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From: LaVeta Wilkes [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Sunday, January 09, 2011 1:39 AM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Whistling ridge wind mills

I would rather see wind mills go into our area than some other dirty energy plants. So as long as all guide lines and laws and studies are followed I don't see why they shouldn't go in. As long as all safety and enviromental requirements are met its their land let them use it.

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**From:** michael kohnle [redacted]@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 09, 2011 8:19 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** wind turbines in the gorge

Please reject the plans to disturb the gorge environment to build more wind turbines in the viewshed of 2 small towns and an interstate highway.

Until all possible energy saving methods have been funded, such as energy conservation of homes, it does not make sense to keep producing ever more electricity, just to have it wasted by leaky homes and fluorescent light bulbs. We need to conserve, then we would not need so much new power.

Michael Kohnle

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From: carolyn [REDACTED]@gmail.com]  
Sent: Sunday, January 09, 2011 12:37 PM  
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Cc: [REDACTED]@hoodriverelectric.net; [REDACTED]@stopwindfarmshere.org; Gazette County Whitman; [REDACTED]@dnews.com; [REDACTED]@lmtribune.com; [REDACTED]@camasnet.com; Kramer, Becky; [REDACTED]@inlander.com  
Subject: Comments on the Whistling Ridge Wind Farm

**COMMENTS TO ENERGY FACILITIES SITE EVALUATION COUNCIL  
REGARDING "WHISTLING RIDGE" WIND FARM - 1/7/11**

I am a Washington State citizen who has done hundreds, if not thousands of hours of research on the current PUSH in our state to foist so-called "Green and renewable" energy, in the form of WIND FARMS, upon our citizenry. If the Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council will be honest and take the time to review what is happening and has happened in European countries who have already gone down this path, there would be no "comment periods" and no debates. There would be no wind turbines in this state, nor would there be in any other state in our Nation, if those in charge actually knew and acted upon the truth. This "wind energy" industrialization is a debacle of epic proportion. Are those of you, who are in charge, willing to support:

1) the destruction of lives by the unintended consequences of these developments, which manifest in the form of neighbor vs neighbor, towns and families torn apart by conflict; 2) health impacts to citizens living near these developments; 3) devaluation of nearby properties; 4) the devastation of the surrounding environment, and 5) the needless deaths of our birds and bats -- based solely on a bankrupt scheme? I certainly hope not.

I realize that many wind turbines have already been strung across the hills and ridges in Washington State, which is a shame. The technology is not up to the task. Here in our state the actual sites with enough wind to turn the propellers of turbines and utilize wind at the level developers say is needed for them to work effectively --- have already been taken. Any other sites, including Whistling Ridge, are "speculative at best" and should be abandoned. The only reason for the developers to attempt further construction on these less than optimal sites, is GREED. There is money to be had, at the expense of the pristine landscape and the rural inhabitants of that land, as well as the wildlife. Government subsidies, tax exemptions offered by our state and renewable energy credits (another scam, in my opinion) make it all possible. No private investor in his right mind would build them using his own money. (Look at T. Boone Pickens on that point-- he has abandoned his wind farm developments, or you can ask "First Wind" who had to abandon their bid for an Initial Public Offering for stock in their company, late last year.)

I urge the Council to study this issue. Many developers are selling the electricity to be generated even BEFORE the sites have been built. The reason for that is simple -- this is a Ponzi Scheme -- it is an unsustainable development. I use California as an example. There are over 15,000 wind turbines in that state and they produce only 2.6% of the energy utilized by that state. They will NEVER reach 20% as mandated by their foolish legislators! You see, wind only blows approximately 25% of the time. The other

75% of the time -- when the wind is NOT blowing, or blowing enough to be useable -- houses, factories, schools and businesses must all depend on something other than the wind to provide them with electricity. That other source of energy must be something that is available 24/7/365, such as coal, natural gas, or hydro-electric power. So, for every wind farm that is brought online, you must insure that there is another source to back it up. Thus, as the percentage of wind generation grows, so does the percentage of other sources grow -- wind energy can NEVER catch up. It only blows, when it blows, and that is usually NOT when the demand is greatest. It is a lie to tell people that your wind farm will supply the electricity for 25,000 homes, when in fact the homes will only be supplied for a small percentage of the time by the wind. I trust that the Council understands this.

Additionally, even though many call wind "green energy," many of those who work with it know it should more accurately be referred to as "red energy." Council members need to ask about the amount of energy these turbines "pull" from the grid, as opposed to what they actually generate and feed into the grid. You should also ask about the amount of Carbon Dioxide generated during the manufacturing, transportation and erection of the turbines. Another question to ask is, "Has the use of wind energy generation ever led to the closure of a coal-fired plant, or natural gas plant?"

You must look at Spain and other European countries. They are scrambling to build nuclear plants and other

energy generating plants with RELIABLE forms of energy. Most European countries have suspended the building of any wind farms.

Take a look at Italy for a real graphic picture of what this "wind deal" is all about. It is graft, corruption and greed --- why else would the Mafia be involved... "giveaway money" (subsidies) and all that goes with it. I urge you not to go down that path.

The people who have researched the "wind" know the truth. It astounds me how an agency, such as yours, can be taken seriously when the truth is so blatantly obvious and yet no action is taken to stop this pillaging of the environment by wind developers in our state.

When I became aware of Whistling Ridge and its location, I was saddened. The area is one of true beauty and with all of the tourism it attracts, I was astounded to find that it would even be considered for "industrialization."

Additionally, I would like to mention that the health effects of wind projects is now very well known in our Nation. We have watched it in Europe. We have also seen and read about the ill health of those on the East Coast who live near these developments. Just across our border, in Ontario, Canada, there are many who are suffering because of the low-frequency sound waves emanating from wind turbines, some of whom have had to vacate their homes because of it.

I worked for over 20 years for a very large property/casualty corporation that focused on workers'

compensation benefits. The OSHA standards and standards for noise safety in many of our states are based on noise in and around "factories." It was established long before anyone conceived of industrial wind turbine use. Here in Washington the noise standards were written in 1974 and are an inadequate means by which to quantify the exposure of rural residents to the low-frequency sound waves from wind turbines. These large turbines (40-50 stories tall) are loud and the vibrations they put out are not healthy. I suggest reading *Audiology Today* July/August 2010 to find out more about the harm they can do. Additionally, Dr. Nina Pierpont has written a book called "*Wind Turbine Syndrome*" which identifies health problems people have when they are living near the low frequency sound waves that are emitted by industrial wind facilities. Though the "wind" developers constantly put down Dr. Pierpont's studies, I believe serious consideration, can lead to only one rational conclusion and that is that these wind facilities are harmful to the health of those who live near them.

I urge those on the Council to do the right thing and not allow this project to go forward. It will "industrialize" the landscape, steal the value of the property of those who live in the nearby rural surroundings, devastate the wildlife, especially the avian and bat populations, and more importantly, it will pose a substantial risk to the health of nearby rural residents.

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509-592-0366 cc: Whitman County Gazette,  
Moscow/Pullman Daily News, Lewiston Tribune,

**PLEASE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF COMMENTS - THANK YOU**

Michelle, Kayce (UTC)

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**From:** leesiebert [REDACTED]@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 09, 2011 3:30 PM  
**To:** Michelle, Kayce (UTC)  
**Subject:** RE: Whistling Ridge Public Me2rkwood@comcast.neteting Notice

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft EIS for the Whistling Ridge wind farm project. Proponents of the project have emphasized the generic benefits of wind power with respect to development of alternative energy technologies. However, although wind power has to date succeeded in cloaking itself in green, it is by no means an environmentally benign technology. The impact of wind turbines on bird and animal life is well documented, and as wind farms encroach on populated areas, as this one would, there are increasing concerns about the health impact on persons living in proximity to turbine complexes. When you factor in the significant visual pollution of mechanical wind farms in natural areas, the need to construct new roads and enhance existing ones, the disruptively large footprint of wind farms per unit of energy, and the need on a national scale to construct new transmission lines across environmentally sensitive areas to deliver power from large-scale wind farms to end users, it is clear that wind power comes with a high environmental price tag.

Wind power does have a place in America's energy future, but it is not an energy panacea, and careful, site-specific evaluation is necessary to insure that a specific application is an appropriate land use. There are several major concerns about the setting of the Whistling Ridge project. Although it lies on the private property of SDS, the impact of the project extends far beyond onto both public and private lands.

The primary reason Whistling Ridge is such a controversial project is its considerable visual impact, and figure 3.9-1 of the draft EIS underscores the extremely wide area where multiple wind turbines would be visible. Any industrial wind farms on the Gorge west of the eastern margin of the CRGNSA would compromise the visual quality of one of the country's scenic highlights, as would be the case with potential wind power sites elsewhere immediately adjacent to national parks such as Mount Rainier. This location is particularly inappropriate because of its visual degradation of views from the CRGNSA. It would also significantly degrade views of Mount Hood from scenic overlooks in southern Gifford Pinchot National Forest and views of Mount Adams from wide areas in Hood River county. It furthermore overlooks two of the largest communities in the Gorge and would seriously diminish the qualities that make White Salmon and Hood River desirable places to live and visit.

Two potentially significant impacts of the project not evaluated adequately in the draft EIS are public health and property values. In other areas, significant negative health impact of wind turbines at distances in excess of the closest properties to the proposed SDS wind farm (only 0.38-0.48 miles) has been documented, and property owners in proximity to wind farms elsewhere have had difficulty or been unable to sell their homes; these potential impacts on nearby residents are inadequately addressed in the draft EIS.

When considering that few permanent jobs would be created by the project, that electrical power production would have a miniscule contribution to Washington state alternative energy requirements, and according to the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, future demand for electricity in the region could be met through energy efficiency and conservation measures, the precedent of authorizing a major wind farm in this controversial location seems difficult to justify.

SDS is to be commended for their efforts to diversify their economic base, but this particular project would negatively impact the White Salmon/Hood River area, and efforts should be made to broker a land exchange that would allow SDS to proceed with the project in a less sensitive area east of the national scenic area. We urge BPA and the WA EFSEC to consider the broader impacts of the project and restrict industrial wind farms to locations without major impacts on neighboring communities and nationally renowned scenic areas.

Lee and Cheryl Siebert

Vancouver, Washington

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**From:** Michelle, Kayce (UTC) [<mailto:Kmicell@utc.wa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 08, 2010 4:12 PM  
**Subject:** Whistling Ridge Public [Me2rkwood@comcast.net](mailto:Me2rkwood@comcast.net)eting Notice

Please let me know if you have trouble opening this.

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We make a living by what we get, but  
we make a life by what we give  
-Winston Churchill

Michelle, Kayce (UTC)

From: Emily Meyer [REDACTED]@comcast.net]  
Sent: Sunday, January 09, 2011 4:28 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

I am in favor of developing wind energy but it needs to be sited correctly, and this proposal does not do that.

Sincerely,  
Emily Meyer

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From: Dr Jonathan & Mrs Levy [REDACTED]@aol.com]  
Sent: Sunday, January 09, 2011 4:40 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

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**Michelle, Kayce (UTC)**

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**From:** Greg Erdmann [REDACTED]@ocas-as.no]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 7:29 AM  
**To:** Posner, Stephen (UTC); Michelle, Kayce (UTC)  
**Subject:** Comments on Whistling Ridge Wind Farm

The following are my comments for the proposed Whistling Ridge wind farm:

If there has been a discussion about the effects of the wind turbine-based FAA flashing strobe lights on the local community, there is now a visual impact mitigation solution available. 50 Turbines could have approximately 20-30 synchronized flashing lights that can have a tremendous effect on the night time environment. An OCAS system is an on-demand light control system based on radar that allows for the FAA lights to remain OFF at all times – unless an aircraft is detected and tracked on an unsafe heading toward the wind farm. At that time the lights are turned on and will remain on until the aircraft diverts.

The effects of this form of light pollution should be discussed with the community before permitting and construction, so that the community is not surprised by the effects after the wind farm is built.  
There are some studies on the “before and after” situation that I can forward if desired.

Thank you, and please confirm receipt of this email.  
Greg

Gregory S. Erdmann

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*The Obstacle Collision Avoidance System (OCAS) reduces the visual impact of wind farms by keeping constantly flashing turbine lights off. Community acceptance of wind power is greatly increased by reducing the visual impact of wind turbines.*

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From: blayne myers [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 12:04 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at least 25 turbines would be highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall turbines would be visible from State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible for two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges.

Whistling Ridge, if completed, would harm important aspects of our national heritage, including natural, historic and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Historic Columbia River Highway, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the SR14 scenic byway.

I am not alone in my opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Blayne Fox Myers

blayne myers  
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Underwood, WA 98651

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**From:** Sandra Morris [REDACTED]@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 10, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Wind Turbines in the Columbia River Gorge

I would like to register a protest against putting wind turbines in the Columbia River Gorge. I took a car trip to Dayton from White Salmon this summer and I literally cried over the sheer ugliness of the landscape. There were miles and miles of wind turbines and the electricity towers and wires that go with them. I felt ashamed that my state fostered such ugliness. We live in one of the most beautiful places in the country. Why would anyone choose to ruin it? Is it because they don't live here and so are not required to view the eyesores every day? We do not need the power, as we sell 20% of it to other states. We have more than enough for ourselves. Why do we need to trash our beautiful corner of the world so a select few can become richer? Shame on anyone who allows this to happen!

I also would like to know what will be done with all these monstrosities when a better way to generate energy is found. I'm sure that will not be too far in the future. Will they be left standing as a monument to greed? Will those who erected them be willing to spend the money for their removal?



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From: Buz Morris [REDACTED]@charter.net]  
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 3:38 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Wind Turbines in the Columbia River Gorge

I would like to register a protest against putting wind turbines in the Columbia River Gorge. I took a car trip to Dayton from White Salmon this summer and I could have cried over the sheer ugliness of the landscape. There were miles and miles of wind turbines and the electricity towers and wires that go with them. I felt ashamed that my state fostered such ugliness. We live in one of the most beautiful places in the country. Why would anyone choose to ruin it? Is it because they don't live here and so are not required to view the eyesores every day? We do not need the power, as we sell 20% of it to other states. We have more than enough for ourselves. Why do we need to trash our beautiful corner of the world so a select few can become richer? Shame on anyone who allows this to happen!

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Buz Morris  
White Salmon, WA

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From: Joy Gohl [REDACTED]@adventurecruises.com]  
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 4:48 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Whistling Ridge

Wind turbines visible from the Columbia River, Hood River, White Salmon and Bingen are not a good idea. The noise, blinking red lights, dead birds and loss of property values does not serve our communities. Currently, The Columbia River Gorge is rated among the top two tourist destinations in the U.S. by National Geographic and people come from all over the world to cruise on the river and enjoy the natural beauty. 420 ft. wind turbines will not enhance tourism.

*Joy Gohl*  
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509-493-[REDACTED]

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From: Jim Kacena [REDACTED]@gorge.net]  
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2011 5:00 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: OPPOSITION to Whistling Ridge Wind Project - Skamania County

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to the proposed Whistling Ridge Wind Project.

Although it is acknowledged that the project will, as proposed, be outside the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, it would be immediately adjacent to it. It may be that the fact it is outside the Scenic Area would make it exempt, strictly speaking, from the land use laws that govern the Scenic Area. Nevertheless, that does not mean that its location very near, albeit outside, the Scenic Area should be deemed irrelevant to the decision of the EFSEC. The nature of the project, with huge, man-made industrial machines that will be very visible from large parts of the natural beauty contained in the Scenic Area, and jarringly incompatible with its purpose, should be the overriding consideration of the EFSEC. The Scenic Area is a national treasure. Its boundaries were determined decades ago when no one could reasonably conceive that there could some day be wind turbines hundreds of feet high that would, in the immediate locale, frustrate the very purpose of preserving natural, scenic beauty.

In summary, I believe a body like the EFSEC should be persuaded to NOT approve the Whistling Ridge Project precisely because the project is close to and very visible from a *scenic area*. Wind projects are appropriate in many areas where *scenic* impact would not be such a major issue. In this case it would and EFSEC should deny it.

Regards,

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**From:** Natalie Arndt [REDACTED]@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2011 8:54 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Re: DENY - Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Hi Kayce-  
it's likely too late to amend my message,  
re- i put in pollution, but was thinking of the casino!  
natalie

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**From:** EFSEC (UTC) <EFSEC@utc.wa.gov>  
**To:** [REDACTED]@pobox.com  
**Sent:** Tue, January 11, 2011 8:21:25 AM  
**Subject:** RE: DENY - Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Natalie,  
Thank you for your comment, it will be processed and forwarded to the Council for their consideration.

Kayce

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Natalie Arndt [mailto:[REDACTED]@pobox.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2011 12:34 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** DENY - Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

Please ask Gov. Gregoire--  
"DENY" the W. Ridge Energy Project:

- 1- It's very problematic.
- 2- It's PERMANENT- my nat'l scenice area and forested land become INDUSTRIAL.
- 3- POLLUTION will damage many birds and HUMANS.  
Factor in the healthcare and human costs!

Thank you for your work on this,  
Natalie Arndt

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**From:** Carmen Brown [REDACTED]@wkoinc.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 11, 2011 11:48 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Whistling Ridge  
**Attachments:** Whistling Ridge 1 11.doc

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January 10, 2011

Stephen Posner  
EFSEC  
PO Box 43172  
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Dear Mr. Posner,

I was at the Underwood Meeting, January 5, 2011. Although I had to leave early, I saw several people there that supported the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Even though there were several speakers against the Whistling Ridge Energy Project, I know there were a lot more local old timers who support the project that weren't there.

Our County and our schools can really use the revenues that the Whistling Ridge Energy Project can bring. The extra jobs will be good too.

A lady said she was against the project because emergency services would be held up during the haul in process of the wind turbines. The truth is that our present emergency services can also use some help. We lost a wonderful elderly couple in a house fire in Willard December 2010 because our system needs improvement.

A lawyer seemed a little threatening against the project because of views from viewing points in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area won't allow the project. I wonder if he understood the meaning of boundaries.

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area already has many large structures. One must remember that the Whistling Ridge Energy Project is outside the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic area. It is also in a sliver of Skamania County that can help Skamania County tax base. It also gets a lot of wind.

Another speaker from Hood River spoke against the project because of future lights. He should come to Washington State and look back into Oregon State.

Sincerely,  
Jim Ziegler

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ENERGY FACILITY SITE  
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January 11, 2011

State of Washington  
Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
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Olympia, WA 98504-3172

Re: Whistling Ridge application No. 2009-01

Council Members:

As you realize, the basic responsibility of the Council is to "evaluate" potential energy generating sites. It is not to seek approval of proposed sites, as some laymen incorrectly assume. This distinction should remain foremost in your site by site considerations.

Whistling Ridge's negative impacts are discussed in the EIS. However, it's listed unavoidable and unknown impacts, both individually and collectively, are quite varied and subject to major concerns.

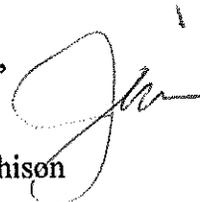
Of the expected impacts, mortality of forest dwelling bird species is a huge unknown. No wind farms have been permitted in a Pacific Northwest forestland location. Not only could bird mortalities in such a location prove unacceptable, the cost/benefit implication of removing many acres of land from timber production must enter the equation. On top of this is consideration of monetary investment in wind turbine installation should a Whistling Ridge facility be found necessary to close down.

Regarding possible closure, for any wind farm there should be limits set regarding unacceptable impacts, including impacts occurring after turbine operation. If mortality of forest dwelling birds proved substantial at Whistling Ridge, what are the odds that the facility would be shut down? That situation could easily end up similar to the controversial four lower Snake River dams, where power generation, substantial wildlife loss and associated debate continue year after year after year.

Your decision on this Columbia Gorge application will be vital. We who live in the gorge, and those who continue visiting it for its beauty and natural resource attributes, trust that you share our concerns and will continue to stress wind farm placement on more appropriate open farm and range lands.

Sincerely,

Jim Hutchison



Michelle, Kayce (UTC)

From: Deanna Mueller-Crispin [REDACTED]@involved.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 1:10 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Oppose Whistling Ridge Wind Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

For starters, nearly all wind energy projects east of the Portland/Vancouver metro area have not received and continue to not receive sufficient scientific scrutiny. Cumulative effects of wind turbine projects on wildlife - and indeed on humans - are not being assessed.

All the more reason that the Whistling Ridge Project should not proceed. Various agencies have expressed the need for major changes in order for the project to be even minimally acceptable.

The project itself would threaten the visual integrity of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

It would also intrude on a protected area for the endangered Northern Spotted Owl.

Please recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

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Michelle, Kayce (UTC)

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From: sharilyn cohn [REDACTED]@easystreet.net]  
Sent: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 12:23 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at least 25 turbines would be highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall turbines would be visible from State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible for two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges.

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I am not alone in my opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

sharilyn cohn  
[REDACTED] ne 43rd  
portland, OR 97213

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Date: January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011  
Subject: Whistling Ridge Energy Project  
From: Kathryn Eagan, resident of Underwood, WA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Underwood renting on Cook-Underwood Rd. I have been in the process of evaluating some property that my husband and I would love to purchase in the area. We have been waiting patiently to see if this proposed project will happen. It will make or break our future settlement in the area. I am a school teacher and my husband is a Chef. We were planning on residing in the county indefinitely until we learned of this project. WE are not alone in our hesitation to make Underwood area our home now that there is a possibility of unnecessary wind turbines rearing their giant ugly faces in such a gorgeous area. We were surprised to learn that such a project would even be considered so close, in fact bordering the scenic area. We wouldn't be able to paint our house any color other than those found in the landscapes that surround us due to such strict regulations in the scenic area- but SDS can put up these horrifying, ugly giant turbines!?!?! How does that make sense? I spent my post-graduate years studying wildlife, another thing that drew me to the area- the impact of this development and toll that this will pay on their already over disturbed habitat is astonishing. The property we want is full of tracks, bear scat and other signs of the glorious wildlife that lives around us. Disturbances of this caliber are not necessary. We generate a surplus of power at Bonneville Dam, so much it has to be practically given away at times. Alternative energies are the way of the future's sustainability HOWEVER, we do not need more sources of energy HERE! We have dam powered sources. Why overfill the system? Why not take steps to alternative energy in areas more practical to our specific needs in the area. Why would we clutter our gorgeous GORGE with these unsightly towers? WE are all so lucky to live in this paradise that draws tourism from around the world and fuels our local economy even during recessions and hardships. It is so beautiful here that people still make it a place to visit when money is tight and times are tough. It is where the big city retreats and the foreigners awe. Please do not let SDS take away what makes us so unique. WE don't need it. WE don't want it. We want to cultivate the area with positive contributions that benefit all of the occupants and surrounding wildlife. The like-minded people of the Gorge are what make this such a wonderful place to live the rest of our lives. I would hate to have that all taken away for something so unnecessary. WE just don't need it. Thank you for your time and consider the property depreciations, the unsightly destruction to wildlife habitat and scenic views. Please think of that.

*Sincerely,*

**Kathryn Eagan**  
970-319-[REDACTED]

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January 6, 2011

Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

905 Plum Street S.E.

Olympia, Washington 9805-3172

Dear Council Members

The Whistling Ridge proposal clearly violates the intent of The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act. While it is easy to lose one's way in the massive legalistic detail of the document, there is no way to mistake the purpose of the Act. It is designed to protect the natural beauty of the Gorge Scenic Area for the enjoyment and benefit of all Americans present and future.

The actual language of the document does not protect against all possible threats. Can any legislative act anticipate all future possibilities? Not surprisingly it was not anticipated that someone would actually consider erecting 400 foot wind mill towers on mountain sites in one of the most scenic areas of the Gorge. But given all of the other protective rules and constraints within the Act can any rational person believe that Act designers and supporters intended to allow such a destructive exception?

Please put above other interests the long term interest of Washingtonians and other Americans in preserving this national treasure and deny the Whistling Ridge wind farm proposal. There are much more appropriate sites for wind farms.

Sincerely,



John Tyler

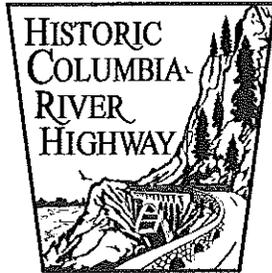
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# Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway

PO Box 50, Bridal Veil, Oregon 97010  
<http://www.hcrh.org>

January 7, 2011

Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Council  
P.O. Box 43172  
Olympia, WA 98504-3172

RE: Whistling Ridge Energy Project

To Whom It May Concern:

The Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway wishes to provide additional comments on the Whistling Ridge Energy Project, beyond those sent on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. In particular, these comments are to correct inaccuracies in information provided by the applicant's witness, Tom Watson, concerning the Historic Columbia River Highway.

The Historic Columbia River Highway Historic District was placed on the National Register of Historic Places December 12, 1983. The district includes all extant portions of the highway, including the portions at Mitchell Point and Ruthton Point (see attached maps from the nomination.) (Portions of the Historic Columbia River Highway are now a National Historic Landmark district, but that designation did not change the original historic district boundaries.) All of the original historic district is included in the CRGNSA Management Plan as a Key Viewing Area.

In 1986 Congress directed the Oregon Department of Transportation to "prepare a program and undertake efforts to preserve and restore the continuity and historic integrity of the remaining segments of the Old Columbia River Highway for public use as a Historic Road, including recreation trails to connect intact and usable segments" and authorized \$2.8 million for this work (Public Law 99-663 - the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act). In 1987 the Oregon Legislature declared that "it is the public policy of the State of Oregon to preserve and restore the continuity and historic integrity of the remaining segments of the Historic Columbia River Highway for public use and enjoyment." Since that time, efforts have resulted in construction of eleven miles of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail and designation of the Trail as a National Recreational Trail and Oregon's Millennium Legacy Trail. Oregon Department of Transportation has received funding within the last six months for construction of two additional sections of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail.

Considerable work has been completed on the sections of the Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail between Viento and Hood River. Quatrefoil, Inc. has recently completed a year-long study for the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, titled "The Historic Columbia River Highway State Trail Plan - Wyeth to Hood River." This document includes considerable detail on the proposed projects, including maps with contours, detailed maps of trailhead

proposals and cost estimates (see attached example pages 34-35 for Mitchell Creek to Mitchell Point Tunnel). Oregon Department of Transportation has submitted to Congress a request for a High Priority Project that, if funded, would include construction of the Mitchell Point Tunnel and parking areas. In addition, the Mitchell Point Enhancement Project currently has funding for construction.

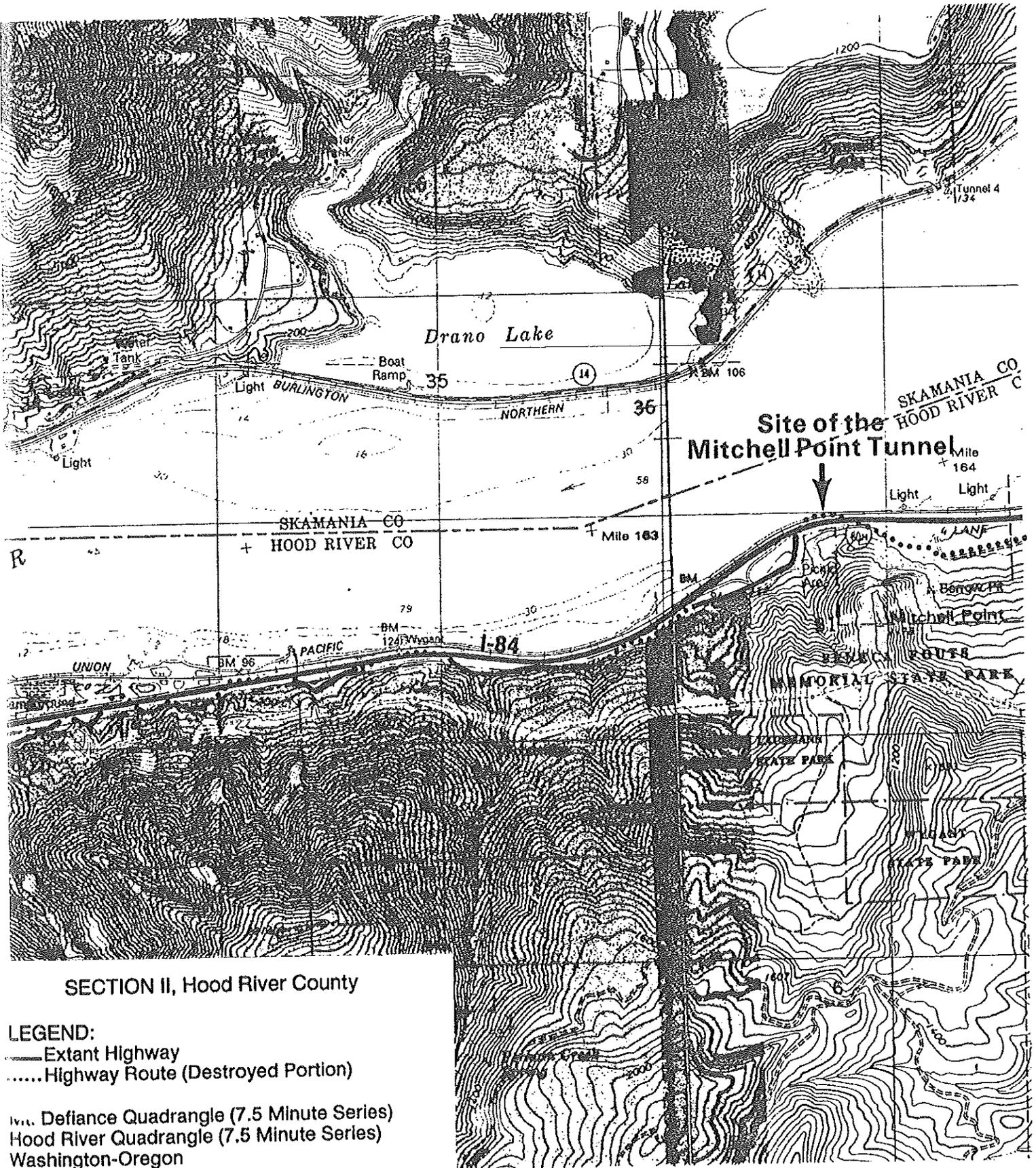
We urge the Council to consider the importance of the Historic Columbia River Highway historic district and potential visual impacts to users of the district during the decision-making process on the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeanette B. Kloos".

Jeanette B. Kloos  
President

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COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY HISTORIC  
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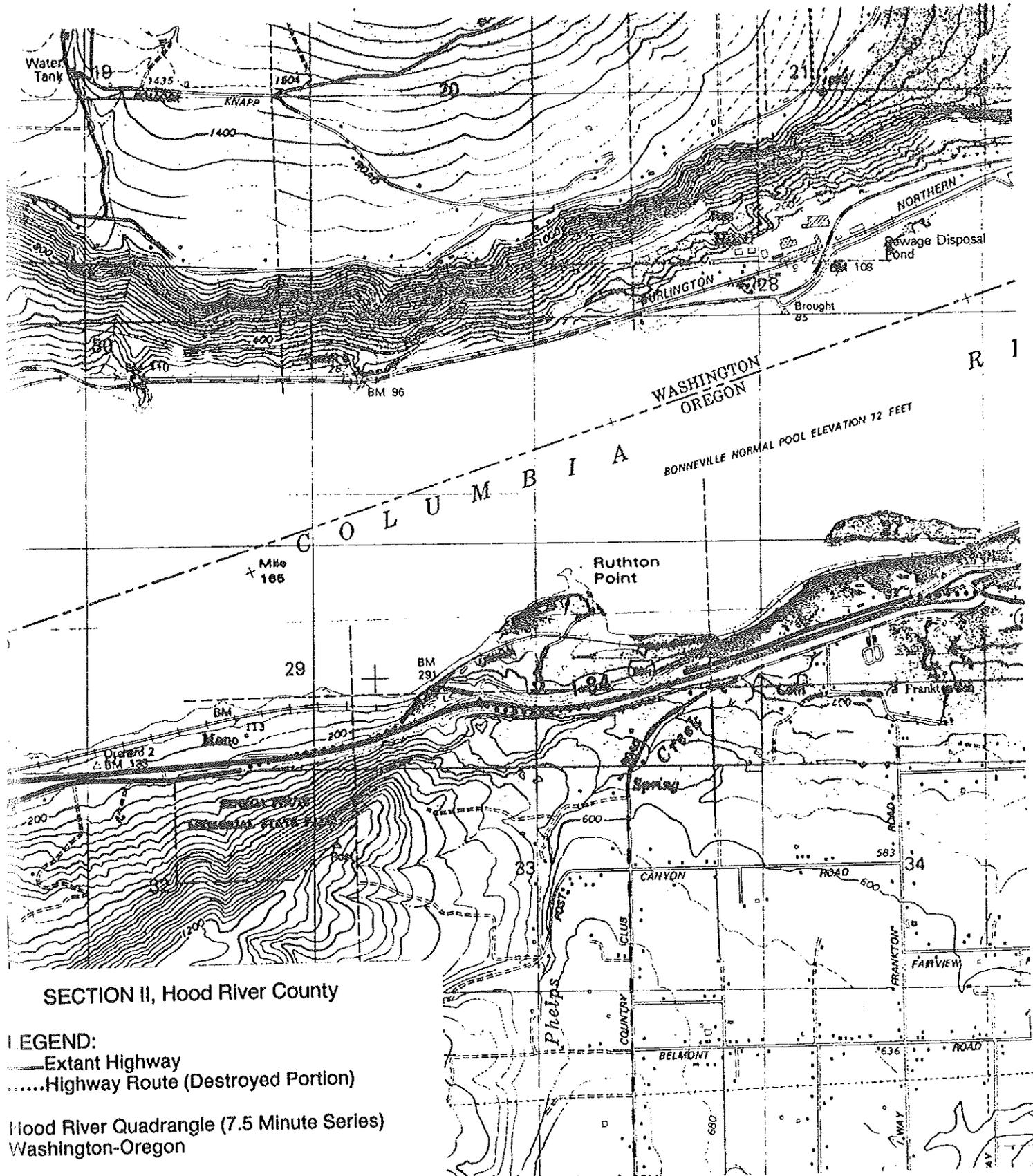


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..... Highway Route (Destroyed Portion)

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Hood River Quadrangle (7.5 Minute Series)  
Washington-Oregon

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**LENGTH OF TRAIL SECTION:**

.7 MILES

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:**

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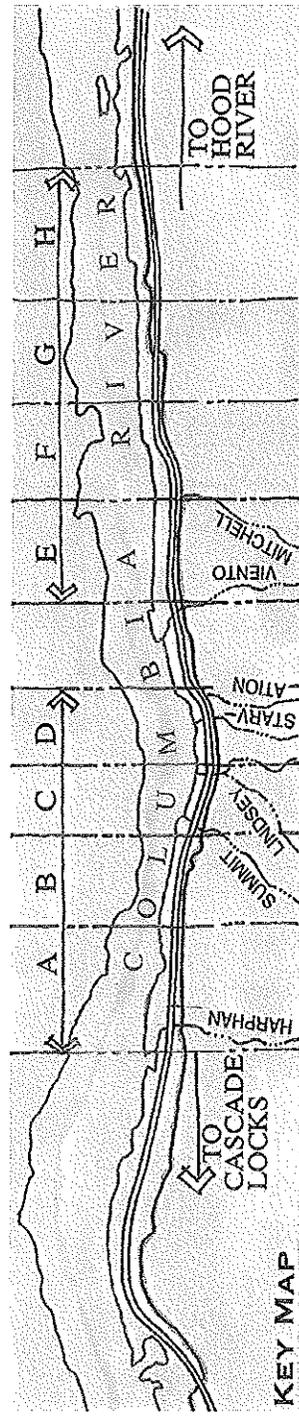
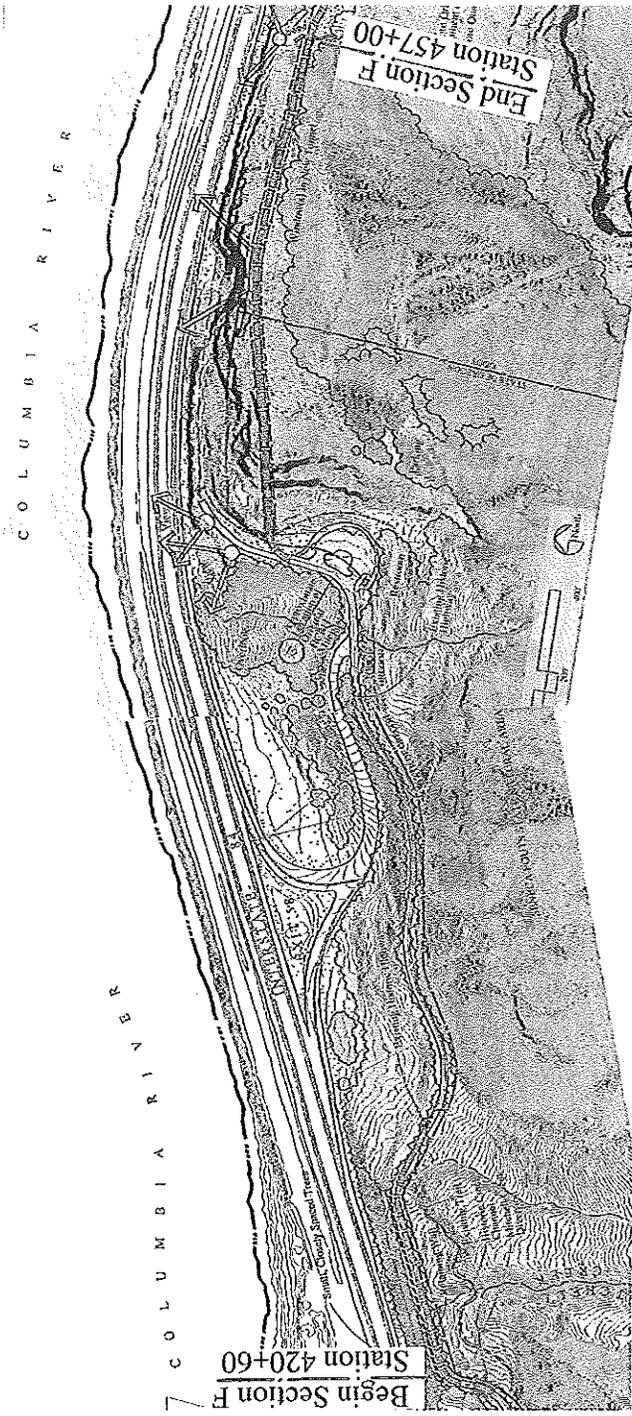
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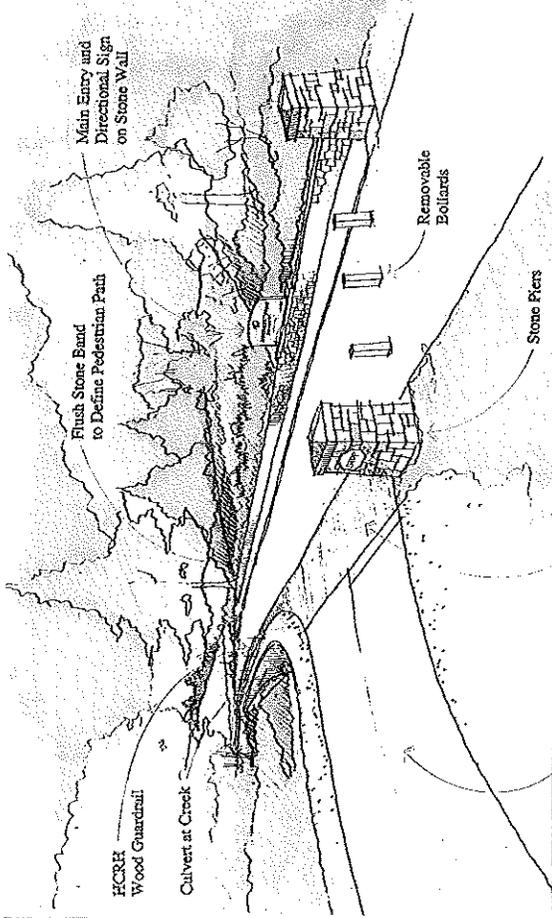
**DESCRIPTION:**

• **Section 420+60 - 526+50:** The section starts at the new bridge crossing Mitchell Creek. In this area, Mitchell Creek was diverted into a new channel when I-84 was constructed. The new channel cut through the Historic Highway, leaving a small piece of intact road on the north side of the creek. A new bridge is proposed to cross Mitchell Creek and reconnect the Historic Highway. A new section of trail will traverse the top of a cut slope created during the construction of I-84. Along this section of trail, the historic Mitchell Creek Channel is visible.

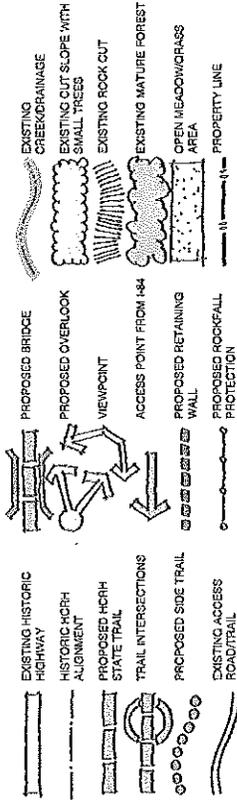
• **Section 526+50 - 444+44:** The next portion of the trail follows an existing section of Historic Highway passing I-84 Exit 58 and running through the Mitchell Point West Trailhead. This section of trail also provides access to the Wygant Trail. New overlooks are proposed north of the parking area to allow better access to viewing the original alignment of the Historic Highway. The existing Historic Highway alignment will be preserved through this area and will be better defined by the redesigned parking area.

• **Section 444+44 - 457+00:** A new 1200 foot tunnel will recreate the passage through Mitchell Point. The tunnel will feature windows carved through its side to allow views of the Columbia River and recall the original Mitchell Point Tunnel, "Tunnel of Mary Vistas" that had five windows carved in its side. This Section ends at the East Portal of the Tunnel.

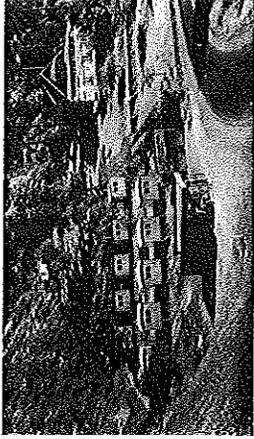




**MITCHELL POINT TRAILHEAD AP- PROACH**



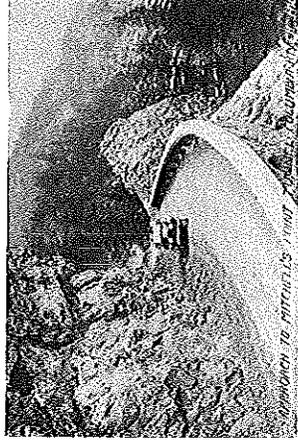
Mitchell Point Tour Inn. Historic Photograph provided by ODOT.



Mitchell Point Villa. Historic Photograph provided by ODOT.



Existing historic highway at Wygant Trailhead.



West approach to Mitchell Point Tunnel. Historic Photograph provided by ODOT.

**TRAIL SEGMENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

- 1,200 foot tunnel.
- Viewpoints at Mitchell Point West.
- Viewpoint at center of viaduct.
- Viewpoint at Mitchell Point East.
- Quarry floor restoration area.
- Peregrine Falcon Habitat.

**DESIGN/PERMITTING ISSUES:**

- Recreation Intensity Class 2.
- Site visible from several Key Viewing Areas: I-84, Columbia River Highway 14.
- Mitchell Point potential Native American sacred site.
- Limited site area, constrained by existing topography, creek and roads.
- Conflict with vehicular and bike/hike users.
- Allow for future expanded use if RIC is changed.
- Restore alignment of HCRH, possible location of historic milepost sign.

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FAYE BREHM  
P.O. Box [REDACTED]  
Underwood, WA 98651  
509-493-[REDACTED] ~ 541-490-[REDACTED]

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

As a 22 year resident on Underwood Mountain, I want to express my opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

I have been interested and active in the community to help preserve its beauty, integrity, and unique qualities for the betterment of all of us living on the mountain and the surrounding area, included the scenic area and beyond.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at least 25 turbines would be highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall turbines would be visible from State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible for two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges.

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Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,



Faye Brehm

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PO Box [REDACTED]  
Underwood, WA  
98657

Dear Sir -

I want to let you know that I fully support SDS Lumber Co's Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

The proposed project is around  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -2 miles from my home - this project will not have any effect on my home or family.

I support this project for two main reasons:

- 1) It will lessen our dependence on imported oil.
- 2) It will provide jobs and help

The tax base within Stawama County.

I have read the E.I.S. on this project and see no negative impacts on wildlife, scenic values, or people within the region.

Sincerely,

Jacob Kopp

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12/20/11  
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Name: Tom Wood

Address: [Redacted] Pomona [Redacted] The Dalles, OR. 97058

(Please include your Zip!)

Email Address: [Redacted]@Embargmail.com



Add me to the Mailing list

Please write any comments you have with respect to the

Leave this sheet in the Comment Box today, or mail it to:  
EFSEC, PO Box 43172, Olympia, WA 98504-3172.

Comment letters must be postmarked by Saturday, January 15, 2011.

In my testimony in Underwood on 1/5/11 I ran  
out of time & was unable to make another  
point, explanation really, on other birds this  
Whistling Ridge project would put in jeopardy.

Not only Bald Eagles would die & other  
large raptors that either winter here or  
migrate south. This wind farm, being located  
in a wooded area draws many other song birds,  
woodpeckers & hummingbirds. These species  
nest in ~~the~~ trees. This is why eastern  
WA. & eastern OR. can't be compared as to  
creating the equal hazard to birds. This

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project is a hazard, not only for migrants, but also for thousands of nesting birds.

And let me say that hundreds of birdwatchers come to this Gorge - staying in these communities, spending money - solely to see species that exist in few other places.

This project will scar & diminish the natural beauty of this National Scenic Area. The overwhelming testimony against the Whistling Ridge project clearly shows most people who live in the Gorge and those who come here for its stunning beauty are opposed.

Please do not allow it. As many stated last night doing so would certainly start us down a slope that will, in time, ruin our National Treasure.

Thank you

Jim Wood

Every time we upset the balance of nature we lose.

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Ken Bales  
Pine Vista  
Glenwood, Wa. 98619

Comments on the Whistling Ridge Energy Project:

I support the Whistling Ridge Project. Wind is a clean renewable energy source. Wind power is one of the answers to energy independence.

Ken Bales



**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** John and Polly Wood [REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 11:26 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

John and Polly Wood  
POB [REDACTED]  
Hood River, OR 97031

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** dinda evans <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 3:29 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies –including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service – have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

dinda evans  
pob [REDACTED]  
San Diego, CA 92117

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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From: [REDACTED]@gorge.net  
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 5:49 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Whistling Ridge comments

January 12, 2011

To: Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council:

I am writing to urge you to deny permission to SDS Lumber doing business as Whistling Ridge Energy LLC for their proposed wind turbine project on Whistling Ridge, behind Underwood Mountain.

The visual impact of this project would negatively effect the scenic views of the Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area. While alternative energy is important and necessary, maintaining the pristine character of the gorge is more important in this case. The proposed project could have a negative impact on the tourist industry, as many people visit this area for the unspoiled nature they can experience.

I also have concerns that the light flashing off the blades could trigger seizures and/or migraine headaches in susceptible individuals. The proposed ridge location makes this a possible problem for many homes that are in its direct line of sight, both in Washington and in Oregon.

Please deny permission for this project to continue.

Thank you,

Ginny Irving  
[REDACTED] Prospect Avenue  
Hood River, OR 97031  
541.386.[REDACTED]

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Oriana Culpepper <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 8:35 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** comment form for Whistling Ridge  
**Attachments:** Oriana's Comment Form 001.jpg

Hello,

At the bottom of your comment form I found this email address. I hope it is alright to send you a scanned copy of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation council Comment Form. This comment form is with respect to the Whistling Ridge Public comment meeting. Thank you for giving the public this opportunity to speak our mind on the subject matter of Wind Farms.

Thank you once again,

Oriana Culpepper

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Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council  
COMMENT FORM

Whistling Ridge Public Comment Meeting  
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Name: Oriana Culpepper

Address: [Redacted] Cherry Heights Rd The Dalles, 97058  
(Please include your Zip!)

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Add me to the Mailing list

Please write any comments you have with respect to the

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The Columbia Gorge is known for having more than enough  
wind gusts that wind farms should utilize, our region should  
definitely harvest this natural resource. Also,  
I toured the Wild Horse Visitors center and Biglow Canyon  
wind farms in 2010 and feel these farms are an excellent  
energy producing facility.

Use the back of this form if you need more room for your comments.

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**From:** Paula Friedman [REDACTED]@gorge.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 8:48 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** public comment re the Whistling Ridge wind energy application

Dear Council Members,

Last year, my community was threatened with a wind energy development as close as 0.9 miles to the nearest homes, on 360-400' towers that would have been set 800 to 1000' above these homes. In researching the likely and probable effects on nearby residents, I discovered that only the research sponsored by the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA) shed any doubt of probable noise and subsound vibrational health and mental health effects on some portion of neighboring residents; all other studies, as well as journalistic/anecdotal reports, showed substantial such effects on significant portions of persons residing up to 2 miles (and according to one study, possibly up to 6 miles) from such installations.

A point of interest was that height--both size of the blades and towers, and total height above homes--increased the affected distance. (This is not surprising, arising both from the wind shear factor and from the height affect on air waves seen in, for instance, the difference in bomb-effect diameter between ground and air bursts.)

I also learned that the purported economic as well as "green", Earth-saving effects of wind energy are all too limited by the petroleum-products energy needed both to back up wind-energy installations and by the effects of this shifting energy upon the energy grid and local power transmission--not to mention the ecological effects of road widening, bird-kill, wild mammal disruption, and human displacement that these wind-energy industrial installations involve. I further learned that few jobs, except a few short-term jobs related to turbine transport and installation, are created, while tourist-industry jobs and nearby farming and home office jobs are likely to be lost.

Finally, it became clear that the companies such as compose the AWEA are--that companies like wind turbine developers GE, Clipper Wind/UTC, BP, etc. are--for the most part huge conglomerates, many not even American, that are also involved in gas and oil production and/or war industry oil/gas-using activities, without real interest in the local communities like Underwood, the Hood River Valley, Trout Lake--White Salmon, etc. whose energy resources they so casually would exploit.

It is not just to "save the views" therefore that one must oppose the SDS Lumber company and other support for the Whistling Ridge project, which would hardly better the economic or energy situation of Washington State or Klickitat/Skamania Counties, and which would likely cause health/mental-health harm to a significant portion of those living within 2 or even 6 miles of the proposed installation, as well as harm to Spotted Owls and other wildlife of the beautiful Gorge region.

Paula Friedman  
[REDACTED] Billings Road, Parkdale, OR 97041  
[REDACTED]@gorge.net

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Susan Saul <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 12, 2011 10:55 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

At least 25 turbines would be visible from designated key viewing areas, including hiking trails in two states. Scenic resources of the Columbia River Gorge, Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, Historic Columbia River Highway, Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail, and Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail would be irreparably impacted by the Whistling Ridge Project.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Susan Saul  
[REDACTED] NE 10th St  
Vancouver, WA 98664

Susan Saul  
10102 NE 10th St  
Vancouver, WA 98664

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Will McKamey [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 10:02 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** No to Whistling Ridge

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Sincerely,

Will McKamey  
[REDACTED] NW Hoyt Street  
Portland, OR 97209

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Rebecca Dondlinger [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 10:03 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
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The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Dondlinger  
[REDACTED] NE 17th Ave  
Portland, OR 97211

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Jeff Lawton <[REDACTED]@pdxinfo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 10:06 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I support the Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I support Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire approve the project.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be approved. We need to reduce our dependence on oil and encourage renewable energy. This project will also create jobs.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Lawrton

Jeff Lawton  
PO Box [REDACTED]  
Tigard, OR 97281

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Debra Rehn <[REDACTED]@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 11:04 AM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Debra Rehn  
[REDACTED] SE 30th Av. [REDACTED]  
Portland, OR 97202

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Beth Wilmot <[REDACTED]@ohsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:53 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies –including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service – have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Beth Wilmot

Beth Wilmot  
[REDACTED] SW 60th Ave  
Portland, OR 97219

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Jeff Horne <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:54 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

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I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Jeff Horne  
[REDACTED] SE Tibbetts St.  
Portland, OR 97202

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** John and Polly Wood [REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:54 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Please Deny Whistling Ridge. There are plenty of other alternatives.

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire. It is the correct thing to do. There are plenty of other options for windmills and we should not consider this project until we run out of good alternatives.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

The project would be visible from Highway 14, which is a designated state scenic byway. Highway 14 is designated as a scenic byway because of the natural scenic beauty of the Columbia Gorge area. The project's immense turbines would protrude above the ridgeline converting this landscape into an industrial zone and harming scenic resources.

The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Sincerely,

John and Polly Wood  
POB [REDACTED]  
Hood River, OR 97031

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Mindy Schmidt <[REDACTED]@cascadeaccess.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:54 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Mindy Schmidt  
P.O. Box [REDACTED]  
Corbett, OR 97019

**Talbur, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Alice Williamson <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:55 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at least 25 turbines would be highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall turbines would be visible from State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible for two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges.

I recreate with the Columbia River Gorge on a regular basis and am very concerned about the impact that this project will have on the viewsheds and wildlife that I enjoy.

Whistling Ridge, if completed, would harm important aspects of our national heritage, including natural, historic and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Historic Columbia River Highway, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the SR14 scenic byway.

I am not alone in my opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Alice Williamson

Alice Williamson  
[REDACTED] NE 9th Ave  
Portland, OR 97211

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Lisa Mullis [REDACTED]@bluemarblecreative.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:57 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

There is plenty of wind energy generated in eastern Washington, Oregon and in Idaho that is not even fully utilized. It makes no sense to erect turbines in a protected area. Also, SDS already owns most of the Gorge and does not need another revenue generator simply out of greed.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies—including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service—have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Lisa Mullis  
[REDACTED] SW William Drive  
White Salmon, WA 98672

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Tammie L Murray <[REDACTED]@centurytel.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:57 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,  
Tammie L Murray  
Seaside, OR 97138

Tammie L Murray  
[REDACTED] Red Bluff Road  
Elsie, OR 97138

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Charlie Hopkins <[REDACTED]@gorge.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:58 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

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I am not alone in my opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Carol and Charlie Hopkins

PS We recently traveled through Kansas and Utah and these turbines are extremely imposing and noisy. Why they would even be considered for our beautiful Gorge, one of the few and truly beautiful places that has been protected, is completely beyond us. Thank you for your consideration of this gem of the Columbia River Gorge.

Charlie Hopkins  
[REDACTED] Cooper Ave.  
Underwood, WA 98651

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Madeline Priest <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:59 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

As someone who's job it is to promote clean energy, I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

I am generally very in favor of these sort of developments but this project is not the solution. The focus should be getting the recipients of this energy to reduce their energy consumption.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Madeline Priest  
[REDACTED] E 12th St  
The Dalles, OR 97058

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Aria Jackson [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 1:59 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

The project would be visible from Highway 14, which is a designated state scenic byway. Highway 14 is designated as a scenic byway because of the natural scenic beauty of the Columbia Gorge area. The project's immense turbines would protrude above the ridgeline converting this landscape into an industrial zone and harming scenic resources.

The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Sincerely,

Aria Jackson  
[REDACTED] SE Taylor St.  
Portland, OR 97215

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Patricia Bitner <[REDACTED]@q.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:03 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Patricia Bitner  
[REDACTED] E. 26th Ave  
Eugene, OR 97403

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Elizabeth Graser-Lindsey <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:04 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** COMMENT: No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

A LOWER IMPACT SOLUTION TO ENERGY PROBLEMS IS LOCAL WIND AND SOLAR THAT DOES NOT HURT PEOPLE THAT RECEIVE NO ENERGY AND CONSERVATION WHICH IS NOT EVEN BEING CONSIDERED. MORALITY NEEDS TO BE PUT INTO ACTION.

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

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Sincerely,

Elizabeth Graser-Lindsey  
[REDACTED] S. Ferguson Rd.  
Beavercreek, OR 97004

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Wendy McGowan [REDACTED]@rosenet.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:05 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
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- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Wendy McGowan  
[REDACTED] SE Ramp St.  
Roseburg, OR 97470

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** John Simonsen <[REDACTED]@oregonstate.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:07 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Save the Gorge - Deny Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

The project would be visible from Highway 14, which is a designated state scenic byway. Highway 14 is designated as a scenic byway because of the natural scenic beauty of the Columbia Gorge area. The project's immense turbines would protrude above the ridgeline converting this landscape into an industrial zone and harming scenic resources.

The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Sincerely,

John Simonsen  
[REDACTED] NW Forestgreen Ave.  
Corvallis, OR 97330

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** David Meharry <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:09 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

David Meharry  
[REDACTED] NW Nahcotta St  
Camas, WA 98607

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Judy Nelson [REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:12 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies—including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service—have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Judy Nelson  
[REDACTED] 18th st  
hood river, OR 97031

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Donna Lewis <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:18 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely, Donna L Lewis

Donna Lewis  
[REDACTED] NE 83rd Ave  
Portland, OR 97220

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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From: Roger Kofler [REDACTED]@aol.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:18 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The Whistling Ridge Site is located within an important wildlife conservation area.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

I am all in favor of alternative energy, including wind. However I believe we need to use common sense when we site any project. The Whistling Ridge site does not appear to me to be the best usage of the area. Surely there must be another site that does not have so many disadvantages.

Sincerely,

Roger Kofler  
[REDACTED] SE Jennings Crest Ln.  
Milwaukie, OR 97267-6365

Talbur, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** jay carroll [REDACTED]@gorge.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:21 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Whistling Ridge wind turbines

Dear Sirs

Please consider these points not to develop whistling ridge wind farm proposal. I personally have toured and worked in most of the windfarms in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. and have yet to see Turbines set atop steep terrain with Turbulent Air such as the proposed Whistling Ridge Site.

It is a poor location choice for a turbine farm for these reasons.

1. In a region that has an abundance of generated electricity, many turbines in the region sit dormant unable to sell or distribute their potential while the wind is blowing or the water is flowing.
2. With-in the view corridor of a sensitive NATIONAL SCENIC AREA!!!  
...Bad choice for people, national pride and the wind turbine industry. The lights at night are very visible and distracting.
3. WIND TURBULENCE, the whistling ridge is right in the crest of the Cascade Mountains in the Columbia River gorge. Making one of the windiest spots in North America with very gusty turbulent conditions.  
...Bad for big turbine efficiency and longevity,
4. WIND SHEAR, the Steep complex varied terrain (especially to the west) from the whistling ridge site accompanied by the Gusty Nature of the westerly Gorge winds will impair the turbines. Turbines will be shut down frequently by wind shear and gusts.  
...Bad for turbine safety
5. Good Idea, WRONG PLACE.  
...Bad for the future of wind farming and turbine acceptance.

Please don't get me wrong, as I support wind farms and their development and was involved with a small wind turbine company in the late 70's and have witnessed the struggles that wind turbine development has faced. When I moved to the Gorge in 1984 there was a large Boeing proto type turbine in the Columbia hills, I visited often and spoke with the engineers. They were hopeful for this 120' span turbine but pointed out that the wind shear and turbulence was a huge factor in the placement of the turbine and it had to be taken down. This turbine was the prototype for all the turbines that are now being installed in the appropriate locations of the gently sweeping eastern

basin of the Columbia River. Where topography and wind quality have created a rush of wind farms that are successful. A very positive point for the industry, Please do not make the a mistake of placing turbines in inappropriate locations as it will hurt the wind industry as well as disfigure a National treasure the Columbia River Gorge Scenic Area.

Thank You for the opportunity to comment

Jay Carroll

box [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NE Tohomish

White Salmon, Wa 98672

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Kathryn Peterson <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:23 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Peterson  
[REDACTED] SE 54th Avenue  
Portland, OR 97206

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** David Gleason <[REDACTED]@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:26 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

David Gleason  
PO Box [REDACTED]  
Clackamas, OR 97015

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Elvina Christopherson <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:28 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at least 25 turbines would be highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall turbines would be visible from State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible for two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges.

Whistling Ridge, if completed, would harm important aspects of our national heritage, including natural, historic and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Historic Columbia River Highway, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the SR14 scenic byway.

I am not alone in my opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

One you ruin it, it will be gone. Take some time to plan. There are many out of the way places.

Sincerely,

Elvina Christopherson  
[REDACTED] SW Johanna Dr  
Scappoose, OR 97056

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Wayne Smith <[REDACTED]@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:29 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

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I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

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Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Wayne Smith  
[REDACTED] McKinley St. SE  
Salem, OR 97302

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Don Jacobson <[REDACTED]@donjacobsonphoto.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:33 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at least 25 turbines would be highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall turbines would be visible from State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible for two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges.

Whistling Ridge, if completed, would harm important aspects of our national heritage, including natural, historic and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Historic Columbia River Highway, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the SR14 scenic byway.

I am not alone in my opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Don Jacobson  
[REDACTED] SE 55th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97215

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Sarah Hafer <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:34 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Sarah Hafer  
[REDACTED] Wyant Way  
Sacramento, CA 95864

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Susan Dupere <[REDACTED]@pcez.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:36 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington..

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies –including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service – have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Susan Dupere  
[REDACTED] NE 49th Ave  
Portland, OR 97213

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Jeff Merrick <[REDACTED]@jeffmerrick.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:39 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Re: Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the project, and I ask you to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

The sight of these turbines are ruining what makes this part of our area special.

The turbines are impacting nature, killing bats and birds.

I'm sick of having to pass the extra-long loads on trucks taking turbine blades on the road.

Decades ago, we all thought that hydropower was wonderful: all this free energy to power the northwest. That was 1/2 true. We did not adequately understand or consider the impacts on salmon, steelhead, and how their limits impact traditions of both native Americans and other citizens who fish for food, profit and relationship building between parents and children.

We have enough of these turbines blighting the area and killing creatures.

Sincerely,

Jeff Merrick  
Trout Lake, Washington

Jeff Merrick  
[REDACTED] SW 34th Ave  
Portland, OR 97219

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Leigh Anderson <[REDACTED]@teleport.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:44 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am vehemently opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

I live in Hood River in full view of this potential project, which will negatively impact the vital windsurfing/tourism attractiveness and beauty of Hood River Oregon and White Salmon/Underwood Wash towns.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at least 25 turbines would be highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall turbines would be visible from Washington State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible for two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges.

Whistling Ridge, if completed, would harm important aspects of our national heritage, including natural, historic and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Historic Columbia River Highway, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the SR14 scenic byway.

I am not alone in my opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Leigh & LeAnne Anderson  
[REDACTED] May St  
Hood River, OR 97031

Leigh Anderson  
12527 NW Woodland Ct  
Portland, OR 97229

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Randall Nelson <[REDACTED]@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:51 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

We, Chris Larsen and Randall Nelson, are opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project. We write to urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the project NOT go forward. Washington has available to it many more suitably sited and more productive sources of renewable energy. That this site may be the best site this applicant owns that is not in the National Scenic Area is no reason to burden our scenic heritage with the large whirling and noisy blades and towering stalks of this project.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. This proximity and the prevailing terrain would make at least 25 of these huge towers and turbines highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall ridge-perched turbines would be visible from State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible along two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges. Many turbines would also be visible and audible from Cook-Underwood Road, which is also a key viewing area and the route for a large amount of local and scenic visitor traffic. Numerous homes are also located in the immediate area on three sides of the site.

The small amount of power that this project would produce does not warrant the vast, long-term adverse effects that it would impose on the jewel that is the world-renown and long-established scenic heritage of all America, not only Washington and Oregon that are home to this treasure.

Whistling Ridge, if completed, would harm important aspects of our national heritage, including natural, historic and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Historic Columbia River Highway, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the SR14 scenic byway.

Construction, operation and maintenance of the project will also have lasting and substantial adverse effects, especially along Cook-Underwood Road.

We are not alone in our opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Randall Nelson  
[REDACTED] Scenic Heights Rd  
Underwood, WA 98651

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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From: Justin Carroll [REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:57 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Please live up to your name: Evaluate the energy potential -- a paltry 20 MW -- the facility, and the siting -- poorly sited with significant impacts to wildlife, habitat and iconic, irreplaceable scenic resources. Even a cursory evaluation would recommend a denial of this project: the downside outweighs the upside by a mile.

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Justin Carroll  
[REDACTED] NE 51st Ave  
Portland, OR 97213

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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From: Cliff Snell [REDACTED]@comcast.net>  
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 2:58 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Cliff Snell  
[REDACTED] SE 31st Street  
Vancouver, WA 98683

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** doug Peters <[REDACTED]@elltel.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:14 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

doug Peters  
[REDACTED] Fremont Hills Dr  
Selah, WA 98942

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Karen Marks [REDACTED]@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:31 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

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The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Karen Marks  
[REDACTED] SE Taylor St.  
Portland, OR 97214

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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From: Adria Fuller [REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:36 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to show my support for the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

While its location is on the fringe edges of the national scenic area, I believe those in the PacNW have a desire to be GREEN and produce power in an environmental friendly way, like wind energy. Wind Energy is not available everywhere due to the need for certain wind patterns and speed. Whistling Ridge meets the requirements and can be managed in an environmental way true to our roots.

I know there is opposition to this project, but I find it interesting that the environmental movement has been pushing and complaining for years about the lack of green energy and now they are on the side of opposing this green energy project. There is no perfect location for such a project, but if the data supports it for a good location for wind energy and it's creating local good paying jobs, producing green energy which our country desperately needs, I would ask that the Council to put aside the flip flop arguments of the so called environmental groups and Friends of the Gorge groups. They are being inconsistent with their own beliefs and have become activist groups looking for anything to help them raise money. They do not speak for the local population within the Gorge! Look at their office address. Are they in the Gorge? Is this where they live? I ask the Council to listen to those who live, work and raise our families in the Gorge and I believe you will find great support for this project.

Thank you for your time and I'm excited about having this new industry and safe energy source in our backyard.

Thanks.

-Dan Fuller  
Stevenson, WA

Adria Fuller  
[REDACTED] Sprague Landing Road  
Stevenson, WA 98648

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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From: ron Martin <[REDACTED]@mtu.edu>  
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:39 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies –including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service – have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

ron Martin  
[REDACTED] Cross Creek Ln  
Hood River, OR 97031

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Katelin Stuart <[REDACTED]@gorgegoddess.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:45 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

The project would be visible from Highway 14, which is a designated state scenic byway. Highway 14 is designated as a scenic byway because of the natural scenic beauty of the Columbia Gorge area. The project's immense turbines would protrude above the ridgeline converting this landscape into an industrial zone and harming scenic resources.

The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Sincerely,

Katelin Stuart  
[REDACTED] NE Walnut Street  
Cascade Locks, OR 97014

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Steven Miesen [REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 3:47 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

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Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

Steven Miesen  
[REDACTED] Holmes st  
West Linn, OR 97068

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** celia latz <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:04 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
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For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
celia latz

celia latz  
[REDACTED] sw hillside dr  
portland, OR 97221

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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From: George Knehr <[REDACTED]@gorge.net>  
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:09 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Deny Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

The project would be visible from Highway 14, which is a designated state scenic byway. Highway 14 is designated as a scenic byway because of the natural scenic beauty of the Columbia Gorge area. The project's immense turbines would protrude above the ridgeline converting this landscape into an industrial zone and harming scenic resources.

The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Why should we ruin the beauty of the Scenic Gorge Area, endanger the environment, and kill wildlife just to provide energy for a greedy California? They need to cut back and manage their own State.

Sincerely,

George Knehr

George Knehr  
PO Box [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] El Camino Real  
White Salmon, WA 98672

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Judith Lienhard <[REDACTED]@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:10 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
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For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Judith Lienhard  
[REDACTED] SW 94th Ave  
Portland, OR 97225

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Karl Kratzer [REDACTED]@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:20 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

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The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Sincerely,

Karl Kratzer  
[REDACTED] h.e. 34th cirle  
Vancouver, WA 98682

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Scot & Rebecca Bergeron [REDACTED]@gorge.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:29 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

I choose to live in the country as opposed to living in town. It's harder in many ways to live in the country. Trips to town have to be planned, we're farther away from services. Sometimes the power goes out or the road doesn't get plowed long after people in town are back on the go.

One of the reasons I choose to live in the country is to be able to look up at night and see the stars. There is no light pollution where I live, in Mill A, Washington. The ridge in question is just East of our home and it is the same ridge that we see when we're sitting at our fire pit. We watch the Moon and the stars come up over that ridge, and it's a beautiful scene.

If this power generation facility goes through, our night view will be dotted with twenty blinking red lights. I can go live in the city to see such things. Please don't start destroying such a national treasure as the Columbia Gorge with a project like this. The Gorge is a treasure and it is Skamania county's most valuable asset because of the tourism the Gorge draws. The wind plant, will be the beginning of the end of the natural beauty of the gorge and our beautiful night skies. I can see the domino effect in my mind as each and every ridge slowly falls victim to another wind project and somewhere in the future people will look back and only see windmills up and down the gorge. Already the land is peppered with towers when one drives out East towards Maryhill Winery. The towers were cute and a curiosity at first, but now they are just another machine.

The Gorge is not the place for wind towers of such magnitude. Small wind turbines on homes that want to save energy would be fine with me.

We need places where we can see the night skies without such an unsightly blemish.

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Scot Bergeron Mill A, Washington

Scot & Rebecca Bergeron  
Cook Underwood Rd.

Willard, WA 98605

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** LAUREL LEASE [REDACTED]@gorge.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:30 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Whistling Ridge Energy Project

**Importance:** High

WA Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

I would have liked to attend the hearing in Underwood January 5th, 2011 to explain how important it is that approval be granted to SDS Lumber's Whistling Ridge Energy Project. The window for developing replacement energy production facilities in Skamania/Klickitat Counties is quickly closing. With the proposed removal of PacifiCorp's Condit Dam Project, 15.3 Megawatts of power is going to be taken off the local electrical grid. This project operates at 100% efficiency. It will take more than one Whistling Ridge Wind Power Project to replace the power being lost. Because the efficiency of Wind Power Turbines is so much less than Hydro dam projects, the loss of any energy production facility will impact this area in ways yet to be experienced. We are not looking forward to the removal of Condit Dam Project, but we are hopeful that projects such as Whistling Ridge will be placed into production without delay.

SDS Lumber is a good neighbor, locally owned and operated, unlike PacifiCorp which is a Fortune 500 multi-corporate entity. SDS Lumber is responsive to the community's needs and sensitive to individual property rights, unlike PacifiCorp's Profit & Loss bottom line only focus. Our area will lose out financially and economically with PacifiCorp's business decision to remove Condit Dam. However, our community has everything to gain from SDS Lumber's involvement in Wind Power development; jobs, tax revenues, and energy.

Please approve this Project and make a positive impact in our community. We need economic development that fits our area's needs. Wind Turbine Projects have been a boost to Klickitat County's economic revenues, give Skamania County residents equal advantages.

Laurel Lease

[REDACTED] Private Lake Rd

White Salmon, WA 98672

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**From:** John Wadsworth [REDACTED]@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:32 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed to the Whistling Ridge Energy project and am writing to recommend that you deny the project going forward to Governor Gregoire.

This project is immediately adjacent to the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and at least 25 turbines would be highly visible from designated key viewing areas. Up to 25 of the 415-foot-tall turbines would be visible from State Route, 14 a state scenic byway in addition to being a designated key viewing area. The turbines would be visible for two miles of the highway, with westbound travelers looking directly at strings of turbines atop prominent ridges.

Whistling Ridge, if completed, would harm important aspects of our national heritage, including natural, historic and cultural resources of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Historic Columbia River Highway, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the SR14 scenic byway.

I am not alone in my opposition; both the National Park Service and the United States Forest Service have concluded that the project will harm important national resources.

Protect our heritage; recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

John Wadsworth  
[REDACTED] SW 3rd Ave  
Portland, OR 97219

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Satya Vayu <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:37 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Satya Vayu

Satya Vayu  
[REDACTED] 48th ave  
portland, OR 97206

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Judy Jordan <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:39 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

Last spring my husband and I drove in the area where the energy project is supposed to be sited. It's a gorgeous area. Also on that day, we saw the already constructed windmills that are farther back from the Columbia.

We found those quite distracting and noticable on our drive through the hills and plains north of river. But we realize the value of wind energy and we know the reason that there has to be alternatives to fossil fuels for our needs. So we can deal with the placement of those turbines.

However, the Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

Half of the projects would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

Judy Jordan  
[REDACTED] SE Clinton St  
Portland, OR 97206

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Robert Henry [REDACTED]@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:40 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies –including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service – have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Robert Henry  
[REDACTED]sw Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy  
PMB [REDACTED]  
Portland, OR 97225

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** James Sobieski <[REDACTED]@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:49 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,  
Jim Sobieski

James Sobieski  
[REDACTED] SW 100th Ave  
Portland, OR 97225

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Patricia Nagle <[REDACTED]@igc.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 4:51 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington. This area is a part of our national heritage. Why would we even consider a project that would harm this resource? Of course renewable energy projects are important. This however, does not give us the right to interfere with the integrity of the Gorge.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies –including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service – have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Sr. Patricia Nagle

Patricia Nagle  
[REDACTED] SE 19th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97202

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Jan Lucas [REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:00 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies—including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service—have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,  
Jan Lucas

Jan Lucas  
[REDACTED] NE 51st Ave  
Portland, OR 97213

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Mandi Houston <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:16 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

- It's the most controversial and problematic wind energy development ever proposed in Washington State.
- It would permanently convert hundreds of acres of forested land to industrial development.
- The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge and the Lewis and Clark Trail and state scenic byways like State Route 14.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Mandi Houston  
[REDACTED] se bluff rd  
gresham, OR 97080

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Sandra Sellevaag [REDACTED]@ccwebster.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:16 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge the Council to recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project for the following reasons:

The scenic beauty of the Columbia River Gorge would be permanently destroyed and forested land would become industrial development. This is an immeasurable sacrifice for such a short sighted project.

The project is proposed within a state-designated "Spotted Owl Special Emphasis Area" where suitable habitat for the recovery of this endangered species must be protected and enhanced. The project would adversely affect many species of birds, including Northern Spotted Owls, listed as endangered in Washington.

Wind energy projects should be an important part of our energy future in Washington, but poorly planned projects like Whistling Ridge should not be allowed to sacrifice our national heritage like the Columbia River Gorge.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Sandra Sellevaag  
[REDACTED] S. North End Road  
Oregon City, OR 97045

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Sharon Ferren [REDACTED]@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:18 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

Sharon Ferren  
[REDACTED] SE Anthony St  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Randi Fitch <[REDACTED]@gorge.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:18 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

Randi Fitch  
PO Box [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Greenwood Court  
Trout Lake, WA 98650

**Talbert, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Lloyd DeKay [REDACTED]@gorge.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:20 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Further, the existing wind farms already place an onerous burden in balancing the power grid; I don't feel it's worthwhile adding to this problem for the insignificant contribution of power it will afford. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost and effort to any except the landowners.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,  
Lloyd DeKay

Lloyd DeKay  
[REDACTED] SW Brislawn Loop Rd.  
White Salmon, WA 98672

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Martha Gies [mailto:marthagies@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:27 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies –including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service – have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Martha Gies  
[REDACTED] NE Rodney Avenue  
Portland, OR 97212

Talbert, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Bella Berlly <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:29 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** No to Whistling Ridge

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I oppose the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I am writing to recommend that you deny the project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

The project would contain 50 highly visible turbines along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. Up to 25 of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the scenic area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas include State Route 14, which is also designated as a state scenic byway.

Whistling Ridge would produce less than 20 megawatts of energy a year, while Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the projects minimal benefits. I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

Bella Berlly, White Salmon, WA

Bella Berlly  
[REDACTED] El Camino Real  
White Salmon, WA 98672

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** John Notis <[REDACTED]@ohsu.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:30 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

This may be a form letter, but I've read it carefully and don't have anything to add (or remove) to make it fit my personal opinion.

Sincerely,  
John Notis  
Portland, OR

John Notis  
[REDACTED] SE Yukon St.  
Portland, OR 97266

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Mike Berly <[REDACTED]@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:31 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

The project would be visible from Highway 14, which is a designated state scenic byway. Highway 14 is designated as a scenic byway because of the natural scenic beauty of the Columbia Gorge area. The project's immense turbines would protrude above the ridgeline converting this landscape into an industrial zone and harming scenic resources.

The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Sincerely,

Mike Berly  
[REDACTED] El Camino Real  
White Salmon, WA 98672

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** George Pantely <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:51 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Opposed to Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing today to recommend that you deny the Whistling Ridge Energy Project to Governor Gregoire.

The Whistling Ridge Energy Project is within three miles of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail, the Oregon Pioneer National Historic Trail, the Columbia River Highway, the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail and the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area.

25 of the projects 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area and each turbine would be more than 420 feet tall and equipped with blinking lights that would be visible for miles in all directions. The project would be highly visible from State Route 14, a designated scenic byway in Washington.

Please recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge project to Governor Gregoire and protect our historic trails and scenery in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

George Pantely  
[REDACTED] quinn Dr.  
Parkdale, OR 97041

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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From: Jeff Cole <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2011 5:51 PM  
To: EFSEC (UTC)  
Subject: Deny Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

The project would be visible from Highway 14, which is a designated state scenic byway. Highway 14 is designated as a scenic byway because of the natural scenic beauty of the Columbia Gorge area. The project's immense turbines would protrude above the ridgeline converting this landscape into an industrial zone and harming scenic resources.

The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

As I understand it the project will only generate about 20MW of power, a small portion of our region's wind power capacity. The loss of trees also reduces their CO2 mitigation.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cole  
[REDACTED] SE Madison St  
Portland, OR 97215

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** Jane Harold <[REDACTED]@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 6:01 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project.

The project itself is the most controversial and problematic wind project ever proposed in Washington State and be highly visible along the 2,000-foot elevation ridgeline boundary of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area near White Salmon, Washington.

The Whistling Ridge Project is also proposed within a designated "Special Emphasis Area" protecting the Northern Spotted Owl, listed as an endangered species in Washington.

I am not alone in my opposition; multiple agencies –including the United States Forest Service and the National Park Service – have recommended substantial modifications to the project. Other groups who have raised concerns or oppose the projects include: Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Save Our Scenic Area, Skamania County Agri-Tourism Association, Seattle Audubon Society, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Columbia Gorge Audubon Society and Friends of the Historic Columbia River Highway.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

Jane Harold  
[REDACTED] NW Preston Ct  
Portland, OR 97229

Talburt, Tammy (UTC)

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**From:** jake culver <[REDACTED]@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 6:11 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** I oppose Whistling Ridge Energy Project

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am opposed the poorly planned Whistling Ridge Energy Project. Please recommend that Governor Gregoire deny the project. Let the citizens of once-beautiful California build it within their own borders. Not ours.

I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project be denied.

Sincerely,

jake culver  
[REDACTED] s.e. milwaukie ave  
portland, OR 97202-4916

**Talburt, Tammy (UTC)**

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**From:** Margaret Keene [REDACTED]@clearwire.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 13, 2011 6:11 PM  
**To:** EFSEC (UTC)  
**Subject:** Deny Whistling Ridge

Dear Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing in opposition to the Whistling Ridge Energy Project. I urge the Council to recommend denial of the project to Governor Gregoire.

There are too many costs to the surrounding areas to make the project worth the risks. The Whistling Ridge Energy Project would be adjacent to the Gifford Pinchot National Forest – an increasingly popular recreational resource for the community. The views of Mt. Hood would be blocked from public trails to the north and would cause significant adverse impacts to scenic views in both Washington and Oregon.

The project would be visible from Highway 14, which is a designated state scenic byway. Highway 14 is designated as a scenic byway because of the natural scenic beauty of the Columbia Gorge area. The project's immense turbines would protrude above the ridgeline converting this landscape into an industrial zone and harming scenic resources.

The construction of the project itself would cause traffic impacts in the Underwood Community. The operation of this massive industrial energy complex would harm the emerging agricultural tourism economy that is located at the base of the project site.

For these reasons, I urge you to recommend to Governor Gregoire that the Whistling Ridge Project should be denied.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Please deny the Whistling Ridge project

To the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council,

I am writing to urge you to deny the Whistling Ridge project in your recommendations to Governor Gregoire.

Many of the 50 turbines would be highly visible from key viewing areas of the Columbia Gorge scenic area and the blinking lights would be visible for miles in all directions. These key viewing areas also include State Route 14, which is a designated state scenic byway.

Washington and Oregon have over 40,000 megawatts of wind energy development potential that can easily meet our growing demands without sacrificing our national heritage. Whistling Ridge is simply not worth the cost.

The adverse impacts of the project on one of the most beautiful scenic regions in the United States far outweigh the project's limited benefits. Again, I urge you to recommend denial of the Whistling Ridge Energy Project.

Sincerely,

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