

**COMMENTS**

**Letter #3**



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: 1:40 PM

Please deliver this fax to:

Name: Wendy Reynolds or Scott Barker

Company: Burley field office

Fax Number: (208) 677-6699

Message From: Robert

Number of pages 2 including cover sheet.

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

Thank You,  
Robert Christensen

**RESPONSES**

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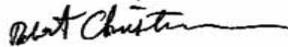
**Letter #3 (continued)**

June 23, 2005

Scott Barker, or Wendy Reynolds,

A [ As a Mini-Cassia area citizen, business owner, and a City Councilman for the City of Rupert 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,



Robert Christensen  
609 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rupert, Idaho 83350

208-436-1394 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.

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Nibbs - Creek

Comment

Robt. LeMistonson 436-6213  
as a citizen / kinsman on river x city  
councilman in favor of a choice  
Windland - most beneficial

RESPONSES

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**Letter #4**



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Date: 6/23/2005

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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,  
Louise Christensen

**RESPONSES**

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Thank you for your consideration,



Louise Christensen  
182 N Meridian  
Rupert, ID 83350

208-436-6857 home

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**Letter #5**

**BRUCE NEWCOMB**  
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**House of Representatives**  
**State of Idaho**  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

June 24, 2005

Ms. Wendy Reynolds  
Field Office Manager  
BLM Burley field Office  
15 East 200 South  
Burley ID 83318

Dear Ms. Reynolds:

We have followed the development of the Cotterel Wind Power Project and this utility-scale electrical generation site has turned out to be the kind of cost-effective project that many of us anticipated. We are in full support of this project for Idaho and agree with the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) preferred alternative C to advance this project to completion.

After reviewing the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Cotterel Wind Power Project we are convinced that the project is well conceived, genuinely collaborative, environmentally sensitive, and cost-effective.

As the BLM takes public comment we wish to voice our support to several of the most salient conclusions we have reached reviewing the DEIS.

First, the DEIS demonstrates the unique qualities of Cotterel Mountain as a wind energy resource. It confirms what has long been recognized; the area ranks among Idaho's windiest places. Moreover, the DEIS substantiates the broader elements that make the site well suited for development – proximity to transmission, favorable building characteristics of the site, multiple use of public lands, and its limited visual impact.

Second, we agree with BLM pointing out in the DEIS the higher values that should be associated with utility-scale wind power development. While dispersed wind power generation may have appeal in certain select areas, true economies of scale will be captured by larger installations sited at highly-energetic places such as Cotterel Mountain.

Third, the DEIS demonstrates that the protection of sage-grouse habitat, grazing, recreation and wind farm development can be achieved and need not be

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mutually exclusive. The BLM, working in conjunction with the applicant and our Idaho agencies, has done a commendable job of identifying the issues and balancing the concerns associated with sage grouse, multiple use, and wind power development on Cottarel Mountain.

The DEIS has been two years in the making. We hope that it sets the stage for a timely and favorable Record of Decision on the application for a Cottarel Wind Power Project. We look forward to the day when the winds along Cottarel Mountain will be put to work producing affordable and dependable Idaho electric power for Idaho consumers.

The diversification of Idaho's electricity portfolio is of great interest to those of us serving in the Legislature. As a result, the Idaho Legislature has taken an active roll and created state policy to support the cost-effective development of renewable energy such as wind. Our recently enacted sales tax exemption is one of the mechanisms we have initiated to advance renewable energy investment in the state on public and private lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the BLM's DEIS regarding the Cottarel Wind Power Project. We are in full support of this project for Idaho and agree with your preferred alternative C to advance this project to completion.

Sincerely,



Bruce Newcomb  
Speaker of the House  
Idaho House of Representatives



Robert L. Geddes  
President Pro Tem  
Idaho State Senate

**RESPONSES**

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## Letter #6



"Don & Donna Hanford"  
 <dondonna@cableone.net>  
 07/01/2005 07:14 PM

To: <id\_cottarewind@blm.gov>, <scott\_barker@blm.gov>  
 cc:  
 bcc:  
 Subject: wind Farms

The email is in response to the request for public input for a wind mill power generation facilities. The article that I read in the Twin Falls paper this morning said that the environmental impact statement consisted of 'impact on wildlife and land,' 'public access' and 'visual impact.'

I am a retired engineer and it seems to me that in all the discussion about wind mills, one very important consideration either has not been addressed or at minimum is not being discussed publicly.

As you probably know all Engineers learn in their freshman year that on a practical basis, energy can not be created nor destroyed. This fact is key to my discussion.

When air in the form of wind approaches a wind turbine it has a certain temperature and velocity. Down wind of the wind turbine the air must have a reduced velocity or it must have a reduction of temperature or some combination of both. Generating electrical energy must take energy out of the atmosphere. There is no doubt in my mind that this reduction of wind velocity or temperature will have an impact on the weather patterns. The question is: is it negligible or not. As wind farms get bigger this question become somewhat critical.

A [ If it has not already been done (if it has I haven't heard about it) then wind tunnel tests need to be done to determine what happens to the velocity and temperature of wind down wind of the wind turbine and than the boys with the super computers need to apply that data to their algorithms and estimate the effect of these large wind farms on the weather patterns.

In the past year or two I have heard and read the following.

A Salt Lake TV stations said that the drought in north Utah started in 1999.

The drought in Idaho started in 2000 or 2001

A very large wind farm was initiated in Wyoming in 1999.

Is this change in the weather in the northwest and an initiation of the Wyoming wind farm a coincidence? As an Engineer I was always taught that when there is a problem with a process that you should look for recent change.

I really don't have an axe to grind in this fight. It won't bother me if the wind mills are installed as long as I know that qualified people have looked at it and provided an honest analysis on the effect on weather. It would bother me if the weather in Idaho is modified even a little bit.

RESPONSES

- A. Wind turbine designers have concluded that wind speed is disrupted and turbulence is added from 2600 to 2925 feet downwind of a turbine. No additional disturbance to the wind profile including velocity and temperature changes is known to occur.

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This would not be the first time that human beings jumped at something only to find out later that it was a disaster. The Romans ate out of dishes with a lead content and our own Corps of Engineers straiten out the Kissimmee River in Florida to allow planting of orange groves. The result was a change in the weather patterns not only in the Everglades but in central Florida. I understand that they are now in the process of trying to undo this change to the River.

Building dams for hydroelectric power, burning fossil fuel for steam to generate electricity and nuclear fission to generate steam are the common ways to produce electricity. All of them have problem associated with them with politics being the largest. To jump at wind farms without looking at the effects on the atmosphere would be totally irresponsible. The idea that wind farms will have no effect on the environment other than killing some birds, esthetics and public access seems to me wishful thinking. I believe that wind farms are being driven by non-scientific environmentalist and most of the rush to build than is politics.

Personally I'm in favor of nuclear energy, realizing that the general public is afraid an as such is politically a difficult if not impossible situation. We can only hope that the fusion plant to be built in France will be successful and that public fears can be reduced.

B [ I would be interested in hearing from you as to what studies have been conducted to quantify the effect of large wind farms on the atmosphere.

Don Hanford  
Twin Falls, Idaho

**RESPONSES**

B. BLM is not aware of any studies that have been conducted to quantify the effects of large wind energy projects on the atmosphere.

**COMMENTS**

**Letter #7**



Bk1492@aol.com  
07/13/2005 07:26 AM

To scott\_barker@blm.gov,  
rodney.frelinghuysen@mail.house.gov  
cc id\_cotterelwind@blm.gov  
bcc  
Subject public comment on federal register of 6/21/05 vol 70 no 118  
pg 35692

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idi 33676  
noa cotterel wind power project deis plan

i definitely oppose larger output wind turbines. i also do not want bird killing from these wind turbines. i hereby ask shell to switch to solar power instead of these murderous bird killing wind turbines. the migratory birds which we are spending much money to protect are pulled in and killed in these murderous machines.

b. sachau  
15 elm st  
florham park nj 07932

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**Letter #8**



"tlien" <tlien@atcnet.net>  
07/19/2005 07:45 PM

To <id\_cotterelwind@blm.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Comments

Dear Scott Barker,

I would like to comment on the proposed Cotterel Mountain Wind Project. Although at the beginning I did not believe this would be a benefit to our area, but after extensive research, I support this wind project on Cotterel Mountain. It is a great energy source and asset to Albion and the state of Idaho.

I look forward to the project beginning in Spring 2006.

Thank you,

Tammy Lien  
PO Box 514  
Albion, ID 83311

**RESPONSES**

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.

**COMMENTS****Letter #9**

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
National Trails System – Salt Lake City  
324 South State Street, Suite 200  
Box 30  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111



IN REPLY REFER TO:

July 19, 2005

Memorandum

To: Scott Barker, Project Manager  
Bureau of Land Management

From: Lee Kreutzer, Cultural Resources Specialist  
National Trails System, Salt Lake City

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Cotterel Wind Power Project

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Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Cotterel Wind Power Project.

This office of the National Park Service administers the Oregon and California National Historic Trails, segments of which are situated near the Cotterel wind power project area. Table 3.3-2 (NHRP Eligibility for Sites Located within the Proposed Project Area) shows that the Oregon Trail segment is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Table 3.3-2 does not, however, provide the National Register status of the California National Historic Trail, which passes about 1.5 miles from the southern end of the project area, according to Figure 3.3-1 (Historic Trails). This map indicates that that segment of the California National Historic Trail is intact. It therefore seems likely that the segment would be National Register eligible. If it is "intact," and particularly if original trail ruts or swales are visible, then it becomes important to try to protect trail setting from visual and audible intrusions such as might be presented by wind turbines on a nearby ridge.

Also in the project vicinity is the California Trail Junction and Raft River Crossing site, which is identified as a High Potential Site in the 1999 *Comprehensive Management and Use Plan/ Final Environmental Impact Statement* for the California, Oregon, Pony Express, and Mormon Pioneer National Historic Trails. (This plan was developed jointly by the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and other federal

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- A. The Comprehensive Management and Use Plan does indicate that portions of the California National Historic Trail are intact. However, under the inventories and analysis conducted for this project, no survey of the trail has been completed to determine if trail ruts or swales are visible. Visual effects to the intact portions of the trail could occur from the proposed project. Audible intrusions are unlikely to occur due to the distance (1.5 miles) of the trail from the closest Proposed Project features. See page 4-9 of the Draft EIS

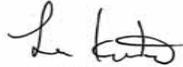
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agencies.) It is difficult to determine from the maps provided in the EIS whether the project has any potential to affect the setting of that important trail property, but the possibility should be examined.

B [ We ask that potential effects on National Historic Trail setting be considered for this and future projects, and that alternatives be selected that will minimize impacts to National Register-eligible trail properties within or visible from the project area. For your reference, I will send under separate cover a copy of the *Comprehensive Management and Use Plan*.

Please contact me at (801) 741-1012 ext 118 if this office may be of assistance in providing further trails information.



Lee Kreutzer

**RESPONSES**

B. The BLM will complete an analysis of potential effects on the National Historical Trails in the vicinity of the Proposed Project.

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**Letter #10**



"Mike/Jen March"  
<mjmarch@cableone.net>  
07/24/2005 08:57 AM

To <id\_cotterelwind@blm.gov>  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Fw: BPA Comment

Scott,  
I sent the following message to the BPA and wanted to forward the message onto you and the BLM. In addition to below, I would really like to see this project get off the ground so we are not so dependent on water for other than drinking.  
Thanks,  
Mike March

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** comment@bpa.gov  
**To:** mjmarch@cableone.net  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 24, 2005 8:57 AM  
**Subject:** BPA Comment

Thank you for your comment on **Cotterel Mountain Interconnection** .  
Below is a copy of what you submitted  
\*\*\*\*\*

Michael March  
  
mjmarch@cableone.net  
208-734-6334

Twin Falls id 83301.  
My wife and I are all for the wind project(s). We would rather have wind farms than fossil-fire plants. The Magic Valley is an ideal place for wind energy and I believe they have the least affect on the environment. The more water we leave for the farmers and the cities, the better off we ALL are.

**RESPONSES**

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. therefore further response is not provided to the comment.

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HELD IN  
BURLEY, IDAHO  
ON  
JULY 26, 2005**

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**RESPONSES**

 Twin Falls District Burley Field Office	<p>Comments specific to the <b>PROPOSED COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND CASSIA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT</b> should be sent to:</p> <p>Scott Barker, Project Manager                  Cottarel Wind Power Project                  Bureau of Land Management                  Burley Field Office                  15 East 200 South                  Burley, ID 83318</p> <p>Comments may be faxed to: 208.677.6699                  Comments may be emailed to: id_cottarelwind@blm.gov</p> <p>Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.</p> <p>I wish to withhold my name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
	<p>Please Print                  Name <u>Nick Rokich</u>                  Street Address <u>Box 126</u>                  City <u>Burley</u> State <u>Id</u> Zip <u>83318</u>                  E-mail (optional) _____                  Comments:</p> <p><u>The wrong place - too much</u>  <u>good land, home wild life &amp; homes</u>  <u>can value in Al Bird want to</u>  <u>Abepoo.</u></p> <p><u>I want funds what concessions</u>  <u>when this plan goes down hill</u>  <u>Nick Rokich</u></p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT

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use private land - not public land.

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ALBION, IDAHO  
ON  
JULY 27, 2005**

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	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</p> <p>Please Print                  Name <u>Bruce Bristol</u>                  Street Address <u>7795 Hwy 77</u>                  City <u>Albion</u> State <u>Id</u> Zip <u>83311</u>                  E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Comments:  <u>I am in favor of Plan B on P</u>  <u>but I prefer Plan C.</u>  <u>Let's get this thing going!</u></p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

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	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</p> <p>Please Print                  Name <u>Jay L. Black</u>                  Street Address <u>2652 Elba Alma Highway Box 103</u>                  City <u>Alma</u> State <u>Idaho</u> Zip <u>83312</u>                  E-mail (optional) _____                  Comments:  <u>I would hope that it can be developed.</u>  <u>It would create a lot of jobs and add</u>  <u>to our economy. I live on a Ranch in a</u>  <u>rural area and watch the deer eat our flowers</u>  <u>and anything else they want next to our</u>  <u>house. A sage grouse raised a flock of</u>  <u>chicks in our windbreak therefore I don't</u>  <u>feel this system will hamper the wild life</u>  <u>at all. It would be very interesting to</u>  <u>look at as we drove by.</u></p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

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	Please Print Name <u>Kurt Catmull</u> Street Address <u>Box 131 Do N. St</u> City <u>Abian</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83311</u> E-mail (optional) _____ Comments: This comment is against the wind project - I represents to me another big business taking away from me as a Idaho residence - there will always be need for cheap power - and the wind blows just as good on much less scenic beautiful areas as this valley. I think a better less conspicuous place could be found with the same effort used in trying to push this through - I want my grand kids to enjoy the scenic and not lose it for ever - <del>that's what</del> Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.

COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT

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	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</p> <p>Please Print _____</p> <p>E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Comments:  <i>I am concerned because this will be in glide slope of the albion airport. the airport has been in existence since 1970. We have reviewed state funds to build it. It was engineered as existing with plans for a 1600 ft extension the engineering was done by Carlisle Brigg's Base Orders. The State has these plans. this project will interfere with air traffic</i></p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

The proposed project will not interfere with the flight path of planes using the landing strip located in Albion.



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Letter #17

**RESPONSES**

 Twin Falls District Burley Field Office  <b>COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</b>	<p>Comments specific to the <b>PROPOSED COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND CASSIA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT</b> should be sent to:</p> <p>Scott Barker, Project Manager          Cotterel Wind Power Project          Bureau of Land Management          Burley Field Office          15 East 200 South          Burley, ID 83318</p> <p>Comments may be faxed to: 208.677.6699          Comments may be emailed to: id_cotterelwind@blm.gov</p> <p>Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.</p> <p>I wish to withhold my name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
	<p>Please Print          Name _____          Street _____          City _____          E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Comments:  <i>I am concerned because the albion valley airport LLC albion municipal airport is in line with this project and this runway is a mile long and there is plans to extend it. this project would interfere with present and future of this airport.</i></p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

The proposed project will not interfere with the flight path of planes using the landing strip located in Albion.

**COMMENTS**

**Letter #18**

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	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</p> <p>Please Print                  Name <u>William Loughmiller</u>                  Street Address <u>1572E 1740 S</u>                  City <u>Malta</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83342</u>                  E-mail (optional) <u>agpro@ata.net.net</u>                  Comments:  <u>I believe this would be a very good project for the area. Plan B would be my preference. Plan C would be a second choice. We ranch east and south of the project area. We cannot see any negatives to the project as presented.</u>  <u>I would compliment the agency on the study.</u></p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

**RESPONSES**

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.

**COMMENTS**

**Letter #19**

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	<p>Please Print                  Name <u>Colleen Loughmiller</u>                  Street Address <u>1577 E 1740 S</u>                  City <u>Malta</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83342</u>                  E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Comments:  <u>Prefer Plan B. but Plan C</u>  <u>would be adequate. Let's get</u>  <u>these wind mills up &amp; going ASAP.</u>  <u>Keep our air clean for future</u>  <u>generations. Great idea to harness</u>  <u>our wild winds. Set a precedent</u>  <u>for a clean energy source.</u></p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

**RESPONSES**

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**COMMENTS**

Letter #21

**RESPONSES**

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	<p>Please                  Name _____                  Street _____                  City _____                  E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Comments:  <i>I am All For Alternative Renewable Sources of Energy. I think Wind Power is a great choice and Alternative. I am not convinced Albion Valley is the best place. I would be interested in looking at other locations.</i></p> <p>_____                  _____                  _____                  _____</p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

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**COMMENTS**

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	<p>Please Print                  Name <u>Cheryl Murphy</u>                  Street Address <u>336 Harper Ave.</u>                  City <u>Albion</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83311</u>                  E-mail (optional) _____                  Comments:                  A <u>One of the reasons we moved to this area 9 years ago was because of the beautiful landscape/views in the area. I hate to see that view desecrated by large windmills, especially at night when lit. I also understand that there would be little or no economic benefit to the city of Albion. I'm definitely against this project.</u>                  B _____                  _____                  _____                  _____                  Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

**RESPONSES**

- A. The BLM is sensitive to the potential for impacts from tower lighting. The best available technology would be used in applying tower lighting required by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Idaho State Aeronautics Division. This technology includes shielding lights from below to reduce the potential for light pollution of the night sky.
- B. The City of Albion would benefit economically from the proposed project as a result of the overall increase in property tax paid to Cassia County.

**COMMENTS**

Letter #23

**RESPONSES**

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	<p>Please Print                  Name <u>Stan Lloyd</u>                  Street Address <u>2270 S- Elba, Almo Hwy.</u>                  City <u>Elba, Idaho</u> State _____ Zip <u>83342</u>                  E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Comments:  <u>I Support Cotterel Wind Power; However</u>  <u>I am concerned about future times (10-20</u>  <u>years) when Replacements and new power</u>  <u>contracts come along.</u>  <u>Our Ranch is 3 1/2 miles South of Elba.</u>  <u>The wind blows there too. Tim Sage Area may</u>  <u>work for Power Generation Also.</u>  <u>I am a Past Board member for Raft</u>  <u>River Electric at Malta and I support</u>  <u>Wind Generation to Supplement The Reservoir</u>  <u>Hydro Systems</u></p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

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**COMMENTS**

Letter #24

**RESPONSES**

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	<p>Please Print</p> <p>Name <u>Keith Amende</u></p> <p>Street Address <u>Box 157</u></p> <p>City <u>Albion</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83311</u></p> <p>E-mail (optional) _____</p> <p>Comments:  <u>I am very much in favor of the Cotterel Wind Power project. I understand that alternative C would be the best one. I sincerely hope that the project will be successful!</u></p> <p>_____                  _____                  _____</p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

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**COMMENTS**

Letter #25

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	<p>Please Print          Name          Street          City          E-mail          Comments:</p> <p><i>It was okay. I kind of like the bird picture and the windmills.</i></p> <p>_____          _____          _____          _____          _____          _____</p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

**RESPONSES**

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**COMMENTS**

Letter #26

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**COMMENTS**

Letter #26 (continued)

**RESPONSES**

 Twin Falls District Burley Field Office	<b>Comments Continued:</b> Name <u>Jack Renner</u> <u>it another direction.</u> <u>We might not be the only voice in</u> <u>Cassia County but there should be more</u> <u>consideration taken for those who have</u> <u>to look at them.</u> <u>How much <del>are</del> money in incentives</u> <u>are to be paid? How much money will be</u> <u>outsourced to Shell?</u> <u>This country is huge. There are places</u> <u>in this huge country where a wind farm</u> <u>could be placed rather than on public</u> <u>land.</u> <u>To my understanding this is the only project</u> <u>to go on public lands thus NO monies have</u> <u>to be paid to the private land owner.</u> <u>I came to this meeting (7-27-05 Marsh</u> <u>Creek Center, Albion) thinking I was being</u> <u>selfish, by not wanting the project but I have</u> <u>discovered I am, by far, not the only one</u> <u>who DOESN'T WANT IT.</u>
	[Empty lined area for additional comments]

COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT

- A. There are Federal income tax incentives associated with the development of wind energy projects attached to the energy bill enacted by Congress and signed by the President. The proponent would pay fair market rent to the Federal Government for the use of the public land on Cotterel Mountain.

**COMMENTS**

Letter #27

**RESPONSES**

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	<p>Please Print                  Name <u>Robert Murphy</u>                  Street Address <u>336 Harper Avenue</u>                  City <u>Albion</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83311</u>                  E-mail (optional) <u>murphy@atacnet.net</u></p> <p>Comments:                  I have been against this windmill project for several reasons. As an artist who moved to area almost 10 years ago for the very stunning beauty that if encompassed, to have that beauty compromised by these mechanical devices is nothing short of environmental desecration. The subtleties of this valley has attracted new home building, but in the city itself, just in the outskirts, where these eyesores would be the most visible. So we have the natural attractiveness of this site being compromised, in a country where more and more natural beauty is.</p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

**COMMENTS**

Letter #27 (continued)

 Twin Falls District Burley Field Office	Comments Continued: Name <u>Robert Murphy</u>
	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</p> <p>A</p> <p>disappearing for the so-called technical progress promised. I have also learned that the economic advantages of this project are minimal also. Not that this should be the defining factor for sacrificing a beautiful valley, but should a resource like this be sacrificed to increase power wattage to the National Grid?</p> <p>I've been told that there is no reason to argue against this project, that despite the fact that the majority of citizens living outside the town of Albion support this project, that it will go ahead, no matter. I would like to think that one man's voice still counts, so count me against this project. There are hundreds of square miles of open desert where these hideous, blinding monsters can be located, and spoil the natural beauty of this valley for corporate profit.</p>

**RESPONSES**

- A. The decision whether or not to grant a ROW to allow for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Proposed Project has not yet been made by the BLM. The BLM also has not yet made the decision whether or not to amend the existing Cassia RMP, which will allow for the granting of the ROW if so decided. Both decisions will be outlined in the Record of Decision, which will be based on the outcome of the EIS. See pages 1-14 and 1-15 of the Draft EIS.

**COMMENTS**

Letter #28

**RESPONSES**

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	Please Print Name <u>Curtis Richins + Michelle Richins</u> Street Address <u>284 West Market</u> City <u>Albion</u> State <u>Idaho</u> Zip <u>83311</u> E-mail (optional) _____ Comments: I am in favor of the Wind Farm My only concern is that the jobs created will not be given to those already residents of the mini-cassia area. We have intelligent workforce that can be trained for the positions created.  Also, I would love it if they would pay my (the residents of Albion Valley and Malta Area) power

COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT

A. The Project Applicant has stated that all permanent positions, with the exception of the foreman position, could be filled from qualified personnel in the local labor force.

**COMMENTS**

**RESPONSES**

Letter #28 (continued)

 Twin Falls District Burley Field Office  <b>COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</b>	<b>Comments Continued:</b>
	Name _____
	<i>bill for the year because they are using "our" mountains</i>

**COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING PUBLIC MEETING  
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COMMENTS

Letter #29

RESPONSES

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	Please Print Name _____ Street Address _____ City _____ E-mail (optional) _____ Comments: I am in favor of this project because alternative sources of affordable power are needed. This is a project that would benefit everybody based on the clean source of energy and the decrease in reliance on <del>the</del> dam power.
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COMMENTS

Letter #30

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 Twin Falls District Burley Field Office	<p>Comments specific to the <b>PROPOSED COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND CASSIA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT</b> should be sent to:</p> <p>Scott Barker, Project Manager          Cotterel Wind Power Project          Bureau of Land Management          Burley Field Office          15 East 200 South          Burley, ID 83318</p> <p>Comments may be faxed to: 208.677.6699          Comments may be emailed to: id_cotterelwind@blm.gov</p> <p>Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.</p> <p>I wish to withhold my name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</p> <p>Please Print          Name <u>Jill and Thaddeus Weigel</u>          Street Address <u>2901 Tartan Pl</u>          City <u>Boise</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83702</u>          E-mail (optional) <u>jeweigel@att.net</u>          Comments:  <u>We support the use of alternative energy sources.</u></p> <p>Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.</p>

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.

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## Letter #31

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July 28, 2005

Mr. Scott Barker, Project Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
15 East, 200 South  
Burley, ID 83318

Dear Mr. Barker:

I have reviewed the draft EIS for the proposed Cotterel Wind Power Project. For the most part, I feel the EIS has adequately addressed potential impacts to the environment and other uses. However, I would like to offer the following specific comments and suggestions.

A [ While the long-term impact of the project will be minimal to livestock grazing use, I suggest that the BLM and Windland, Inc. could easily mitigate any impacts by developing livestock water facilities in areas that are not used due to lack of water and additional forage through brush control. These same projects would also benefit wildlife. Short-term impacts could be mitigated by allowing use in the Dale Pierce Allotment.

B [ My biggest concern with the EIS is that I believe impacts to big game and especially sage grouse are over-estimated. Based on my own observations, I believe wildlife are much more adaptive to changes in their environment than is generally assumed. There is no empirical research on habitat requirements and especially the effect other uses have on sage grouse. At best, the literature is based on limited case history studies and most is based on opinion. I believe that is especially the case with the potential effects of the project on sage grouse habitat loss and displacement listed in Table 4.6-7. As cited on page 4-38, the only study on the effect of large wind turbines on sage grouse (Yeo *et al.* 1984) found it did not decrease lek attendance. Thus, the inference (Connelly *et al.* 2000) that turbines not be placed within 1.8 miles of a lek should be discounted. The most likely long-term impact on wildlife would be from increased recreational use to the area. If monitoring indicates increased recreational activity and resulting impacts on wildlife, then recreational use could be limited.

I believe the short and long-term economic benefit to Cassia County and the growing need for energy production from renewable resources outweigh the environmental concerns expressed in the EIS.

Sincerely,



Ken Sanders

## RESPONSES

- A. Range improvement projects to mitigate potential impacts to livestock grazing are outside the scope of the analysis of this EIS. Under the umbrella of adaptive management, range improvement actions could be considered and analyzed on a case by case basis. Use of the Dale Pierce Allotment to off-set temporary impacts to livestock grazing during project construction is a good idea and will be considered in the preparation of the Final EIS.
- B. There is little scientific data that would define impacts to wildlife species from large wind projects in shrub-steppe habitat. Therefore, the analysis in the Draft EIS is sometimes based on possible worst case scenarios derived from data collected on-site and available data from operating wind power projects.

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Letter #32

Albion, ID  
July 27, 2005

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Reply to: 2800, IDI-33676 (ID220)

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Scott Barker:

Enclosed are my comments of the Draft EIS for the Cotterel Mtn. Wind Project.

I am still opposed to the project being constructed on the Cotterel Mtn. Ridge because of the negative impact the project will impose on the residents of the Albion valley. These impacts will be the complete degradation of the view from anywhere in the Albion valley of the ridge line of Cotterel Mtn.

- A The draft EIS goes into great detail about avian mortality rates, construction practices, economic benefits, social impacts etc., but in my opinion only touches lightly on the areas of view shed and property values.
- B In appendix 6, no simulations of roads or pad scars are shown. I think these would be very visible especially from the Pomerelle road site.
- C Page 3-94, table 3.9.1. What and where are units 202, 220, 243, 244 and 245? I find no other references to these units anywhere else in the document.
- D Page 4-48. The Draft EIS states, "during construction, a decrease of property values is not expected to occur." For the operational period, one study from Kittitas County Washington stated, "visuals of wind turbines would not impact the property values". I find that hard to believe. Were the turbines cited in the study built within 2.5 miles of a town as this one is? Were the turbines built on private property where the landowners received the generated revenue? Was the project built on a dominant geographic feature as Cotterel Mtn. is?
- E Page 4-56. Leaving out the KOP taken from the Marsh Creek Event Center seems very wrong. After all, the destruction of the view shed from the Albion valley is our biggest concern. I think it should be included in your rating system. The numbers will definitely change and there fore the end score will change.
- F It is my opinion that when the BLM knew that the wind farm ROW application did not fit within the existing Cassia County RMP of Cotterel Mtn., alternative sites should have selected for Windland to pursue for its wind generation project. There are several areas in Cassia County, both private and public, that would provide the same tax base, same number of temporary and permanent jobs, easier to access, construct and with little or no environmental or visual impacts.

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- A. Potential impacts from the Proposed Project to property values are discussed in the Draft EIS in Section 4.9 (Pages 4-43 through 4-56). Potential impacts from the Proposed Project to visual resources and views for the residents of the area are discussed in the Draft EIS in Section 4.13, (Pages 4-56 through 4-64).
- B. The majority of the Proposed Project roads will be located along the top of the Cotterel Mountain ridgeline and will not be visible from most viewpoints of the mountain. Road cuts will be revegetated following project construction. See Appendix C (Page C-9 through C-10) of the Draft EIS.
- C. Units 202, 220, 243, 244 and 245 are BLM Scenic Quality Rating Units (SQRUs). See Section 3.9 (Page 3-95) of the Draft EIS. Figure 3.9-1 on page 3-96 of the Draft EIS has been revised in the Final EIS to show the boundaries of the SQRUs.

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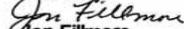
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Wind generation of electricity is a yet to be perfected way of generating electricity. It is only 30% effective. The remaining 70% of the time it is either non-productive or producing less than it's full potential. Something that is only 30% effective should not be the dominant feature of anyone's landscape. It should be built where it will have the least environmental and visual effect.

The entire project seems to be about the money to be made. Money to be made from Federal and State incentives, the selling of power at a higher rate and power companies being mandated by the Federal Government to purchase the power at a higher rate than they normally purchase or produce power.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely

  
Jon Fillmore  
Box 151  
Albion, Idaho  
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**RESPONSES**

- D. Page 4-49 of the Draft EIS states "...if a visual impact were to occur as a result of this Proposed Project, resulting decreases in property values would not necessarily occur." The commentor does not address the adequacy of the Draft EIS and therefore further response is not provided in this document.
- E. A Key Observation Point (KOP) was established at the Marsh Creek Event Center and the Visual Resource Contrast Rating Method was applied to the viewshed from this location. The results of the Visual Resource Contrast Rating are analyzed in the Final EIS.
- F. The ROW application that BLM received from Windland, Inc., was for a wind energy development on Cotterel Mountain. Alternative sites or alternative energy sources were not identified in the application. Identifying potential wind energy development sites or other energy sources other than that identified in Windland's application is therefore outside the scope of this EIS.

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## Letter #33



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Scott Barker, Project Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
15 East, 200 South  
Burley, Idaho 83318

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cotterel Wind Power Project and Draft Resource Management Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Barker:

As requested by the U.S. Department of the Bureau of Land Management, in their correspondence of June 28, 2005, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has reviewed the subject draft environmental impact statement (EIS) and offers the following comment.

**GENERAL COMMENT**

A The text suggests, and even mentions (page 2-33, Proposed Action and Alternatives, 2.5.4 Required On-Site Monitoring, Effectiveness Monitoring, Adaptive Management and Compensatory Mitigation), that "adaptive management" will be adopted to minimize environmental degradation by the proposed project. However, to adaptively manage for environmental change and potential degradation, baseline survey information is gauged against changing environmental conditions during the life of the project. "Adaptive management" means to accommodate project actions to minimize impacts to baseline or desirable environmental conditions. This observation of environmental change requires consistent, methodological monitoring, which is not described in the draft EIS. One such example of adaptive management could be the decreased use of turbines during expected conflicting avian or bat activity.

**SPECIFIC COMMENTS**

Page 2-33, Proposed Action and Alternatives, 2.5.4 Required On-Site Monitoring, Effectiveness Monitoring, Adaptive Management and Compensatory Mitigation

B The draft EIS states, "This monitoring would include on-site fatality monitoring associated with the operation of the turbines...as described in Appendix D. Appendix D, Best Management Practices Specific to Wildlife, specifies, however, that "Carcass searches will be conducted...once every two weeks. All carcasses located will be photographed as found and mapped...." This description, as indicated, implies that a two-week interim period will occur between carcass counts. If carnivorous scavengers (coyotes, foxes, wolves, vultures) were to

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- A Monitoring to determine changing environmental conditions as compared to baseline survey information is described in Section 2.5.4 of the Draft EIS (Page 2-33) and in Appendix D. A detailed on-site monitoring protocol will be developed and included as a section of the Project Plan of Development. Further, additional monitoring protocols will be developed by the technical steering committee that will be formed as described in Section 2.5.4 of the Draft EIS (Page 2-36).
- B. The fatality monitoring protocol outlined in the Draft EIS is consistent with the fatality monitoring methods conducted at other operational wind power projects located in Oregon and Washington. To allow the results of the fatality monitoring to be comparable to the findings at other wind power projects BLM feels that the fatality monitoring protocol as outlined in the Draft EIS is appropriate.

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B take advantage of this source of food, evidence of bird and bat fatalities caused by the turbines may not be observable. Thus, consideration could be given to monitoring for potential scavenging of on-site bird or bat fatalities and could include more periodic monitoring with the use of inexpensive video technology to supplement the direct human observations every two weeks. Without such monitoring, the actual on-site fatality numbers might be skewed. 2

C Furthermore, the USGS recommends, for consideration, that bird and bat fatalities be identified for species composition. This information on species prevalence on a temporal basis could contribute to the development of a predictive tool to aid in the adaptive management of turbine use and spacing.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this draft EIS. If you have any questions concerning our comments, please contact Lloyd Woosley, Chief of the USGS Environmental Affairs Program, at (703) 648-5028 or at [lwoosley@usgs.gov](mailto:lwoosley@usgs.gov).

Sincerely,

  
James F. Devine  
Senior Advisor for Science Applications

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C. During fatality monitoring, information on species composition would be recorded when possible. The fatality monitoring protocol defined in the Final EIS has been modified to address this issue.

**COMMENTS**

**Letter #34**

August 2, 2005

Kenneth Clausen  
4326 Nystrom Way  
Boise, ID 83713

**COMMENTS SPECIFIC TO THE PROPOSED COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT  
DRAFT EIS.**

I find it quite ironic that a so called "environmentally friendly" energy source such as wind power is being proposed to be built on an otherwise undeveloped site such as the ridge top of the Cotterel Mountains. From my own observations over the last 40 years of living in the Western States the single biggest impact to the natural environment has been the continual development of undeveloped lands. Fewer and fewer places exist that have minimal human impact. While this trend is inevitable due to continued population growth it can, and should, be minimized wherever possible.

One of the great aspects of the public lands of the Western States is that they have rarely been used for industrial purposes. With the exception of mining, the land for the most part has been protected from permanent alteration. Most of the residential, industrial and agricultural development of the West has been on private property as it should be. The undeveloped public lands have allowed the West to maintain its character as distinct from the East or the Midwest. The open spaces of the West have provided world famous pristine vistas and allowed room for large numbers of wildlife as well as the opportunity for recreation and solitude for all of us regardless of income or where we live. Therefore, I believe it is inappropriate to allow this type of industrial development on public property. There are plenty of places on private property in Idaho where this type of project could be constructed, namely the Snake River Plain.

Also the proposed wind turban towers for this project are very large in relation to the natural features of the landscape, with the exception of the mountains themselves, and will dominate the surrounding countryside. The effect of this will be greatly magnified by placing these towers on the very top of the ridgeline. These towers will be noticeably disruptive to the view for quite a distance in every direction. While the wind may not be as steady or as strong, this same type of development out on the plains would not be nearly as obtrusive and could be built on already developed land rather than disturbing the diminishing open spaces.

Therefore as an individual American citizen and native Idahoan I am opposed to the development of the Cotterel Wind Power Project as proposed.

**RESPONSES**

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.

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Letter #35

 Twin Falls District Burley Field Office  <b>COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT</b>	Comments specific to the <b>PROPOSED COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AND CASSIA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT</b> should be sent to: BLM-ID BURELY FIELD OFFICE RECEIVED 2005 AUG 16 AM 10 32 Scott Barker, Project Manager Cotterel Wind Power Project Bureau of Land Management Burley Field Office 15 East 200 South Burley, ID 83318  Comments may be faxed to: 208.677.6699 Comments may be emailed to: id_cotterelwind@blm.gov  Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.  I wish to withhold my name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Please Print Name <u>Arlene Smyer</u> Street Address <u>1300 E. 1070 S.</u> City <u>Albion</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83311</u> E-mail (optional) <u>Ka.smyer@atcnet.net</u> Comments: A Magic Valley resident quoted in the local paper said he found wind farms intriguing. That's certainly a captivating term, yet however interesting a cluster of windmills may be, we can be certain they are not natural nor are they pristine. This fact is irrelevant unless one proposes placing them atop a ridge bordering a pristine valley known for its quiet natural beauty. This is the Albion Valley. Affection for the views offered by this valley has been deep and broad enough to have the route through the valley declared a scenic byway. Further comments may be written on back or on paper sheets attached to this page.

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COTTEREL WIND POWER PROJECT	Please Print Name <u>Debbie Matsen</u> Street Address <u>20 N 450 E</u> City <u>Deslo</u> State <u>ID</u> Zip <u>83323</u> E-mail (optional) _____ Comments: I don't think the cotterel mountain range is an acceptable location for wind power generation. It will detract from the natural and commercial assets of the valley. There are so many places <del>that</del> available that have a low population density that we do not need to encroach on the solitude of the Albion valley. The people of the Albion valley and surrounding areas should not pay the price for private investors who do not have the interest of the people and valley at heart.
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Letter #38



Katie Fite <kfite@juno.com>  
08/21/2005 02:34 PM

To wendy\_reynolds@blm.gov, scott\_barker@blm.gov,  
IWF@idahowildlife.org, jon@westernwatersheds.org  
cc  
bcc  
Subject Technical Report Cotterell

Dear Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Barker,

A [ WWP requests a copy of a document referred to in the Cotterell Wind DEIS, the Proposed Project Technical Report (Sharp et al. 2005). Please send us a hard copy as soon as possible. It is impossible to understand the adequacy of the information in the Cotterell DEIS without this critical document. Why was this information not at least attached in Appendix form to the DEIS?

Address:

Katie Fite  
WWP  
PO Box 2863  
Boise, ID 83701

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- A. A copy of the requested document was sent to WWP on August 23, 2005.

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## Letter #39

8-22-05

To Scott Barber,

BLM - ID  
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I have not been able to attend the last public meeting on the Cotterel wind project because I work out of town, but I wanted to submit my written comment.

I favor Alternative A - No Action, the reason is quite simple. Easy access to public land is a death sentence for all wildlife.

The existing road as it is right now is not a problem, if you've drove it you know it is rough.

I am in favor of windmills but never in prime wildlife habitat on public lands.

Its to bad that the BLM's decision is a political one not a biological one.

Thank you,

Kevin A. Lassar  
1959 W. 16th  
Burley, ID. 83318  
678-8432

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