



APPENDIX H

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES



**Comments specific to the**

**PROPOSED COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
STATEMENT AND CASSIA RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT**

**June 24, 2005 through September 22, 2005**



## 1.1 INTRODUCTION

On December 19, 2002, the BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS for the full project proposal in the Federal Register (Appendix A). The NOI identified the proposed Cotterel Wind Power Project (Proposed Project) area and location as well as BLM's intention to hold agency and public scoping meetings. The initial scoping period ran for 60 days and concluded on February 21, 2003. Three public scoping meetings were held in the towns of Albion on January 7, 2003; Burley on January 8, 2003; and Boise, Idaho on January 9, 2003.

All written and verbal comments received on the proposed project prior to the publication of the Draft EIS were considered in the preparation of the Draft EIS. On July 1, 2005 a Notice of Availability (NOA) was published in the Federal Register and the Draft EIS was made available to the public. The publishing of the NOA in the Federal Register marked the beginning of the 90-day public comment period on the Draft EIS. During the comment period, interested parties were invited to submit comments on the Draft EIS to the BLM. Public meetings were held to describe the content of the Draft EIS and to receive comments. Meetings were held on July 26, 2005 at the Burley High School, Burley, Idaho, July 27, 2005 at the Marsh Creek Event Center in Albion, Idaho, and July 28, 2005 at Boise High School, Boise Idaho.

Following the public comment period, the Draft EIS was revised to generate a Final EIS. The Final EIS incorporates revisions to the Draft EIS made in response to comments submitted during the 90-day public comment period and other minor modification to provide additional information or clarification where deemed applicable by the BLM. During the public comment period 72 written comments were received by the BLM via comments forums at the public meetings, mail, email, and facsimile. The appendix provides the comments that were submitted during the 90-day public comment period and responses to those comments where applicable.

## 1.2 COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

The comments provided address numerous issues, some related to the adequacy of the DEIS however most comments were opinions concerning the Proposed Project or its impacts which do not pertain to the adequacy of the DEIS. The following list is some of the issues for which comments were submitted.

- Impacts on springs and wells
- Impacts on migratory birds, raptors, and bats
- Impacts on sage-grouse
- Expansion of noxious weeds
- Impacts to big game including deer and bighorn sheep winter range
- Impacts on other wildlife and wildlife habitat
- Increased roadway traffic
- Increased human activity
- Impacts on visual resources and aesthetics

- Impacts to the surrounding communities
- Impacts from noise
- Impacts on property values
- Alternatives considered

Each of the comment letters or forms received or comment forms received during the 90-day public comment period was assigned an identification number. These documents were reviewed and divided into individual comments, with each comment containing a single theme or concern. Individual comments and the responses to them were assigned corresponding numbers. Each numbered comment document is the submittal of a single individual or organization. The number consists of two parts. The first part is the number of the document and second is the number of the comment. Thus comment 3A refers to the first comment of comment letter #3. To aid the reader and commentors, comments have been reproduced in the Appendix together with corresponding responses on the same pages.

- CEQ regulations provide five possible methods for responding to comments:
- Make corrections.
- Modify the proposed action or alternatives.
- Develop and evaluate new alternatives.
- Supplement, improve, or modify analyses.
- Explain why no further response is necessary.

Every comment received a response; however, not every line of every letter was considered part of a comment. Section of the comment documents that did not directly address the Draft EIS were not considered comments and did not receive individual responses. For example, many of the comment letters contained introductory material that was not a comment regarding the Draft EIS. This section required no specific response and was not marked as comments. Comments that do not pertain to analysis within the scope of the Draft EIS or the adequacy of the Draft EIS under NEPA are typically identified as such and do not require response under NEPA. In some cases, the text of the Draft EIS has been modified in the Final EIS to address the concerns of the commenter. Where this was necessary, it is noted in the response to the comment.

Copies of the comments received on the Draft EIS and responses to those comments are provided on the following pages.

## DRAFT EIS COMMENTORS

| Date Received | Letter # | Commentor   | Commentor Type* | Method of Comment | Withhold Name? | # of Pages |
|---------------|----------|---|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| 6/21/05       | 1        | Byron Schmidt<br>Chief, Airspace Management<br>Mountain Home AFB, ID<br>Com 208-828-4722<br><a href="mailto:byron.schmidt@mountainhome.af.mil">byron.schmidt@mountainhome.af.mil</a>  | A               | email             |                | 1          |
| 6/23/05       | 2        | Michael Christensen<br>182 N Meridian<br>Rupert, ID 83350<br>Home - 208-436-6857<br>Bus - 208-436-6213  | P               | Letter            |                | 2          |
| 6/23/05       | 3        | Robert Christensen<br>609 19th Street<br>Rupert, ID 83350<br>Home - 208-436-1394<br>Bus - 208-436-6213  | P               | Letter            |                | 3          |
| 6/23/05       | 4        | Louise Christensen<br>182 N. Meridian<br>Rupert, ID 83350<br>Home - 208-436-6857<br>Bus - 208-436-6213  | P               | Letter            |                | 2          |
| 6/27/05       | 5        | <b>Bruce Newcomb</b> , Speaker of the<br>House of Representatives,<br>State of Idaho<br><br><b>Robert L. Geddes</b> , President Pro<br>Tem, Idaho State Senate<br><br>Room 309 - Statehouse<br>PO Box 83720<br>Boise, ID 83720-0038<br>208-332-1111<br>Fax 208-334-2491 | A               | Letter            |                | 2          |
| 7/1/05        | 6        | Don and Donna Hanford<br>Twin Falls, Idaho<br><a href="mailto:dondonna@cableone.net">dondonna@cableone.net</a>  | P               | email             |                | 2          |

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| 7/13/05       | 7        | B. Sachau<br>15 Elm Street<br>Florham Park, NJ 07932<br><a href="mailto:Bk1492@aol.com">Bk1492@aol.com</a>   | P               | email                              |                | 1          |
| 7/19/05       | 8        | Tammy Lien<br>PO Box 514<br>Albion, ID 83311<br><a href="mailto:tlie@atcnet.net">tlie@atcnet.net</a>   | P               | email                              |                | 1          |
| 7/21/05       | 9        | Lee Kreutzer<br>Cultural Resources Specialist<br>USDI National Park Service<br>National Trails System<br>324 South State Street, Suite 200<br>Box 30<br>Salt Lake City, UT 84111 | A               | Letter                             |                | 2          |
| 7/24/05       | 10       | Mike/Jen March<br>208-734-6334<br><a href="mailto:mjmarch@cableone.net">mjmarch@cableone.net</a>   | P               | email                              |                | 1          |
| 7/26/05       | 11       | Nick Rokich<br>Box 126<br>Burley, ID 83318   | P               | Burley Public Meeting Comment Form |                | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 12       | Bruce Bristol<br>7795 Highway 77<br>Albion, ID 83311   | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | N              | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 13       | Jay L. Black<br>2652 Elba Almo Highway<br>Box 103<br>Almo, ID 83312  | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | N              | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 14       | Kurt Catmull<br>Box 131, 120 N. St.<br>Albion, ID 83311  | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | N              | 1          |

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| 7/27/05       | 15       |   | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | Y              | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 16       |   | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | Y              | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 17       |   | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | Y              | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 18       | William Loughmiller<br>1577 E. 1740 S.<br>Malta, ID 83342<br>agpro@atcnet.net | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form |                | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 19       | Colleen Loughmiller<br>1577 E. 1740 S.<br>Malta, ID 83342                     | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | N              | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 20       | Dean Richins<br>260 W. Market<br>Albion, ID 83311                             | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | N              | 1          |
| 7/27/05       | 21       |   | P               | Albion Public Meeting Comment Form | Y              | 1          |

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| 7/27/05              | 22              | Cheryl Murphy<br>336 Harper Ave.<br>Albion, ID 83311                             | P                      | Albion<br>Public<br>Meeting<br>Comment<br>Form | N                     | 1                 |
| 7/27/05              | 23              | Stan Lloyd<br>2270 S - Elba<br>Almo Highway<br>Elba, ID 83342                    | P                      | Albion<br>Public<br>Meeting<br>Comment<br>Form | N                     | 1                 |
| 7/27/05              | 24              | Keith Amende<br>Box 157<br>Albion, ID 83311                                      | P                      | Albion<br>Public<br>Meeting<br>Comment<br>Form | N                     | 1                 |
| 7/27/05              | 25              |  | P                      | Albion<br>Public<br>Meeting<br>Comment<br>Form | Y                     | 1                 |
| 7/27/05              | 26              | Jack Benner<br>PO Box 54.<br>1100 E 950 S<br>Albion, ID 83311<br>Buck@atcnet.net | P                      | Albion<br>Public<br>Meeting<br>Comment<br>Form | N                     | 2                 |
| 7/27/05              | 27              | Robert Murphy<br>336 Harper Avenue<br>Albion, ID 83311<br>murphy@atcnet.net      | P                      | Albion<br>Public<br>Meeting<br>Comment<br>Form | N                     | 2                 |
| 7/27/05              | 28              | Curtis & Michelle Richins<br>284 West Market<br>Albion, ID 83311                 | P                      | Albion<br>Public<br>Meeting<br>Comment<br>Form |                       | 2                 |

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| 7/28/05       | 29       |  | P               | Boise Public Meeting Comment Form          | Y              | 1          |
| 7/28/05       | 30       | Jill and Thaddeus Weigel<br>2901 Tartan Place<br>Boise, ID 83702<br>jcweigel@att.net   | P               | Boise Public Meeting Comment Form          | N              | 1          |
| 7/29/05       | 31       | Ken Sanders<br>1337 Holly Drive<br>Twin Falls, ID 83301  | P               | Letter                                     |                | 1          |
| 7/29/05       | 32       | Jon Fillmore<br>Box 151<br>Albion, ID 83311  | P               | Letter                                     |                | 2          |
| 8/2/05        | 33       | James F. Devine<br>Senior Advisor for Science Applications<br>USDI, US Geological Survey<br>Mail Stop 423<br>2800, IDI-33676 (ID220)<br>Reston, VA 20192 | A               | Letter                                     |                | 2          |
| 8/2/05        | 34       | Kenneth Clausen<br>4326 Nystrom Way<br>Boise, ID 83713   | P               | Letter                                     |                | 1          |
| 8/16/05       | 35       | Arlene Smyer<br>1300 E. 1030 S.<br>Albion, ID 83311<br>kasmyer@atcnet.net  | P               | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form | N              | 2          |
| 8/16/05       | 36       | Debbie Matsen<br>20 N. 950 E.<br>Declo, ID 83323   | P               | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form | N              | 1          |

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| 8/16/05       | 37       |   | P               | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form | Y              | 1          |
| 8/21/05       | 38       | Katie Fite<br>Western Watersheds Project (WWP)<br>PO Box 2863<br>Boise, ID 83701<br><a href="mailto:kfite@juno.com">kfite@juno.com</a>  | SI              | email                                      |                | 1          |
| 8/23/05       | 39       | Kevin A. Larson<br>1852 W. 16th<br>Burley, ID 83318<br>208-678-8432   | P               | Letter                                     |                | 1          |
| 8/25/05       | 40       | Katie Fite<br>Biodiversity Director<br>Western Watersheds Project (WWP)<br>PO Box 2863<br>Boise, ID 83701<br><a href="mailto:kfite@juno.com">kfite@juno.com</a>                                   | SI              | Letter                                     |                | 40         |
| 8/26/05       | 41       | Jim Powers<br>General Manager<br>Raft River Rural Electric Coop., Inc.<br>Raft River Division<br>250 N. Main, PO Box 617<br>Malta, ID 83342<br>208-645-2211<br>Fax 208-645-2300                   | SI              | Letter                                     |                | 1          |
| 8/28/05       | 42       | Johnny C. Marilyn McGill<br>PO Box 43<br>Rupert, ID 83350   | P               | Letter                                     |                | 2          |
| 8/31/05       | 43       | Donald L. Rose<br>Supervisory Environmental<br>Protection Specialist - KEC-4<br>Department of Energy<br>Bonneville Power Administration<br>PO Box 3621<br>Portland, OR 97208-3621<br>503-230-3796 | A               | Letter                                     |                | 2          |

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| 9/13/05       | 44       | Ryan Newman  | P               | Letter  |                | 7          |
| 9/13/05       | 45       | Rick Redman, General Manager<br>ATC C ommunications<br>225 West North Street<br>PO Box 98<br>Albion, ID 83311<br>208-673-5335<br>208-673-6200<br>atc@albiontel.com<br><a href="mailto:rich@atcnet.net">rich@atcnet.net</a> | SI              | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form with letter attached | N              | 5          |
| 9/15/05       | 46       | James A. Mosher, Executive Director<br>North American Grouse Partnership<br>PO Box 408<br>Williamsport, MD 21795<br>Office/Fax 301-223-1533<br><a href="http://www.grousepartners.org">www.grousepartners.org</a>          | SI              | Letter  |                | 6          |
| 9/15/05       | 47       | North American Grouse Partnership<br>PO Box 408<br>Williamsport, MD 21795<br>Office/Fax 301-223-1533<br><a href="http://www.grousepartners.org">www.grousepartners.org</a>   | SI              | Letter  |                | 4          |
| 9/16/05       | 48       | Kelly B. Adams, Chairperson<br>Twin Falls District Resource Advisory Council (RAC)   | A               | Letter  |                | 2          |
| 9/16/05       | 49       | Kelly Adams<br>PO Box A<br>Burley, ID 83318  | P               | Letter  |                | 2          |
| 9/19/05       | 50       | David J. Ryzak<br>617 E. 18th Way<br>Burley, ID 83318  | P               | Letter  |                | 1          |
| 9/19/05       | 51       | John Robison<br>Conservation Associate<br>Idaho Conservation League<br>PO Box 844<br>Boise, ID 83701<br>208-345-6933<br>Fax - 208-344-0344   | SI              | Letter  |                | 10         |

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| 9/19/05       | 52       | J. Kent Marlor, PhD, President<br>Idaho Wildlife Federation<br>PO Box 6426<br>Boise, ID 83707<br>208-342-7055<br>Fax 208-342-2366<br><a href="http://www.idahowildlife.org">www.idahowildlife.org</a><br><a href="mailto:IWF@idahowildlife.org">IWF@idahowildlife.org</a>  | SI              | Letter   |                | 5          |
| 9/20/05       | 53       | Jeff Cook<br>Outdoor Recreation Analyst<br>Comprehensive Planning, Research<br>and Review<br>Idaho Department of Parks and<br>Recreation<br>PO Box 83720<br>5657 Warm Springs Avenue<br>Boise, ID 83720-0065<br>208-344-4199<br>Fax 208-334-3741<br><a href="http://www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov">www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov</a> | A               | Letter   |                | 2          |
| 9/20/05       | 54       | George and Gwen Montgomery<br>937 S. 900 E.<br>Albion, ID 83311<br>208-673-6644  | P               | Letter   |                | 3          |
| 9/20/05       | 55       | Tom Geary<br>964 S 950 E<br>Albion, ID 83311   | P               | Mailed in<br>on a Public<br>Meeting<br>Comment<br>Form |                | 2          |
| 9/21/05       | 56       | Ken Crane<br>Range Program Manager<br>State of Idaho<br>Department of Agriculture<br>Division of Animal Industries<br>2270 Old Penitentiary Road<br>PO Box 7249<br>Boise, ID 83707<br>208-332-8540   | A               | Letter   |                | 4          |

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| 9/21/05       | 57       | Mark and Debora Grigg<br>PO Box 7<br>Albion, ID 83311  | P               | Faxed Letter   |                | 1          |
| 9/21/05       | 58       | Jeff Chatburn<br>850 S. 1275 E.<br>Albion, ID 83311  | P               | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form                       |                | 2          |
| 9/21/05       | 59       | Jamie Lynn Chatburn<br>850 S. 1275 E.<br>Albion, ID 83311  | P               | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form                       |                | 2          |
| 9/21/05       | 60       | Tammy Chatburn<br>850 S. 1275 E.<br>Albion, ID 83311   | P               | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form                       |                | 2          |
| 9/21/05       | 61       | Odeen and Darla Redman<br>1077 So. Hwy 77<br>Albion, ID 83311<br>208-673-5353<br>odeen@atcnet.net  | P               | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form with letter attached. |                | 3          |
| 9/22/05       | 62       | David Parrish<br>Magic Valley Regional Supervisor<br>Idaho Fish and Game<br>Magic Valley Region<br>319 South 417 East<br>Jerome, ID 83338<br>208-324-4359<br>Fax 208-324-1160<br><a href="http://www.state.id.us/fishgame">http://www.state.id.us/fishgame</a> | A               | Hand Delivered Letter  |                | 12         |

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| 9/22/05       | 63       | Christine B. Reichgott, Manager<br>NEPA Review Unit<br>USEPA, Region 10<br>Attn: ETPA-088<br>1200 Sixth Avenue<br>Seattle, WA 98101<br>Mr. Theogene Mbabaliye<br>206-553-6322<br><a href="mailto:mbabaliye.theogene@epa.gov">mbabaliye.theogene@epa.gov</a> | A               | Letter   |                | 4          |
| 9/22/05       | 64       | Ina DiGrazia<br>Albion, ID  | P               | Faxed Letter   |                | 2          |
| 9/22/05       | 65       | Margo Saunders, MD<br>Earl L. Warthen - "PLC"<br>PO Box 145<br>Albion, ID 83311   | P               | Mailed in on a Public Meeting Comment Form with a letter to the editor attached. |                | 3          |
| 9/23/05       | 66       | Roald Doskeland<br>President<br>Windland, Inc.<br>10480 Garverdale Court, Ste 804A<br>Boise, ID 83704<br>208-377-7777<br>Fax 208-375-2894   | Applicant       | Letter   |                | 28         |
| 9/26/05       | 67       | Jeff Foss, Field Supervisor<br>USDI, Fish & Wildlife Service<br>Snake River Fish and Wildlife Office<br>1387 S. Vinnell Way, Room 368<br>Boise, ID 83709<br>208-378-5243<br><a href="http://idahoES.fws.gov">http://idahoES.fws.gov</a>                     | A               | Letter   |                | 17         |
| 9/22/05       | 68       | Linda and Gary Leach<br>1096 E 1000 S<br>Albion ID 83311<br>208-673-6254  | P               | Letter   | N              | 1          |

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| No Date              | 69              | Jim Wahlgren<br>1225 E 1040 S<br>Albion ID 83311<br><a href="mailto:wahlgren@atcnet.net">wahlgren@atcnet.net</a> | P                      | Letter                   | N                     | 2                 |
| No Date              | 70              | Lois Darlene Wahlgren<br>1225 E 1040 S<br>Albion, ID 83311   | P                      | Letter                   | N                     | 1                 |
| 9/21/05              | 71              | Jeff & Carey Leach<br>Albion, ID 83311<br>208.673.6233   | P                      | Letter                   | N                     | 3                 |
| No Date              | 72              | Kent L. Christopher  | P                      | Letter                   | N                     | 3                 |

**COMMENTS**

**Letter #1**



"Schmidt Byron L Civ 366  
OSS/OSRS"  
<Byron.Schmidt@mountainhome.af.mil>  
06/21/2005 08:06 AM

To <id\_cotterelwind@blm.gov>  
cc "Kautzmann Duey J Lt Col 366 OSS/OSO"  
<duey.kautzmann@mountainhome.af.mil>  
bcc  
Subject DEIS

Mr. Barker,

A [ My name is Byron Schmidt, and I am the Chief, Airspace Management at Mountain Home AFB. I was made aware of the Federal Register notification of the Draft EIS (DEIS) for Cassia County and I made a sincere attempt to look at the DEIS at <http://www.id.blm.gov/planning/cotterel>. Unfortunately, the site was not available, so I thought I would let you know, if you don't already. Having said that, my office would like to form a cooperative working relationship with the BLM on any proposals to erect wind generating equipment on BLM land. There may, or may not be factors related to our airspace use that I would, at the very least, like to front to the contractors before any construction is contemplated in whatever location. I anticipate a good discussion of the issues with the proponents involved. I have already closed the loop with Mr. Tom Noll at Idaho Power on this as well, and a consortium of players involved in discussion of the issues would be beneficial to all in this early stage of wind power development in Idaho. I thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to additional contact with your office. Take care.

Byron Schmidt  
Chief, Airspace Management  
Mountain Home AFB, ID  
Com. 208-828-4722  
byron.schmidt@mountainhome.af.mil

**RESPONSES**

- A. BLM is and will continue working with Mountain Home AFB on the Cotterel Wind Power Project and other proposed wind power projects on BLM managed lands.

**COMMENTS**

**Letter #2**



THIS FAX IS FROM  
Christensen Machine Inc.  
301 Centennial Dr.  
Heyburn, Id. 83336  
Phone (208)436-6213, (208)436-6515  
Tel/Fax(208)436-6857

Date: 6/23/2005

Time: 2:02 PM

Please deliver this fax to:

Name: Wendy Reynolds or Scott Barker

Company: Burley Field Office

Fax Number: (208) 677-6699

Message From: Louise

Number of pages 2 including cover sheet.

Message: Letter of support for Windland, Inc. wind project

Thank You,  
Michael Christensen

**RESPONSES**

**COMMENTS**

**Letter #2 (continued)**

June 23, 2005

Scott Barker, or Wendy Reynolds,

A [ As a Mini-Cassia area citizen, and a business owner I would like to go on record as being in favor of the development of the wind project on Cotterell mountain. I am also in favor of the EIS alternative that would allow Windland to build as they have proposed.

I believe that the development of wind power in our area will be of great economic stimulus for the local economies.

Thank you for your consideration,



Michael Christensen  
182 N Meridian  
Rupert, ID 83350

208-436-6857 home

208-436-6213 bus.

**RESPONSES**

- A. Thank you for your comment. We appreciate your involvement in the NEPA process and the time which you contributed. Your comment was considered in preparation of the final environmental impact statement. Because your comments do not address the adequacy of the Draft EIS further response is not provided.