstructure is so large and disruptive that its impacts can't be mitigated, especially in varied-use, varied ownership landscapes such as the mountains of our County. Property values in those area - which are driven by scenery and recreation - will be trashed.	May 30, 2010 8:20 PM
14	I am in favor of wind energy development in Converse county, but only as long as it is properly sited. Building industrial wind turbines in the mountains is a terrible waste of the beautiful and bountiful land that the county is lucky enough to have, not to mention the crippling impact it would have on the wildlife, as well as the property values and way of life of those involved.	May 30, 2010 9:35 PM
15	I strongly believe that in the increasingly developed condition of the country, Converse County is a hidden gem of aesthetic appeal. It could be worth so much in terms of real estate and could help bring WY out of the energy crisis it will soon experience as our nation becomes increasingly "greener."	May 31, 2010 2:24 PM
16	I hate the visual impacts, they ruin the skyline. I have land in Wyoming to enjoy the beautiful views and wildlife, not to look at wind turbines. The land needs to be left virginal, not ruined with wind turbines. Keep the turbines off beautiful land and the Laramie mountain range, keep them where the land is open and does not have much asthetic value and people do not visit or live.	Jun 1, 2010 2:19 PM
17	The impact seems to out way the benefits. Increased use of the road ways, with little or no repair or replacement. No one seems to be exposing how much the wind turbins contribute to the energy grid.	Jun 1, 2010 4:43 PM
18	Deeply concerned about: 1) the visual impact along the mountain front between I-25 and the Laramie Range; 2) the impact upon our wildlife and cultural resources; 3) the impact upon rural lifestyles; 4) the impacts upon the county infrastructure including roads; and 5) the impact upon county finances.	Jun 1, 2010 8:55 PM
19	There is no reason to industrialize our beautiful mountainous country. Wind turbines will not produce the quantity/quality of energy claimed and citizens will end up paying the price for a bill of goods sold to them in the name of "wind energy."	Jun 1, 2010 10:43 PM
20	These turbines are an eyesore. I didn't buy mountain property to have to look at these monstrosities. New roads will scar the mountains and wildlife will certainly suffer from their presence.	Jun 1, 2010 11:38 PM
21	In a single generation, this subsidized fad is going to wipe out what the residents of this state value about the state. It will wipe out the viewsheds, industrialize the few pristine areas we have left, and make us feel like our state exists to provide power to other states. All of the wind developers are coming from out of state and claiming our land as their own by abusing our state's lenient eminent domain law. If wind farms are such a great deal, why are they not putting them along the Wasatch front, along the Oregon/California coast, and along Colorado's front Range? The Wall Street Journal rated the Oregon and California coasts as some of the best in the nation. Let me answer the question for you. The money mongers have found a way to capitalize on the government subsidized wind boom, provide power to their states, and keep their own views unobstructed.	Jun 1, 2010 11:56 PM
22	I do not want to see the developement in the mountains on the so. side of I-25. It is not necessary!	Jun 2, 2010 3:04 AM
23	Having to look at turbines instead of beautiful landscape	Jun 2, 2010 3:59 AM
24	I would be opposed to the construction of access roads through the adjacent lands of neighboring land owners that would be used to construct and maintain wind farm equipment	Jun 2, 2010 4:09 AM

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25	<p>Anyone should be able to develop or do what they want with their own property. If a property owner wishes to put up wind turbines/wind farm that is their right. However, if their neighbor does not wish to have tranmission lines through their property, then the windfarm project must find a way to go around or scrap the project. No one should be forced into putting transmission lines or wind power on their property.</p> <p>Also, the cost in energy to build a wind generator is never recouped in that generators lifetime. So what is the point of wind power technology anyways?</p>	Jun 2, 2010 1:13 PM
26	The overall impact of turbines, roads, and collector lines on the entire viewscape of the mountains and the quality of experience of the mountains is a huge concern. The Laramie Range has been a valuable, nearby refuge from industrialization and "civilization" for residents of Converse and Natrona County. Development will ruin that.	Jun 2, 2010 2:29 PM
27	The amount of Electricity that the Turbines are able to generate at this time is small when weighed against their negative enviornmental impact.	Jun 2, 2010 2:47 PM
28	I really don't feel that a few companies should control what is built and then they move on to other projects and we the citizens of Converse County have to look at the ugly eyesore they created for the rest of our lives.	Jun 2, 2010 3:29 PM
29	The destruction of our beautiful natural habitats and the scarring of the land with industry.	Jun 2, 2010 4:50 PM
30	The wind turbines will require power lines to cross over private as well as public property, with no compensation to proprety owners that have to live with the lines as well as the sight of the turbines. On an economic point the turbines have a limited life span that does not justify the financial outlay. There is no reclamation laws in place for de-commisioned turbines. There is no long term financial gains for the county or it's land owners after construction is completed.	Jun 2, 2010 4:54 PM
31	My concerns are centered around the size not only of the turbines themselves, but about the size of the complete infrastructure to complete and maintain such a large number of turbines in mountain terrain. The major attraction to the mountains are to enjoy the scenic beauty and to get away from developed areas. Allowing the industrialization of the mountains will deteriorate both.	Jun 2, 2010 6:31 PM
32	There are areas within the State of Wyoming which have served local residents and others for years as a sourece of income, recreation and "soul renewal". Families locate, put down roots and earn their livelihood in these locations just because they want to stay close to the lifestyle which the area provides. These areas are sacred and must be preserved in their original state. The Downey Park area of Converse County is one such area. If large industrial development (read wind farms) are allowed in this area, the present culture of Douglas will be destroyed.	Jun 2, 2010 6:38 PM
33	We have a beautiful state, particularly the mountain areas. Let's don't sell our state's beauty for development that is based on uncertain science as is global warming. I worry this wind energy issue is going to be a short lived passion in Washington and when the reality of the high cost and inefficient energy costs, we will be lift with these horrendous wind turbines in our mountains. Also, the costs to the county for the deveopment and maintenance of roads to these mountaineous locations, that have historically been closed in winter months, will be a significant issue to the taxpayers.	Jun 3, 2010 12:54 AM
34	Our Family does Not want wind turbines (generators) in our mountains.	Jun 3, 2010 1:49 AM
35	This area is as close to wilderness that we have in this part of the state and i feel it should be protected.	Jun 3, 2010 3:04 PM
36	I am only concerned about the fact that landowners are compensated and that they don't try to put limitations on landowner rights.	Jun 3, 2010 4:44 PM

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37	This area has been kept in pristine condition by the landowners and county for the benefits it provides the public with regards to ranching and "tourism".Once developed it will be forever changed for the worse,as it will bring industrial dev to a place that is a wild and scenic sanctuary for wildlife and man alike.Once lost,it cannot be replaced,and this sacrifice would be made for tech that is yet to be proven as sustainable.Should this project be deemed non-sustainable,what is the plan for reclamation?Would there be enough tax revenue to support the additional road&bridge maint needed?Would the proposed field be expanded?All of these items are liabilities that I dont think offset the gains of locating this dev where proposed.The site needs to be established where utility corridors exist,and it is a non-issue	Jun 3, 2010 5:09 PM
38	the beauty of the mountains and the peace and quiet . the roads need to be left as is except for normal maintenance because new roads would open the area up to an excess amount of traffic.	Jun 4, 2010 2:43 AM
39	Our birds and bats are especially vulnerable to these wind farms. Mother Nature needs our common sense. Are we going to wakeup one morning and not see or hear the birds? Look what happened to our natural runs of Salmon when we built the dams on the rivers. The potential for a similar result to our winged wildlife is there.	Jun 4, 2010 5:29 AM
40	Turbines and transmission lines dramatically impact viewscapes. High impact on tens of thousands of acres of land for a relatively low amount of electricity produced. Construction Roads cut north of Glenrock are far out of scale to existing state roads. View destruction lowers property values.	Jun 4, 2010 1:46 PM
41	My concerns are the state and county goverment are not ready for wind energy with zoneing , taxable income from wind, This leads to farms (wind) and feeder / Power lines in non desirable locations.	Jun 4, 2010 2:47 PM
42	I am not against wind just putting it in the wrong places to light up LA at the expense of ruining Wyoming Mountains and wildlife . I also resent that we have elected commissioners who are working for their own agenda not the people and voters of Converse County.	Jun 4, 2010 3:59 PM
43	Property owners physically impacted by industrial projects should be fairly compensated with an annual payment system.	Jun 5, 2010 1:05 AM
44	Since the county does not seem to have enough budget to maintain roads now, may be the wind companies would do a better job.	Jun 5, 2010 11:29 PM
45	unconstitutional  should be determined by contract	Jun 5, 2010 11:54 PM
46	property owners should have the right to make money off their land. They should be able to market their land to the highest offer for the tourbines.	Jun 7, 2010 3:34 AM
47	The visual effects of the turbines are huge. The turbines that are currently standing can be seen from almost anywhere. What will happen with all of the roads and turbines when they quit working. Will they reclaim everything or just leave them standing and the roads to grow back in with gras and sage brush.	Jun 7, 2010 11:37 AM
48	It's one thing to build these imposing behemoths on the flat, open prarie where wind is the only thing that these things will bother. It's quite another to stick these things on scenic and pristine lands where a large propeller takes alot away from the beauty and solitude of the mountainous areas.	Jun 7, 2010 3:22 PM
49	Our own concerns however, the Co. Comm. have brought it to everyone's attention.	Jun 7, 2010 4:49 PM
50	I own property in a proposed wind farm. I should be able to make my deal with the wind farm developer without outside interference.	Jun 7, 2010 5:34 PM
51	None at this time	Jun 7, 2010 11:16 PM
52	ASDFASFAASDF	Jun 9, 2010 12:06 AM

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53	annual or bi-annual payments for right of ways of transmission and collector lines (no 1 time payment for condemned property) not governments job to force landowners into possible foreclosure when wind energy may be alternative to losing the ranch	Jun 9, 2010 2:49 AM
54	I am concerned that the counties or cities that bear the impact from these developments will see very few dollars from taxes, etc. People who live with these should be compensated to offset any costs from how these developments impact communities and infrastructure, etc. I hope that we will not see the base of the mountain lined with wind turbines, there are other areas that would be more suitable for this type of development.	Jun 9, 2010 4:57 PM
55	I note in item #3 that I have no concern, question 4 says if you answer yes, continue. Survey will not let you continue without answering #4, which is quite elementary.	Jun 9, 2010 7:34 PM
56	Our family has an outfitting lease near the prospective area, I live on a county road that has been tormented by gravel trucks, and I like to go to OUR MOUNTAINS and enjoy the PEACE AND SERENITY!!! I believe that if wind energy is developed, taxation should apply as with all other forms of energy (oil, gas etc)	Jun 9, 2010 9:15 PM
57	Wyoming is known for its views and wide open spaces, one of the reasons I choose to live here. Wind turbines and transmission towers defile that - view pollution. Hwy 20-26 getting torn up with turbine traffic - first cement and gravel trucks - now turbine parts every day. Wind has not created high paying jobs that remain in the community of Glenrock - a small community and no one knows these people. Hunters and visitors will go elsewhere - impacting county coffers.	Jun 9, 2010 10:24 PM
58	wind developement in the mountains and the visual concerns	Jun 10, 2010 2:22 AM
59	i do not want to see wind turbines from my cabin in the mountians! These need to stay out of the mountains.	Jun 10, 2010 3:03 AM
60	I feel they are an eyesore to look at. We deal with them being transported on the highways every day and it's not very enjoyable. Property values are going to decrease from them being in the area.	Jun 10, 2010 4:07 PM
61	This is primarily a private property rights issue. My greatest concern is that thru attempts to tax and regulate wind energy we will reduce the opportunities for landowners to participate in wind development and misdirect funds which could have been used for compensation to landowners. As far as public policy,with recent events in the Gulf we should not be doing anything to discourage alternative energy sources	Jun 11, 2010 3:45 AM
62	As a property owner I would like pay if the windmills went up on my land. Also, I would like to preserve and protect the environment as much as possible.	Jun 11, 2010 3:49 PM
63	I have a big concern that we will lose the benefits of wind and the jobs/money if they don't come here.	Jun 11, 2010 8:45 PM
64	How do you ever reclaim the land back to what it was before wind towers? Someday wind towers may be not cost efficient to generate electrical power and their will be no way to reclaim this land back to the way it was before the big, ugly, concrete supported towers appeared. What a sad world that we live in when the peoples greed it more important then our heritage to our children.	Jun 13, 2010 6:05 PM
65	I have no big concerns.	Jun 13, 2010 6:53 PM
66	This is going to take away from all the bueaty of the land. I want to be able to show my children where my family grew up.	Jun 13, 2010 6:54 PM
67	Moving game animals from areas	Jun 13, 2010 7:02 PM
68	it is because the elk and other the wildlife will have to movce there migration grounds.	Jun 13, 2010 7:24 PM
69	I own 160 acres in the mountains with a primitive cabin on it. The cabin was built by my grandfather in 1951. I use it to get away from industry. The views, the quiet, and the animals are what make it valuable.	Jun 15, 2010 3:33 PM

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70	That it won't happen due to the Alliance Who are they to tell private land owners we cannot provide for our family	Jun 16, 2010 6:04 PM
71	I feel the income from the wind farms will save the ranches and keep them open to use by hunters and the public. If they are forced to sell the RICH buyers will surely close them to the public. A great loss for the community and those who can't afford to pay for private hunts.	Jun 16, 2010 11:44 PM
72	I feel the wind farms will benefit the county, rancher and public more than any negative effect from the esthetics. The HAVES are opposed based on esthetics but the over all benefits far out weigh the negatives.	Jun 17, 2010 1:50 AM
73	I am concerned that Converse County will violate the private property right of those trying to develop wind projects by denying them their right to do as they wish on their own property. Denying these landowners the right to develop the projects puts the ranchers in danger of going out of business so someone can look at the ranch, for free, without seeing a wind turbine.	Jun 17, 2010 3:45 AM
74	We need wind energy development for economic development in this area, and for a stable electric grid to supply nationwide demand. I'm concerned that a few monied people will stall that process.	Jun 17, 2010 12:52 PM
75	Property owners and developers reap the benefits of a wind farm while the county must provide infrastructure and ongoing services for the area without enough revenue generated by the farm. Fair compensation for the property owner whose land the transmission lines traverse is a large problem.	Jun 17, 2010 4:52 PM
76	As I see it when a person or group tries to tell me what I can do with my property and uses government money to sue me I get very disgusted.	Jun 18, 2010 11:00 PM
77	Reduce tourism, loss of beauty in the mountains that can't be replace. It's a program for ranchers who can't make it. It steps on people's property rights and only a small percentage of people benefit. Why don't they split the money between all rancher and land owners involved.	Jun 19, 2010 3:00 AM
78	more	Jun 21, 2010 2:06 AM
79	suggested location in forested area seem to be huge environmental impact which is counter to ecological purpose.	Jun 21, 2010 3:29 PM
80	keeping these huge obstructions out of the mountains!	Jun 21, 2010 9:20 PM
81	I believe the wind turbines/transmission lines are not only going to affect property value but in my heart know that it will change the land as we know it. I want to preserve the mountainous areas for our future youth and believe it is important for them to be able to experience some "untouched" areas for historic purposes.	Jun 22, 2010 3:17 AM
82	I am concerned about the use of the land once wind energy is developed, for example: increased traffic, hunting, and the impact on our big game and sage grouse.	Jun 22, 2010 3:28 AM
83	With any other industry; rules, regulations, and laws would curb any over-ambitious companies from moving too fast. There is no protection for the people, land, or animals. High price to pay for a technology that is unproven, weak, and inefficient.	Jun 22, 2010 2:24 PM
84	These turbines are such an eye sore and it is NOT fair to allow some people to financially benefit from having the turbines on their property & then allow the power poles to be spread out all over the country on the property of people who neither want or support wind energy. These turbines could be a passing fancy & will be obsolete in the near future. It is very unfair to destroy the scenic views of this great county with eyesores. What a travesty that will be!!!	Jun 22, 2010 3:10 PM
85	Wind energy is not efficient, is noisy and is a disruption to both humans and wildlife. It is visually offensive and is not conducive to the life the people of Converse county chose and deserve to have. Wind energy is the "fad of the day" and is not able to fulfill the energy needs we have and will never be able to fulfill these needs. Please stop this now. Thank you for saving our home.	Jun 22, 2010 4:07 PM
86	don't have any big concerns.	Jun 23, 2010 12:41 AM

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87	Leave the mountains alone and as they are.	Jun 23, 2010 1:35 PM
88	The turbines will ruin the quiet beauty in the mountains. They will lower property value and alter the wildlife habitat, and adversely effect hunting.	Jun 23, 2010 9:17 PM
89	I am worried about wildlife. The construction of new roads & maintaining those roads could change breeding habits. There will also be additional costs to the county for maintaining roads year round. Concerned about limiting hunting access.	Jun 24, 2010 7:23 PM
90	Wind development should only be allowed where there is already other wind development. There is a lot of unknowns about the impact of wind on neighboring properties and harmful effects on them. Wind companies should not be allowed to affect other people's lands and the neighbors won't be compensated fairly.	Jun 25, 2010 8:09 AM
91	Transmission lines - seen for miles Turbines - interrupting scenic views Cost to taxpayers for roads and such	Jun 25, 2010 8:33 PM
92	Visual impact in our mountain areas	Jun 25, 2010 8:45 PM
93	In the mountains the landscape is everything. Large wind turbines will affect that dramatically. Wildlife impact, will it change where they stay.	Jun 25, 2010 8:45 PM
94	Property value would plummet; county services would be overloaded; the view shed is important	Jun 25, 2010 8:48 PM
95	In all of the areas above checked as "a big concern," I am very concerned for the Northern Laramie Range mountains and foothills and the impact wind energy will have upon our beautiful land. I do not believe wind energy is a sustainable, profit making, energy enterprise and I think our land will be left a mess once the federal subsidies run out.	Jun 25, 2010 8:52 PM
96	Come on, Really! you are seriously thinking of putting 400 ft turbines, along with substations, power lines, and roads in the mountains! what happened to "NEEDING" roadless area?	Jun 25, 2010 9:14 PM
97	The huge towers and the cost it would take to get rid of one if it would be necessary to get rid of it. Also, the presence of these towers in the mountains would take away from the beauty and solitude	Jun 25, 2010 10:36 PM
98	I am not against wind development, however, LOCATION is critical. Location issues concern not only turbine, but service roads, transmission lines, maintenance difficulties, increased traffic	Jun 25, 2010 10:38 PM
99	I don't want to look at wind turbines where I elk hunt, camp, fish. The roads are ruff enough without added traffic. I don't want them closing access to areas of hunting. Put them in someone's back yard that voted for Obama	Jun 25, 2010 10:42 PM
100	What will county residents gain by allowing turbine? how will developers contribute to road repair. I think if developed, large percentage should go back to roads and wildlife	Jun 25, 2010 10:55 PM
101	Birds, raptors and bats are nature's way of protecting us from pests and insects. Also, who is evaluating the archeological and historical sites??? We need experts to do that.	Jun 27, 2010 2:30 AM
102	I purchased my property due to the beautiful scenery and tranquil environment. Most of my neighbors purchased their property for the same reason. Wind energy development would have a huge negative impact on what makes my property valuable to me.	Jun 28, 2010 2:33 PM
103	I feel the wildlife will be affected plus I don't think the wind energy needs to go in a beautiful green forest area. We have many other high prairie lands to use. And I really DO NOT WANT to see them in our beautiful land.	Jun 28, 2010 2:40 PM
104	This development will RUIN the mature of the entire valley and will be an exesone - hunt wildlife and decrease values.	Jun 28, 2010 2:42 PM
105	Basically, impacts that will result on all natural habitat	Jun 28, 2010 2:44 PM
106	A great deal of money will be spent for very little power. This travesty will ruin the area!	Jun 28, 2010 2:47 PM

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107	I own 80 acres in Befelder accessed by a county road to within my acreage, and one mile on a road in Forest Service areas. Use, livestock problems, dangers to wildlife and many other concerns are obvious.	Jun 28, 2010 2:50 PM
108	That eminent domain is used to force people to put stuff on their land they don't want. e.g.: transmission.	Jun 28, 2010 2:58 PM
109	I believe the "eminent domain" should be not allowed for this or railroads. They are a private business and should pay their way - however the land owner should be allowed to compensate their income on their own land and interests.	Jun 28, 2010 3:01 PM
110	Keep Converse County S of i-25 pristine. It is the last frontier of open scenic spaces and mountains.	Jun 28, 2010 3:09 PM
111	Wind energy is not the total answer and we should not spoil this county with the dam things	Jun 28, 2010 3:13 PM
112	They're ugly and will ruin the mountain range!	Jun 28, 2010 3:15 PM
113	The effect on the Laramie Peak elk herd. The eminent domain and condemnation laws.	Jun 28, 2010 3:24 PM
114	I want Wyoming to stay like it is, no more economic development, don't want to look at turbines, don't want new roads, buildings, people, etc.	Jun 28, 2010 3:26 PM
115	Location, location, location, on low lands or ranch land not God's country (the mountains)	Jun 28, 2010 3:29 PM
116	Don't like them they will never pay for themselves, all of the damage to the terrain in words and location will scar the country forever for some wind mills that aren't feasible to operate	Jun 28, 2010 3:34 PM
117	The visual impact is huge in the pristine Laramie Range. Cost - visual - land use	Jun 28, 2010 3:46 PM
118	The public can't camp on state land, so why should we allow the power companies to do as they please on this land? During hunting season, this will have a great impact on areas for foot traffic only.	Jun 28, 2010 3:50 PM
119	This is large scale industrialization that should not be taken lightly. It will affect wildlife, watersheds, historic areas and impact neighboring landowners.	Jun 28, 2010 3:59 PM
120	I don't want to see any of this development in the mountain area!	Jun 28, 2010 4:38 PM
121	Turbines are not pretty to look at. Hunting access has diminished a great deal and would get much worse. Converse County and the State can't keep our roads up now.	Jun 28, 2010 4:41 PM
122	"Visual Impact" - "Eye pollution" Disruption of wildlife and way of life! Inefficient source of energy! Who will pay to take these things down when they become obsolete!	Jun 28, 2010 4:49 PM
123	All of the above are big concerns for me. 10 years ago I bought property in the Laramie Range. It was a dream of mine since I was 10 or 11 years old. To have a cabin and land in these mountains to hunt, fish, and just enjoy the peace of them. I worked hard to achieve that dream and reached it. Now it will be destroyed with wind mills and power lines that will go within a mile of my cabin, my dream, and the views and peace that I love. Not to mention a bit of other people's same dreams and love of the Laramie range. With all these wind power plants I will lose and only a handful of people will profit. I lose my dream so others can profit immensely. Not to mention the loss of my property value. Even the people who use the mountain and don't own property will lose. There are other places to put them that will work fine.	Jun 28, 2010 4:58 PM
124	I don't want to look at the wind turbines, especially in the mountains. They will have an effect on wildlife, roads that will be negative. It will affect hunting in a negative way and limit access which is already tough. It will also drop property value due to having to look at them.	Jun 28, 2010 5:06 PM
125	Companies making demand on county infrastructure should be made to pay for increased demands. Company activity on privacy and property value should be paid for.	Jun 28, 2010 5:10 PM

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126	we need leave mountains for wildlife, we have already crowded them enough!!	Jun 28, 2010 5:13 PM
127	One of Wyoming's greatest natural resources is its pristine beauty - once you destroy that it cannot be recaptured - there are other avenues and areas for energy development - don't destroy on of Wyoming's best commodities - Pristine Nature.	Jun 28, 2010 5:15 PM
128	wind turbines in all areas are a big eye sore.	Jun 28, 2010 5:17 PM
129	How its going to impact our natural environment. Limits to access for camping and just an eye sore for what's already natural.	Jun 28, 2010 5:20 PM
130	Just got to Caper and all you see are wind turbines, they look terrible and now you want to put them in the mountains. thousands of square mile of unusable land all over the state and you want to put them in plain sight or mountain passes.	Jun 28, 2010 5:22 PM
131	These towers and the roads to service them will be permanent. We do not need these turbines that badly	Jun 28, 2010 7:03 PM
132	At what point do we stop? All of our natural resource go all over the country and where do we benefit from wind energy? I may be wrong but I don't see the benefit at all for the citizens of the community.	Jun 28, 2010 7:07 PM
133	Having been in mining and energy development most of my life I understand the demand for Wyoming's natural resources and the importance this plays on our economy both personally and at a state level; however, I also know that we must go about this ever increasing development in a carefully planned and responsible way keeping in the from of every decision the impacts on the environment as well as our neighbors and near by communities. there is plenty of room in our great state for these new developments - especially in wind generated power. However, in the precious mountains where we hunt, fish, camp and go to get away from it all is no place for them. Alternative routes must be found in order to dodge the extremely sensitive systems of our beautiful Laramie range. I feel that the already present wind turbine farms can be expanded on there current locations instead of cropping up all over and the associated transmissions likes can be routed around the mountains instead of right through them. Besides wind energy is not a self supportive energy source its a government funded joke.	Jun 28, 2010 7:16 PM
134	Wyoming has and should remain a state of wide open spaces, where the land resembles its centuries ago appearance. The visual image of a Palm Springs like wind turbine landscape would ruin Wyoming's greatest assets.	Jun 28, 2010 7:26 PM
135	- visual impacts - destroying beautiful mountains - concerned with impact on deer and elk heards and the wintering area being broken up by turbines - public land being taken for use and not being accessible to public use	Jun 28, 2010 7:29 PM
136	It is not proper or necessary to industrialize the scenic parts of Wyoming non of above mentions transmission lines wow missed a big one!	Jun 28, 2010 7:32 PM
137	I don't want them in the area!!!	Jun 28, 2010 7:38 PM
138	I just do not want wind turbines through our mountain property. It would devastate our wonderful life at our cabin and surrounding land we own. We have spent much money and very hard work to have our place like we want it - peace and quiet, streams, ponds full of fish elk, deer etc!	Jun 28, 2010 7:44 PM
139	The mountains are not the place for turbines. The place where they are wanting to put them are critical winter and summer range for elk, deer, antelope and a variety of other game animals. If they install turbines in these areas the herds will suffer tremendously.	Jun 28, 2010 7:52 PM
140	I share a fence with the Chevron wind farm here in Natrona County and our county commissioner showed no concern about property values or health, safety of our citizens, how pathetic!	Jun 28, 2010 8:09 PM
141	Own cabin site on 40 acres and am concerned about locating turbines in area near cabin. Will lose property value, will disrupt hunting for elk in area. Will decrease visual beauty forever.	Jun 28, 2010 8:19 PM

Response Text		
142	I am concerded that the development of wind energy in the mountains regions of the county reduce property values for the neighbors of those with wind, limit the property rights of other by requiring transmission lines to cross undeveloped land and the impacts to wildlife and the limits of hunting and access to public lands.	Jun 28, 2010 11:00 PM
143	I am concerned that this will significantly change the mountain lands we love, as well as the parks leading to them. While bringing money into the county, the losses to tourism, hunting, way of life will be much greater. The changes made to this area will permanently impact the wildlife and natural resources; they will never be the same again. One of the most precious things we can pass to future generations is the American wilderness, including ranches and semi-wild areas. Once we change these, we can never go back.	Jun 29, 2010 11:28 AM
144	I am concerned about risk to the wild character of the N.L. Range. My family purchased land here because of its remoteness - this area has almost no power lines or lights at night, few developed roads and an abundance of space and wildlife. I am in favor of wind and alternative energy in general, but don't think it is worth the sacrifice of bringing roads, power lines, lights and other development into one of the few remaining wild places in this country - we should build them where roads, utilities and working land already exists in the nearby area.	Jun 29, 2010 1:44 PM
145	Wildlife habitat fragmentation, especially elk.	Jun 29, 2010 3:21 PM
146	limited towers to area along highway or corridor already polluted by power lines and towers	Jun 29, 2010 3:22 PM
147	The lose of hunting on state, land the lose of grazing land, lose of wildlife chased our of country already see more deer moving into the town of Rollinghills because of construction on Duke Energy Construction on theres. Peoples property values who really wants to live next to wind turbines. Taking away my Wyoming heritage of wide open spaces. I really like the county and want to live as my family has done for the last 100 years. I want to live there to get away from people and things not have them next door tearing apart the country. Has there really been an archeological study done on what history they may be destroying without knowing. Remember the hulf they though all that was safe too	Jun 29, 2010 3:34 PM
148	Wind farms near Casper and north of Glenrock are obvious visual impacts that are not needed in mountain terrain south of Glenrock	Jun 29, 2010 3:51 PM
149	The energy companies need to pay for any impact they make in the state/county where they operate. There has to be a fairer way to compensatae land owners for easements across their land other than a one time payment.	Jun 29, 2010 4:57 PM
150	I live in Rolling Hills. The horizon that i used to enjoy is now dotted with these towers. I believe they are an eye sore. If I wanted to see man made construction i would move to the city.	Jun 29, 2010 5:02 PM
151	Keep wind generator and all other future industrialization out of the mountains.	Jun 29, 2010 5:04 PM
152	I don't want the transmission lines or any more traffic in the pristine country south of I-25 or in the high elevations!	Jun 29, 2010 5:31 PM
153	Place there "THINGS" and transmission lines north of I-25 and along the interstate. Not in the pristine mountain country!	Jun 29, 2010 5:37 PM
154	Property owners where structures are built will be compensated but those next door who are also impacted will not	Jun 29, 2010 5:42 PM
155	My main concerns are there seems to be no checks and balances wind energy development. All they have to do is write out some checks and they can build anywhere they want. As a small property owner surrounded by large property owner to the west I have no say if they want to put wind generators next to me. I've lived her for 60 years and hat the thought that when i go into the mountains there may be wind generator stretching for miles along with the power lines that go with them.	Jun 29, 2010 5:47 PM

Response Text		
156	I, as a lot of people do, feel that it is important to develop energy sources other than oil or coal, with the mess in the gulf a great example. Wind, water, sun.. these are sources that can be used, they are clean and in unending quality. People all over are saying these things, but when i comes down to actually doing it, roadblocks are thrown up and people start shouting "NO, not in my area, not where I can see it, no, no, non, no." It seems that minds need to be made up... are we as a people going to improve our world by using the resources that will not poison our wanter, our air, ourselves. Are we going to continue spending billions of dollars on oil and coal, continue digging massive craters in the earth destroying acres and acres of land, continue drilling for oil and gas in our wildlife preserves disturbing the very land and wildlife that makes this country great, continue to drill for oil under the ocean floor, spilling oil and chemicals into the water killing the water environment for an untold and unrealized number of years... or are we going to allow new resources to be developed such as wind, wanter or sun... We as a people need to be more open minded and realize that sacrifices such as seeing wind tower need to be made in order to improve our world in the long term. Wind Towers in our area is a good idea, I support the entire concept and I would hope that organizations such at the Northern Laramie Range Alliance would realize the long term "health" of our world needs to be a priority even if ti means sacrifices for some now.	Jun 29, 2010 6:03 PM
157	Wind generators are a visual impact to our area both at day time and at night (lights). They impact the beauty of our county and state.	Jun 29, 2010 7:54 PM
158	There will be impacts on all services which in the Ester Brook area are few anyway	Jun 29, 2010 7:58 PM
159	more roads disrupt wildlife	Jun 29, 2010 8:00 PM
160	I think it is stupid to industrialize the mountains for some electricity. there are much more cost effective ways to produce electricity. We are the energy producing state in raw materials. Build a plan and put it on the grid that creates jobs and growth.	Jun 29, 2010 8:03 PM
161	I am concerned that once wind turbines are in place there is no taking back the impact they will have. They will decrease the quality of the mountains	Jun 29, 2010 8:08 PM
162	more roads means more money to maintain and more traffic in remote and private more vandalism in cobines - we can keep people off private land now - what will i be like if roads are made up to higher traffic standards?	Jun 29, 2010 8:15 PM
163	I feel too many turbines in one area could be a problem	Jun 29, 2010 8:32 PM
164	The towers would turn this into an industrial site. There is enough area north of Glenrock for these. We need to pass our children and grandchildren an area not affected by industry. the roads etc will be paid by my taxes. My property could be used for lines to get the power to other states. With no compensation but lower my property value.	Jun 29, 2010 8:36 PM
165	Impact on private property	Jun 29, 2010 8:40 PM
166	concerned about wildlife - road construction - where power lines will go	Jun 29, 2010 8:43 PM
167	Transmission lines, their location on our property, and if they use our land, they should allow us to collect fees from them, just like the wind generators people get periodically and not be given a one time only check.	Jun 29, 2010 8:48 PM
168	My concern is that the recreation value of the mountain land and the scenic value will be degraded for all future users	Jun 29, 2010 8:52 PM
169	As a ind project is developed the necessary roads to create access destroys the land that is being used for the towers. The added traffic will drive off wildlife	Jun 29, 2010 8:56 PM
170	In general going against mother nature.	Jun 29, 2010 8:59 PM
171	I heard it took more energy to put one turbine up than you could ever produce in the lifetime of the turbine. It was on fox news.	Jun 29, 2010 9:01 PM

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172	[paraphrased from a long letter attached] removal of turbines once obsolete, impact of service roads, spring and creeks that will be affected, sound of the turbines and power lines, lights on the towers ruining the night sky, visual impact ruining the landscape and scenic county	Jun 29, 2010 9:13 PM
173	There is no public input allowed in these decisions	Jun 29, 2010 9:20 PM
174	Fair Compensation for property owners - This is not clear if you are referring to the property the turbines are located on or the adjacent properties that it greatly diminishes the value, view, and usefulness of the property. I think that the compensation for every turbine should be distributed evenly to every landowner that is adjacent to the property or within x amount of miles that every turbine is located on. That will keep greedy landowners from benefiting while landowners in the vicinity that don't want them won't get screwed in the deal. I think that all landowners affected in anyway by an installation should have to sign off on approval before any turbine or power line is installed and if any disagree then it cannot be installed.	Jun 29, 2010 11:49 PM
175	property taxes and damage to roads impact on wild life, birds and bats.	Jun 30, 2010 1:26 AM
176	they look bad. property value will go down. they'll tear the ground up by putting in new roads ect.	Jun 30, 2010 5:39 PM
177	Not all land owners want the towers nor the transmission lines through their property. The effectiveness of wind generated power has not been proven.	Jun 30, 2010 6:59 PM
178	I believe that road use by developers may diminish road quality for a time, but ultimately roads will likely be improved from their current state. I believe that wind projects would have far fewer impacts on wildlife, tourism, hunting, historical sites, and impacts on county services than having an ag operation subdivide.	Jul 1, 2010 2:13 AM
179	I am concerned about all the "hunters" who have been enjoying hunting privileges on ranches and now want to dictate what the ranches may do when the hunting will not be affected.	Jul 1, 2010 3:17 AM
180	Own property is maintained for recreation - our own peace of mind and privacy. I do not want to see development in the immediate area.	Jul 12, 2010 3:25 PM
181	1. location of "new" roads 2. Privacy of land owners 3. additional traffic during and after construction	Jul 12, 2010 3:30 PM
182	Leave these monsters out of the mountains affecting our wildlife	Jul 12, 2010 3:31 PM
183	My biggest concern is the impact that noisy turbines, increased human presence and roads will have on habitat and wildlife migration patterns. It has no place in the wilderness!!	Jul 12, 2010 3:33 PM
184	Higher taxes using other people's land for power lines so that they can get rich without working and lower the value of our land.	Jul 12, 2010 3:38 PM
185	I am concerned by putting windmills and electrical lines in the mountains is going to take away from the pristine look and untouched by man experience that my kids and grandkids in the future will see. It is going to limit where I can hunt and ruin the roads to our cabin and hunting grounds. They are just a big eye sore,	Jul 12, 2010 3:59 PM
186	I have land high up, Easterbrook, which we bought for the solitude and mountain views plus wind - I do hate to see that impact my way of living.	Jul 12, 2010 4:05 PM
187	What will happen with the turbines when you decide not to use them anymore.	Jul 12, 2010 4:09 PM
188	Care to protect wildlife	Jul 12, 2010 4:11 PM
189	We don't want any mountains dynamited or destroyed. Natural beauty is meant for our wildlife in their natural habitat. It could effect our hunting areas to push the wildlife out further away or leave to some where else. We take pride in the area we live in to be able to hunt and fish in the beauty that is around us. There are so many other options to put the wind turbines than here.	Jul 12, 2010 4:18 PM
190	Hunting and harvesting is very important to this area and if the turbine push out the wildlife this could have an impact on our lives.	Jul 12, 2010 4:22 PM

Response Text		
191	Do we get money for it? Then yes. If not then I don't want to pay for someone else's energy	Jul 12, 2010 4:23 PM
192	What will happen to the turbines when they decide not to use them anymore. (Use them as yard decoration)	Jul 12, 2010 4:24 PM
193	I would like to make sure that historical areas are protected.	Jul 12, 2010 4:25 PM
194	I feel it is selfish of private property owners to want to make financial personal gains while others land is affected and they are not properly compensated or many not want it at all.	Jul 12, 2010 4:30 PM
195	I am a concerned citizen outdoors men. I am worried about the impact on wildlife. I am also concerned with the use of wind energy and the befit for WY. The benefits from this for WY is minimal. I see more benefit for surrounding states.	Jul 12, 2010 4:33 PM
196	reclamation	Jul 12, 2010 4:43 PM
197	reclamation	Jul 12, 2010 4:44 PM
198	as state above	Jul 12, 2010 4:48 PM
199	I would like to preserve the wildlife and property.	Jul 12, 2010 4:52 PM
200	my biggest concern is the impact this will have on our wonderful, untouched mountain land and wildlife.	Jul 12, 2010 4:53 PM
201	I want to be ensured that the turbines will not have an negative impact on wildlife or destroy any historical sites.	Jul 12, 2010 4:58 PM
202	I feel that the turbines and transmission lines that accompany the turbines will be harmful to the existing wildlife and ecosystems and that there are no regulations for dismantling the turbines after the become obsolete is ridiculous.	Jul 12, 2010 5:04 PM
203	My family's roots are here and I don't want to see wind farms or power lines changing the land. Reclamation of the towers if needed? People all over maintaining intruding. What about jobs most workers are from out of state?	Jul 12, 2010 5:12 PM
204	wildlife, eagles, birds	Jul 12, 2010 5:13 PM
205	I would not want any wind energy because of aesthetics involved.	Jul 12, 2010 5:15 PM
206	There is not right place for wind turbines on mountains or close to homes of other people or their property. this includes power lines that diminish property value for people that will not gain anything by others greed. We also get to pay more taxes.	Jul 12, 2010 5:18 PM
207	I did not want to see turbines in our mountains	Jul 12, 2010 5:27 PM
208	I think all this wind, solar and all green energy is being driven by the biggest scam ever perpetrate on the world and especially the united states a sovereign nation who sits on 100's of years of carbon reserves if only the environmentalists would be silenced and let us go for it. wind and solar have a long way to be effective producers of energy.	Jul 12, 2010 5:48 PM
209	Feel this whole wind energy is being pushed on us when we have in our own country enough gas, coal, oil, and other reserves to last us 100s of years. This wind energy is not beneficial for all of us. It infringes on our rights to use our land for our use, and not have our property, that we worked hard to get a hideaway for our families to enjoy without having you come in and take away the beauty of our peace of heave.	Jul 12, 2010 5:57 PM
210	ruining the countryside and all roads	Jul 12, 2010 6:00 PM
211	Concerned about the impact on wildlife due to new road construction and maintenance of windmills causing wildlife to change normal mitigation and breeding habits. Also concerned about limiting access to hunting the cost to the cost to the county for maintaining the roads year long and adding transmission lines	Jul 12, 2010 6:04 PM
212	My biggest concern is the visual impact on the North Laramie Range with wind turbines, transmission lines, and new roads.	Jul 12, 2010 6:13 PM

Response Text		
213	I live north of Evansville. I attend some of the Natrona County Commissioners meetings and watched the commissions choose big businesses - Chevron - over the people they were supposed to represent! There may be a place for wind turbines but not next to an established community! The so-called "buffer zones" overlap residents property, which is unsafe, and forces the resident to ask the NCC for a variance if they want to build in that buffer zone - their own property! NCC are negligent in following the few zoning regulations for the turbines - and converse County has no regulation at all it seems.	Jul 12, 2010 6:21 PM
214	for me it is not what they want to do, it is where.	Jul 12, 2010 6:28 PM
215	This project is just the beginning. I believe that any elected official who votes for this should have a tower installed in their back yard and power lines run over their roof.	Jul 12, 2010 7:10 PM
216	No further explanation, they say what needs to be addressed in each sentence	Jul 12, 2010 7:19 PM
217	There is plenty of land north of I-25 for developing wind power it should not be in the foothills or mountains	Jul 12, 2010 7:30 PM
218	Why cant we build these in Utah or Nevada where the wind blows strong and not one lives - wasted land. If they need the power in California - why are we building here - a lot of unnecessary mile to cover.	Jul 12, 2010 7:35 PM
219	There are so many areas of the country where wind energy can be harvested lowering "big Concerns" to "not a concern at all" where the items listed above are nearly non-existent - use those areas and not the mountains!!!	Jul 12, 2010 7:38 PM
220	I feel it (wind turbines) would greatly reduce aesthetic and property values as well as reduce wildlife and livestock habitat.	Jul 12, 2010 7:42 PM
221	More traffic on property. Less control of how we can save what we have worked for to enjoy ourselves and family	Jul 12, 2010 7:45 PM
222	I just don't want them. There is not good use for the property owners. Big businesses gain everything, the US citizens lose everything	Jul 12, 2010 8:04 PM
223	The turbines are a permanent fixture. Once in place the effect will never be reversed. We need to be sure this is the right decision for the right reasons. The financial aspects are small park pf the big picture.	Jul 12, 2010 8:06 PM
224	The turbine towers are huge and show-up for miles. the power line towers will need construction roads for cranes and semi-trucks across fields and pastures. Buyers will look at the mountains through power lines, or network of roads in rutted shapes and persons driving at high speed aimlessly	Jul 12, 2010 8:10 PM
225	Disruption of mountain property. Increased roads, personnel and vandalism. Placing turbines in mountains would not be cost of maintenance effective. Flat land along interstate would be much more practical.	Jul 12, 2010 8:23 PM
226	Keep them in low lands. Do not allow in mountains!	Jul 12, 2010 8:25 PM
227	Extra taxes on residents and repair on and laying roads.	Jul 12, 2010 8:29 PM
228	The impact on wildlife and environment, decrease of property values.	Jul 12, 2010 8:36 PM
229	I dont like the look of hundreds of wind turbines. I know we need economic development and the jobs.	Jul 12, 2010 8:38 PM
230	Construction of roads in an otherwise pristine environment allows a lot of people to feel free to travel over private property without permission or concern for property owners livestock or land.	Jul 12, 2010 8:42 PM
231	We currently have 4 sets of high line power lines on our ranch. We get no payment for these. With wind turbines we may get more lines across our property - If we can get monthly income from these power lines it wouldn't be so bat, otherwise for not income we DO NOT want more power lines.	Jul 12, 2010 8:45 PM
232	I do not see Wyoming benefiting enough for what you will do to the land.	Jul 12, 2010 8:51 PM
233	We don't want the transmission lines going through the mountains of converse and alban counties.	Jul 12, 2010 8:54 PM

Response Text		
234	This is open space. It should remain so. The Transmission lines negative impact all landowners in their path whereas the benefits only accrue to landowner who sell rights to wind towers.	Jul 12, 2010 8:55 PM
235	Concerned where wild areas would be affected and Wyoming's rugged beauty destroyed. Corridors along I-25 are not wild rugged or beautiful. Please consider I-25 power corridors.	Jul 12, 2010 8:58 PM
236	My parents own land in Converse County and I would hate to have their country side covered in turbines.	Jul 12, 2010 9:05 PM
237	Don't have a problem with putting wind towers up on ranchers property on flats - NOT IN MOUNTAINS - Wyoming is full of flat waste land - use it not the small amount of pristine mountain land!	Jul 12, 2010 9:08 PM
238	Wind energy development MUST be kept where it belongs and that is NOT in the mountains. Don't sell out what you have for a promise of what MAY come. Protect what is already there and maximize what is already proven. If there is need and profit in this development, then these companies should and will places it where it belongs.	Jul 12, 2010 9:12 PM
239	Please don't mess up the mountains with these towers and roads. They have wildlife and are nice to look at. Put wind towers down on the plains.	Jul 12, 2010 9:15 PM
240	As an Iowa resident, I know of impact on both bats and birds. As a land owner in Wyoming I don not want to sit on my cabin porch and look out at large blades spinning and hear the woosh instead of silence.	Jul 12, 2010 9:18 PM
241	I have no problem with wind towers in a proper place. Converse County has only a small area of mountains. they are a great place to get away to. To enjoy the scenery, hunt, fish, hike. Wind towers and associated roads, power lines, I believe would completely ruin an otherwise enjoyable outing.	Jul 12, 2010 9:22 PM
242	My big concern is to wildlife and the impact it would have on the Elk and deer	Jul 12, 2010 9:27 PM
243	Don't like to see towers where God didn't want them. Don't want more roads disturbing our earth. It will cause wildlife to adjust again to more humans on their turf. I believe it will cause more regulation on our properties that have too many regulations now.	Jul 12, 2010 9:36 PM
244	I do not want to see turbines in the mountains ruining their beauty. Building new roads and heavy traffic for the construction and maintenance of the turbines would impact the wildlife. Hunting would be affected where turbines would be located.	Jul 12, 2010 9:38 PM
245	Stay out of mountains!!	Jul 12, 2010 9:40 PM
246	Disruption of migration corridors to deer, antelope, even elk and other animals.	Jul 12, 2010 9:42 PM
247	I am very concerned with access to hunting, fishing, and roadways being over burdened. i also worry about wildlife impacted by additional traffic.	Jul 12, 2010 9:50 PM
248	I am concerned with the impact these huge turbines will have on our visual impact and land disturbance as well as limiting the vast amount of public land. I live in WY because any give day I can go camping anywhere I do NOT want to camp under a wind turbine or hike a peak and be excited to see a gorgeous view and get to the top and see wind turbines and towers and power lines.	Jul 12, 2010 10:03 PM