

Converse County Wind Energy Questionnaire

If you noted “other” concerns in question #4, please briefly tell us more about what your “other” concerns are. (250 characters or less)	
	<b>Response Count</b>
	123
<i>answered question</i>	<b>123</b>
<i>skipped question</i>	<b>289</b>

Response Text		
1	See above	May 26, 2010 2:05 PM
2	The wind turbines placed near homes or property in close proximity where the owners have no say in the placement is grossly unfair	May 26, 2010 2:21 PM
3	Had to fill this in to continue	May 26, 2010 2:23 PM
4	Wind development needs to be sited where all landowners in the area want the development. In the NLR, most adjacent landowners do not want wind OR transmission. It is not about money compensation, it is about personal property rights.	May 26, 2010 2:33 PM
5	Many power companies do not have plans in place to deal with decommissioning their wind turbines. In the near future we may find new and more efficient ways to generate power that do not have the same impacts as wind power. What will happen when the corporations have moved on to the next profitable solution, leaving behind these huge machines for others to deal with? The ranchers and landowners that agreed to these projects will not be able to "clean up" the mess. The abandoned turbines will then fall into disrepair and become even more of an eyesore. Alternatively, the government will have to step in and spend money, that could be going to better use, to remove the turbines etc. Even if the corporations are required to do reclamation, the damage to the region will be irreversible.	May 26, 2010 5:05 PM
6	There is not adequate provision for decommissioning, (under 30 towers)	May 27, 2010 7:05 PM
7	Private property rights are at the core of our liberty as a US citizen. If folks don't want something going on at their neighbors place let them pay rather than taking away someones income.	May 30, 2010 3:31 PM
8	Industrial wind energy development in the mountains would seriously impair our quality of life and the potential to develop a diverse, high-value economy that will keep our kids here. Responsible wind development in the plains is fine, but keep it out of the mountains.	May 30, 2010 8:20 PM
9	Precedence: once one area of scenic beauty in the county is developed, there will be no hindrance to further development across the entire county, potentially ruining any tourism, historical, or scenic value currently present.	May 30, 2010 9:35 PM
10	see above	Jun 1, 2010 2:19 PM
11	Who will maintance them in 5, 10 or 20 years and what is the unforeseen impact on our next generation and enviroment?	Jun 1, 2010 4:43 PM
12	Impact upon access and recreational opportunities.	Jun 1, 2010 8:55 PM
13	It takes a tremendous amount of cement to secure each turbine, so much that I doubt it would be removed during reclamation.	Jun 1, 2010 10:43 PM

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14	These areas are prime elk, deer and turket habitat and the placement of roads and wind turbines will destroy that.	Jun 1, 2010 11:38 PM
15	As stated above	Jun 2, 2010 3:04 AM
16	I would be opposed to placement of transmission lines located on or across the lands of neighboring land owners.	Jun 2, 2010 4:09 AM
17	Eminent domain is unconstitutional and un-Wyoming.	Jun 2, 2010 1:13 PM
18	The Wind Turbines that were built outside of Medicine Bow Wyoming in the 1960's were a total joke. They were left to be torn apart by the wind and parts and pieces were scattered around the county. Who takes them down when new technology replaces them? Companies would not be pushing to get them in the air right now if goverment wasnt paying the bill!	Jun 2, 2010 2:47 PM
19	This is a gain for only a few landowners and not for the good of the county.	Jun 2, 2010 3:29 PM
20	This is a project that has been forced upon the residents without good scientific studies on environmental and animal impact.	Jun 2, 2010 4:54 PM
21	My other concerns are centered around who gets to foot the bill for the maintenance of the public roads that are used by these developers to construct and maintain these turbines. I am also concerned about reclamation when we finally come to our senses and realize how ridiculous it is to put the inefficient turbines in unforgiving terrain such as the North Laramie Range.	Jun 2, 2010 6:31 PM
22	Our Family does Not want wind turbines (generators) in our mountains, for the above reasons.	Jun 3, 2010 1:49 AM
23	To operate a business in an area like this with weather situation's that happen will be costly to operate and i feel the project will fail and there is no protection to remove the wind turbines or transmission line's.	Jun 3, 2010 3:04 PM
24	none	Jun 4, 2010 2:43 AM
25	What about emergency aviation needs, if there is a forest fire or brush fire the turbines will limit the ability to protect property and put out the fires using planes and helicopters. Or evacuate people for medical needs. Aircraft cannot land or fly near any wind turbines because of safety concerns.	Jun 4, 2010 5:29 AM
26	The state has decided to address eminent domain for the first time with regard to wind development, however the study is being limited to "feeder lines" which sidesteps the larger issue.	Jun 4, 2010 1:46 PM
27	As noted in # 5 the state and county goverment have not got a good handle on location/zoning(industrial) of the proposed industrialization of our scenic and historical areas . Also very weak on taxation of production and transmission of wind powered energy.	Jun 4, 2010 2:47 PM
28	The state and county goverments of Wyoming are not ready for the ruthless wind people who have no concern about ruining our mountains ,wildlife,historical,areas. The areas in the mountains I have personaly seen Sage Chickens, Elk calving grounds, Indian artifacts, Mt Lion, fishing ,Bears that raid our cabins. If we of converse County do not care about our beautiful Wyoming who will. Thanks god I think our state goverment is starting to wake up.	Jun 4, 2010 3:59 PM
29	I am concerned about impacts on wildlife & historical sites, however, I believe these things will be carefully studied before wind turbines are installed. I am most concerned with private property rights.	Jun 5, 2010 3:38 AM
30	MISS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC GAIN	Jun 5, 2010 1:12 PM

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31	I as a landowner in the areas that are looking to be developed am concerned that my fellow landowners are not looking at the over all picture they are more concerned with there goals and not the goals of others as well as the county. These landowners are very infuntial politacally and I think there veiws of wind will and have hurt the image of the county and state as a whole. Yes things need to be taken into consideration and we as a county need to approach the issues with caution. However the county still needs to make sure they are "keeping up with the times." If we as a county do not take adavantage of wind at this opporuntiny it WILL NEVER come around again. There is alot of opportunity to help the ag side of the county as well as other industries in the county. I am very concerned that the individuals agianst the wind just are not look or refuse the see the "big picture."	Jun 5, 2010 6:07 PM
32	As a property owner, I feel I should be able to make decisions about my land that are not mandated by the government, even local.	Jun 5, 2010 11:29 PM
33	I think the idea of someone telling others they can not do something on their private land is illegal and unconstitutional. Why should a few concerned keep the landowners from making money so that they can continue to survive and own their land.	Jun 7, 2010 3:34 AM
34	reclamation of energy sites oil, gas, wind after post production. Will reclamation bonds be made mandatory to insure sites are reclaimed if companies go bankrupt. Another concern is the volume of public monies that will need to be injected into these private companies to make wind a viable energy alternative. Is this the right thing to do with public funds after the country is 13 trillion in debt already?	Jun 7, 2010 11:16 PM
35	That a small, vocal minority is having a disproportionate influence on the public policy (e.g., the NLRA)	Jun 8, 2010 3:55 PM
36	I believe that wind energy can be developed in appropriate locations in harmony with other concerns. I believe the proposed wind farm can be built in reasonable harmony with the concerns raised.	Jun 8, 2010 4:23 PM
37	ASDFASDF	Jun 9, 2010 12:06 AM
38	if N.I.M.B.Y.s are really concerned they should band together and offer financial incentives of private funding to compensate wind energy landowners not to develop. instead of using political clout to try to force non-use or government intrusion into private property rights.	Jun 9, 2010 2:49 AM
39	Other - Wind companies were not interested in WY Wind until federal subsidies of the past few years created a "Cash Cow" with over \$23 per megawatt-hour (US Energy Information Administration Subsidy Report: April 2008). And then these companies scream when the state of WY wants \$1/MWH? All other energies pay severence taxes - why not the wind folks?	Jun 9, 2010 10:24 PM
40	affects on wildlife	Jun 10, 2010 2:22 AM
41	Projects should be built where highly efficient wind exists, distance to transmission is short, and cost of construction are low (i.e. terrain, soil, etc.). A combanation of these type of factors should be weighed to get the cheapest power to the consumer. Wyoming has marginal, fair, good, excellent, outstanding, and superb winds. Which should be used?	Jun 10, 2010 11:49 PM
42	That misguided public officials will use this opportunity to restrict private property rights.	Jun 11, 2010 3:45 AM
43	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
44	I have studied the potential for wind energy for quite some time and feel it is indeed a much needed source of revenue for Wyoming. The wind energy companies seem to be addressing all of the potential problems listed above. My only concern is that we have failed to see "something" which is a very natural thing to do.	Jun 13, 2010 6:53 PM
45	How are they going to reclaim the land.	Jun 13, 2010 6:54 PM

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46	Reclamation of sites and no bonding process	Jun 13, 2010 7:02 PM
47	N/A	Jun 13, 2010 7:24 PM
48	There are several companies out there that have offered larger royalties than others, and I find out that they have no transmission capacity lined up so I am a little leary of them. I think they should have transmission capacity lined up before they can submit a permit to the Industrial Siting Council and we can verify online that they have done so. Don't want to get in bed with the wrong wind developer.	Jun 14, 2010 4:46 PM
49	I am concerned that a small interest group who is using false information to scare people into believing their side of the issue, will compromise my private property rights in the future. Converse County should remain focused on protecting the rights of its citizens to do what they want with their land.	Jun 14, 2010 6:07 PM
50	Private Property rights are my big concern-zoning takes away those rights-how can a board decide who should not be able to use thier property to make a living? the state is setting permitting requirements to cover financial concerns to the county-every time you make a rule you take away a freedom - keep the rules to a minimun to protect private proerty rights	Jun 15, 2010 4:42 AM
51	It seems to me that the wind farms will help the county with an increased tax base and will help our country, if only a small amount to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. A win win.	Jun 16, 2010 11:44 PM
52	If the property owners are prevented from this development especially the ranchers they will have to sell and a forced sale will only benefit those who are in a position to buy these properties at a "fire sale". These properties will then be closed to the public and the county will suffer.	Jun 17, 2010 1:50 AM
53	My concern is that this is a one sided survey intended to depict wind energy in a bad light instead of a clean renewable energy source that quite possibly may be the best way to keep our ranches profitable, our kids in the state and our state bringing in revenues.	Jun 17, 2010 3:52 AM
54	The larger question is not where to site the turbines, but how to design and install the transmission lines. There needs to be more honest discussion on that issue and less posturing.	Jun 17, 2010 12:52 PM
55	Potential positive impact on primary job growth, both permanent and temporary.	Jun 17, 2010 1:46 PM
56	I don't believe that not liking the sight of a windmill on the horizon is enough reason to prohibit a landowner from allowing a wind farm on his property. I may not like the sight of my neighbor's house but I have no say in what he builds unless there is direct harm to me. Loss of "view" is not harmful.	Jun 17, 2010 4:52 PM
57	my oly other concerns is if something is for the greater good ( supplying power that does not use non renewable resources we are cutting off our own independence.	Jun 18, 2010 11:00 PM
58	If wind tourbine and lines should all be paid equally. My husband and I chose not to buy property because it had a transmission line. It was the locest sold property because of that. It doesn't not create jobs. Only a few workers are left running and lots of them are part time. Mines will sue they have to pay a higher tax. Will push for equal tax. Some of those ranchers at the meetings have lost every dime they have ever made and are lazy. Look at their property and building, but own the nicest equiptment and truck beyond there means. This isn't going to help them, they will just be broke again and someone else will be cleaning up there mess again	Jun 19, 2010 3:00 AM
59	more	Jun 21, 2010 2:06 AM
60	I think you covered all the basis with your concern list.	Jun 22, 2010 3:17 AM
61	It also had the impact of injuring or destroying habitat and property values.	Jun 22, 2010 3:10 PM
62	none	Jun 23, 2010 12:41 AM
63	Leave the mountains alone and as they are.	Jun 23, 2010 1:35 PM

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64	Windmills have to be subsidised by the government the are not self sustaining. The county & state are not receiving taxes from windmills.like they do from other energy forms (natural gas, coal & oil). There is no bond issue for removal of windmills & nothing about reclamation of roads & lands should they stop being used.	Jun 24, 2010 7:23 PM
65	Converse County has no regulations on placement of items related to wind energy - eminent domain is a danger	Jun 25, 2010 8:33 PM
66	Aerial impact on crop dusting, weed and pest control, fighting forest and brush fires, and personal injuries needing life flight assistance.	Jun 27, 2010 2:30 AM
67	see above	Jun 28, 2010 2:44 PM
68	I will have not control over companies using my land for power poles and electric wires to transport power.	Jun 28, 2010 2:50 PM
69	We are getting too many new and rich land owners that think they can make the rules for us "poor" people.	Jun 28, 2010 3:01 PM
70	Wind development creates numerous power lines over adjacent landowners who are not adequately compensated.	Jun 28, 2010 3:09 PM
71	Cost effective on low flat land rather than mountain areas	Jun 28, 2010 3:29 PM
72	Wind power has many tax exclusions so that it will come closer to other energy cost.	Jun 28, 2010 3:46 PM
73	Wasatch has clearly stated this is phase one. They intend to further industrialize the mountain areas, destroying scenic, cultural and histoical values of the area. Other landowners are affected by transmissions, roads and potential eminent domain.	Jun 28, 2010 3:59 PM
74	We have beautiful mountains and parries. Wind farms are "visual pollution" and effect our valuable wildlife. Where are tree hugger and wolf lovers? environmental hippocracy!!	Jun 28, 2010 4:49 PM
75	Further destruction of pristine areas makes no sense when there are existing pathways for transmission lines, Why not follow the railroads right of way for transmission lines.	Jun 28, 2010 5:10 PM
76	Destroying our scenery - disrupting wild life - very few jobs created.	Jun 28, 2010 5:22 PM
77	Why should we have to look a the turbines when we get so little benefit from them other than the eye sore and noise?	Jun 28, 2010 7:07 PM
78	Wind farming participants, who have every right to place the structures on their lands are infringing on the rights of their neighbors when they wish to located transmission lines across those neighboring properties.	Jun 28, 2010 7:21 PM
79	Wild life. There are only nearly a few states where large open unspoiled space is available to wild life. We love to stop and save what we have before we are citted coast to coast.	Jun 28, 2010 7:26 PM
80	My concern at this time is that this investment has failed to even mention concerns about transmission lines	Jun 28, 2010 7:32 PM
81	I go up to my property for peace and quiet I have been to the one in Evanville no noise is annoying at best.	Jun 28, 2010 7:38 PM
82	The county roads are in bad shape already, if they are used for construction vehicles they will continue to get worse. They scenic view and history of this county are outstanding, it would be awful to see that destroyed by wind turbines in the North Laramie Range.	Jun 28, 2010 7:52 PM
83	Pleas come out and see how bad it can be 797 fee from a wind farm. sunsets are a real treat! shadow flickering is awful!	Jun 28, 2010 8:09 PM
84	Construction of \nfrastructure in our virgin undeveloped land.	Jun 29, 2010 1:44 PM
85	same as #5	Jun 29, 2010 5:04 PM
86	They are inefficient as electricity producers and cause more impacts from road construction, visual pollution, electrical line installation and permanent concrete foundation that they are worth =.	Jun 29, 2010 7:54 PM

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87	What about the transmission lines USFS has closed a lot of trails for ATV so both wind and USFS we lose more recreation	Jun 29, 2010 7:58 PM
88	we have lots of state land near transmission lines and I-25 that cannot support any hunting usage - also lots of wind.	Jun 29, 2010 8:00 PM
89	1. security of private property 2. increased traffic 3. lose of property value 4. industrialization of quiet places, there is enough space available for industrialization without going into the peaceful places - thanks!	Jun 29, 2010 8:15 PM
90	Proposed energy gained but not delivered to local residents and businesses	Jun 29, 2010 8:40 PM
91	A definite lack of access to the lands being developed will occur just as a spin off from security services for the turbines	Jun 29, 2010 8:56 PM
92	no knowledge on baseline regulations and to what extent more regulations,	Jun 29, 2010 8:59 PM
93	lets find another energy source!	Jun 29, 2010 9:01 PM
94	Long term there will be reclamation issues	Jun 29, 2010 9:20 PM
95	30% subsidized by government for something that has not been proven is unfair to the people of any county especially when it benefits sp few of the population. Keep the towers and the transmission lines out of the mountians.	Jun 30, 2010 6:59 PM
96	I am also very concerned that zoning against wind development may limit private property use and even limit it to the point that property owners may see diminished property values, as well as be faced with decisions to sell property due to the fact that traditional ag operations are not as profitable as they need to be. I am also concerned with the "value" placed on the "pristine" visual condition of the mountains. The mountains are not pristine, yes, they are beautiful, but largely they are places of business. Businesses that are choosing to diversify through a wind project should not be subjected to laws restricting visual impacts, visual impacts have no legal standing.	Jul 1, 2010 2:13 AM
97	I am concerned about wealthy people coming into the state to have recreational property--telling multi-generational ranchers what they may do on their property.	Jul 1, 2010 3:17 AM
98	What will happen to all of the wind turbines when they wear out or not longer used? Does anyone think that land can be restored after its natural state has been destroyed?	Jul 12, 2010 3:38 PM
99	Not in my front yard as 2 cannot see Laramie Peak!	Jul 12, 2010 4:06 PM
100	My idea would be to put them in the area between Chugwater and Wheatland	Jul 12, 2010 4:18 PM
101	None	Jul 12, 2010 4:24 PM
102	Overall the benefit to Wyoming is very minimal Governor Fren denthl stated 3-4% of our natural resources is wind. On the other hand, the environmental impact to the state is large. So cost/benefit does not seem to help Wyoming but hurt if tor the benefit of a few.	Jul 12, 2010 4:30 PM
103	none	Jul 12, 2010 4:33 PM
104	Reclamation. Once out of use - what will you do to reclaim in the land? Is the turbine there forever?	Jul 12, 2010 4:37 PM
105	reclamation	Jul 12, 2010 4:43 PM
106	Running our land and way of life - ruin the views	Jul 12, 2010 4:53 PM
107	How many rancher will continue to work or even own cattle, when they can enjoy a life of leisure at other expense?	Jul 12, 2010 5:18 PM
108	Use the money the government gives wind and solar and use it to get rid of the national debt and let the private sector go after our reserves and develop other sources of energy in the private sector without the government subsidizing. Get rid of government intervention with private business and step back and let the free markets go.	Jul 12, 2010 5:48 PM

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109	The government we have today is bent on making us believe that this wind energy is the only thing we can live with, when this is nothing but scare tactics and they want to take over our lives and property. this money could be better used in creating job in other reserves and use the money to get us out of debt. And where are they getting the money to "reimburse property owner" as they make us believe.	Jul 12, 2010 5:57 PM
110	Increasing taxes. How or who will dispose of the windmills when they wear out.	Jul 12, 2010 6:00 PM
111	Windmills are not self sustaining. Lack of tax received by county and state not bond issue for removal and reclamation of road and lands.	Jul 12, 2010 6:04 PM
112	where is the energy going to go and what is it worth to us in the long run.	Jul 12, 2010 6:28 PM
113	Any business big or small being able to take my land by saying "it is good for the people" using the eminent domain law. This is socialism at its best. Good for what people, am I not one of those people?	Jul 12, 2010 7:10 PM
114	Wyoming is a wonderful frontier state with many vacation ideas and several historical learning opportunities. To look across the countryside is a joy as it transports your mind to another place and time when you imagine what life may have been like for early settlers. i believe it would be a disgrace to ruin such beautiful land.	Jul 12, 2010 7:35 PM
115	The simple fact that the state is concerned more about revenue than habitat or natural resources, at the expense of residents who appreciate those things even though the residents will not benefit wholly from the wind energy generated.	Jul 12, 2010 7:42 PM
116	Higher taxes. Future up keep of roads and land surface	Jul 12, 2010 7:45 PM
117	My place is in the "line of fire" so to speak for the necessary power lines that will be needed for the project. ( I live next door to DJ Plant - the old Hornbuckle place). Eminent domain possibilities!	Jul 12, 2010 8:00 PM
118	Destroying the beauty of our lands as we soak all of the country back mountains and our beautiful rolling hills on our private lands.	Jul 12, 2010 8:29 PM
119	Land owners getting wind turbines will make money on this and have a choice to build turbines or not. We have no choice about power lines plus get no income from them.	Jul 12, 2010 8:45 PM
120	I do not think any entity should take any property away from the owner. It is ours and not yours - there is enough unoccupied flat land in WY for sufficient wind energy.	Jul 12, 2010 8:51 PM
121	We own the property - stay off	Jul 12, 2010 9:40 PM
122	Who is going to end up paying for a bunch of unexpected and unforeseen costs? I bet our taxes will.	Jul 12, 2010 9:50 PM
123	The amount of surface disturbance on these lands. Yes I know the advances in the reclamation process, but you can never replace certain things. Once the land is disturbed elk, bears, other big game, birds, etc. won't revisit their homes. Which has a possibility to move them to towns AKA towns Douglas/Glenrock. It won't ever be the same. DO NOT DISTURB OUR PUBLIC LANDS!	Jul 12, 2010 10:03 PM