

Private Citizen/Individual's Written Comments

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From: Al Burt [<mailto:dcamiadca@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2012 10:48 AM
To: BLM_NV_SNDO_SearchlightWindEnergyEIS
Subject: Windmill Farms

Please consider the following list of public complaints about existing windmill farms - listed in order of number of complaints - before destroying the rural atmosphere of the Searchlight area. Don't forget the negative effect windmill farms will have on lake Mojave.

PUBLIC OBJECTIONS TO WINDMILL FARMS: Cited from some 100 published news articles dated from July 2008 to January 2010 and arranged in order of frequency by William Burt dcamiadca@yahoo.com

Scenery Destruction: Windmill farms perched on mountain ridges, visible from up to 47 miles, "Obscure, Distort, and Detract From the Dignity of the Scenery" (quoting Frederick Law Olmsted) for an area of some 7074 square miles.

Health Hazard: Helicopter like thump-swish noise heard for miles around in a quiet rural setting causes migraine headaches, sleep deprivation, heart disease, and depression. Shadow flicker causes vertigo, panic attacks, and other wind turbine syndrome (WTS) effects.

Bird Hazard: Collisions with turbines kills birds and bats.

Property Value Decline: Caused by anticipated loss of quality of life.

Safety Hazard: Turbine fragments and Ice can fly off windmills in a strong wind.

Spiritual Grounds Violated: Would you want a 450 ft. high windmill attached to your church steeple?

Quality of Life Destroyed: Windmill farms have the same bad effect on a local area as any industrial encroachment.

Radar Interference: Air traffic control, air defense, and weather radars disrupted by windmill reflections.

Unreliable Energy Source: Backup energy source (coal, nat gas, or nuc) needed for windless times.

While anecdotal suggestions of health effects from wind turbine sound can be found online, No evidence exists regarding direct negative health effects associated with wind turbine sound in any peer reviewed, scientific papers or studies.

Impacts to birds and bats are disclosed in Section 4.4.5.11-Migratory Birds - Direct and Indirect Effects by Alternative and 4.4.5.8-Bats - Direct and Indirect Effects by Alternative, respectively. Impacts to Birds and Bats will be minimized by MM-BIO-5 Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy. Additionally, refer to Appendix B-4: Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (formerly known as the Avian and Bat Protection Plan [ABPP], which has been added to the EIS.

The manufacturer has established recommended setback for safety that was an important contributing element into the design of the project layout. While ice formation on turbine blades is unlikely in this portion of southern Nevada, the safety setbacks provide protection against potential ice throw.

The document includes MM SAFE-5: Aeronautical Considerations. This mitigation measure requires the Applicant obtain FAA approval before construction is to begin.

Comment noted.

Tourism Adversely Affected: Would you visit Philadelphia to see its bus station?

Financial: Locals suffer increased cost of electricity and taxes in some cases.

Mercenary Priorities: Manufacturer's and installer's profits are often emphasized over environmental considerations.

Roads: Construction of required new roads and wear and tear of existing roads disrupts local traffic and causes pollution.

Phone Line Interference: Electromagnetic field emissions from new high power lines can cause static.

Wasted Power: Lack of adequate grid capacity can prevent the exporting of any surplus power.

Farm Land Disruption: Windmill farms and new transmission wires can fracture otherwise contiguous farm land.

National Grid System Upset: Existing grid not designed for sporadic windmill farm power inputs.

Motorist Distraction: Initial exposure to huge windmill farm sightings threatens driving concentration.

Lack of Local Citizen Input: Projects often started without adequate local hearings or comment periods.

Better Options: A single two reactor nuclear power plant, emitting harmless steam into the atmosphere, provides the same power as a 388 mile long windmill farm. Reducing energy waste by 3% per year by pricing in higher energy taxes would eliminate the need for increased energy supply for at least ten years.

Irreversibility: Tower removal and tree replacement not likely even if a better source of power is found later.

Air Flow Disruption: Rotating blades slow natural air flow and induce turbulence affecting downstream winds.

Construction Runoff: Tree removal along with 100 foot wide road construction pollutes local streams.

William Burt

Section 4.12-Socioeconomic Impacts, has been updated with a discussion regarding recreation and tourism.

Refer to Fiscal Impacts in Section 4.12-Socioeconomic Impacts.

Comment noted.

Refer to MM-TRAN-1, which states that a Traffic Management Plan would be prepared to address effects on local traffic.

Section 4.7-Transportation Impacts discloses that streets could receive wear from equipment and deliveries. Refer to MM TRAN-2: Repair Damaged Streets for a description of the mitigation for damaged streets.

No farmlands exist in the proposed project area.

Comments noted.

Refer to EIS Appendix A: Public Involvement for discussion of scoping, public materials, and the DEIS public comment period, and response to public comments for the proposed project.

The BLM will not typically analyze an alternative for a different technology when a right-of-way application is submitted for a specific technology (e.g., evaluate a photovoltaic alternative for a concentrated solar power application) because such an alternative does not respond to the BLM's purpose and need to consider an application for the authorized use of public lands for a specific renewable energy technology.

The proposed WTG locations were determined based on a number of factors, including vegetation density and type. As stated in Section 3.3.2.1-Watershed Boundaries and Water Quality, "Applicant would need to see that construction and use of access roads for the Proposed Project do not negatively affect water quantity and quality. These measures could be achieved by implementing a Clark County-approved stormwater protection plan during construction, O&M, and decommissioning of the Proposed Project." The SWPPP, which must identify BMPs and monitoring procedures that are suitable to site-specific conditions, is subject to review and approval by Clark County DAQ.



SEARCHLIGHT WIND ENERGY PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Public Meeting Comment Form
Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, NV

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Please provide your current mailing address and/or any additional names and addresses you think should be included on our mailing.

Meeting Location: _____
Your Name: Jack & Carol Nowell Name: _____
Address: P.O. Box 151 Address: _____
City/State/Zip: Searchlight NV 89041 City/State/Zip: _____

Please check all that apply:

- Add my name to the mailing list for this project
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Comment:

My wife & I have live in Searchlight for About 35 years
as most people here are retired & elderly - No one I ~~know~~
know here want these dam wind mls here except
Harry Reid only because he will make more money -
He has never done anything for ~~any~~ Any one unless
there money in it for Harry Reid - They will do
nothing to help Nevada or Searchlight except cost
more of this country dose not have to make Eye Sore
& make noise to drive you nuts - Keep the dam things
out of Nevada unless you can put them all on
Harry Reid property

Jack Nowell

Comment noted.

From: Diane Kendall [mailto:diakendall@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 25, 2012 12:12 PM
To: BLM_NV_SNDO_SearchlightWindEnergyEIS
Subject: Searchlight Wind Energy

Good Afternoon:

I would like to make sure that you receive list from the county commissioners of people who are in favor of the wind energy project.

There was a county commissioners meeting in August, 2010. If you are unable to obtain this list please let me know and I will go directly to Commission Steve Sisolak's office and obtain this list for you.

I believe that this a terrific project, which will enhance our community. I believe that this can be used as a educational devise for students, local property owners and tourists.

The county recently built a walking trail behind the community center with a gazebo facing Spirit Mountain. There are numerous signs around the walking trail educating the public about the area. Since we will be able to see a few of the wind generators from this

location, we could add additional educational signs about the project. Not only can this project educate the public but it will also bring much needed jobs to the American people.

I understand that it is hard for people to accept change, but it is time for change and new technology for power. This project could actually place Searchlight, Nevada on the map as being a forerunner of green energy.

Sincerely,

Diane Kendall
Cell: 702-279-9928
Home: 702-297-1750

Comments noted.

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Please provide your current mailing address and/or any additional names and addresses you think should be included on our mailing.

Meeting Location: Searchlight Comm. Center
Your Name: Gary Kameas Name: _____
Address: 510 State H. Hwy 164 Address: _____
City/State/Zip: Searchlight, NV 89446 City/State/Zip: _____

Please check all that apply:

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Comment:

- (1) I support the Searchlight Wind Project
- (2) I own two pieces of property in Searchlight, one is on Cottonwood Cove Rd.
- (3) I was present at the BLM EIS meeting + listened to complaints about the aesthetics of this project to which they objected. I do not agree with these complaints on grounds that change occurs as a natural outcome of modernity and the need for renewable energy such as wind + solar
- (4) I also support this project because I trust the developer + BLM will respect the environment + ensure a safe project.
- (5) Furthermore, it seems certain that economic benefits will accrue to Searchlight as a whole + far exceed any detrimental effects that could take place as a result of the project.

Comments noted.

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Please provide your current mailing address and/or any additional names and addresses you think should be included on our mailing.

Meeting Location: _____
 Your Name: CARL & JANE OVERY Name: _____
 Address: P.O. Box 296 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046 City/State/Zip: _____

Please check all that apply:

- Add my name to the mailing list for this project *my name is on the mailing list*
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Comment:

3-17-2012

Comments:

My main concern, reference the wind-energy project for Searchlight, is reference the BLM Cultural Resource Report. As a historian, I would feel much better if you could assure, not only the citizens of Searchlight but the entire state, that every and all existing examinations for all possible prehistoric and historic archaeological sites have been completed and recorded. If additional, unknown or unrecorded cultural sites are located in the APE additional study should be conducted.

Your report shows that 35 previously recorded cultural resources have been identified within a 2-mile radius surrounding the SWEP area, 7 sites, (five historic and two pre-historic) which are within or near APE.

Because it is impossible to have every step of the APE examined for cultural areas, it is my hope the BLM has put into place plans to investigate and complete additional smaller archeological block surveys at each and every tower site location and on and around any and all access points where land will be disturbed for the planned project as it was for the recently completed meteorological tower placement and the Lake Mead NRA fee station development.

I see by the report five sites, located within the proposed road routes have been determined to NRHP eligible, and as a citizen I am happy these sites have been located and reported, but still feel more sites are still out there. *Sincerely: Jane B. Overy*

Section 3.5-Cultural Resources of the EIS was modified to describe survey procedures in greater detail. An archaeological records search of a two-mile radius of the Searchlight Wind Energy Project was conducted prior to the archaeological inventory. All previously recorded sites were relocated and an intensive pedestrian survey of the area slated for ground disturbance was undertaken with an additional 200-foot buffer. It is standard procedure that if unanticipated cultural resources are encountered additional work would be conducted to mitigate impacts. Four of the 65 sites recorded in the project area have been determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and mitigation measures have been determined to lessen the direct or indirect effects from the Project.

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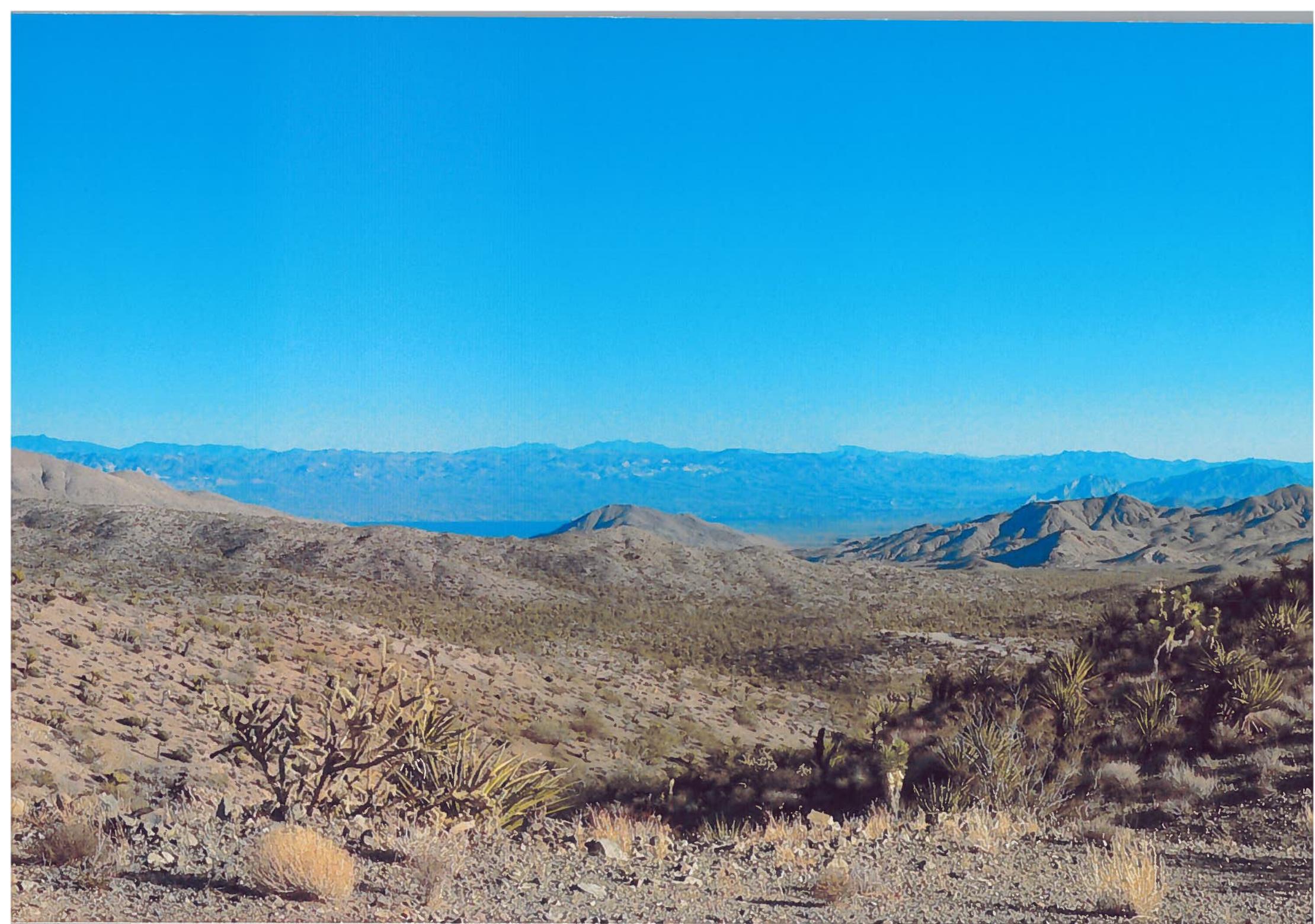
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Bureau of Land Management
Las Vegas Field Office
ATTN: Gregory Helseth
Renewable Energy Project Manager
4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301

Please deposit your comment form into one of the boxes provided at the meeting or
fold, tape top of form, and mail your comments to the address below:

REFER TO PICTURES OF BEFORE AND AFTER
WIND GR4. ARE UP.
THEY WOULD BE A BLIGHT ON THE DESERT

Paul Cox







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March 23, 2012

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Las Vegas, NV 89130-22301

Re: Duke Energy's Industrial Wind Project at Searchlight (Draft Environmental Impact Statement)

We feel that the proposed project would forever destroy the sensitive pristine and fragile desert landscape of the Mohave Desert/Searchlight/Eldorado Canyon area. This power generation project would cause extreme damage to the eco system and endangered species. It would also have a devastating devaluation effect on private property. We also feel this project would be at the expense of tourism and quality of life for the historic and thriving town and desert community of Searchlight, and would reduce the community and the route to Cottonwood Cove to nothing more than an unsightly Industrial Complex, (converting public lands to a private heavy industrial zone.) We feel that the BLM, (the stewards of our public lands, who are entrusted to preserve and protect) in good conscience, should not support or promote or agree to this project.

If this is such a good idea – let the investors and developers purchase the land and build the project with their dollars – not government grants/subsidies/guarantees/ taxpayer dollars and incentives. Please understand, we are not opposed to the development of power alternatives, but there certainly must be less sensitive and visible options available.

We are also enclosing a page from the March 2012 Sunset Magazine that spotlights the Mohave Desert as "1 of the most endangered lands in the west, due to large scale power projects that are displacing the rare desert wildlife. *Nature.org*"

For the above reasons, we believe the responsible decision on this project should be "No Project".

Thank you *very much* for considering our concerns.

Pat Ehli
Kim Ehli
HC 62, Box 353
Nelson, NV 89046

Impacts to biological resources and mitigation measures are discussed throughout Chapter 4.4-Biological Resources Impacts. APM-10 Site Rehabilitation and Facility Decommissioning Plan would provide for measure to reclaim the area after decommissioning.

To: BLM – Las Vegas Field Office
4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89130-22301

Ironic Observation:

The Las Vegas Field Office of the BLM has recently been involved in RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISIONS (RMP's) and ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS (EIS) reviewing and reassessing existing (with possible closures) access roads, trails, allowable recreational uses / restrictions and activities in the BLM managed area of Eldorado Canyon/Searchlight/Mohave Desert. This review and the many dollars spent, including public input meetings (that seemed no more than a process) was to better protect (from the public) the sensitive and fragile areas of the desert.

Now, Ironically:

This same agency is actively pursuing and considering approval of an Industrial Wind Energy Project that would cover the same sensitive and fragile desert with hundreds of acres of concrete – not to mention huge, 400 foot noise making turbines and miles of excavated road systems for its construction and maintenance, damaging the desert in untold irreparable ways.

Go figure...

Pat Ehli
Kim Ehli
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The BLM manages its lands for a variety of uses. These may include: protecting wildlife and plants, enabling recreational opportunities, allowing mining, and alternative energy development. The needs of some users may be in conflict with those of others.

The Las Vegas RMP, approved October 5 1998 is the governing document for this project, along with any other approved planning or programmatic document covering this field office or project type. The revised (Las Vegas) RMP Record of Decision is not anticipated until the summer of 2014.

Sunset Magazine March 2012
See Below
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BEST EDUCATION PROGRAM

WHAT DIDN'T HAPPEN

HERE Kids whose only exposure to nature is a glimpse of a tree in a video game.

WHY IT'S A WINNER

The **Wildlands Conservancy** uses its Southern California nature preserves to introduce the outdoors to the Justin Bieber generation—25,000 kids annually, many of whom come from families at or below poverty level.

Its size and emphasis on bringing nature to kids who otherwise wouldn't experience it make the **Wildlands Conservancy** one of the most ambitious environmental-ed programs anywhere. And the kids' reviews would do Yelp proud: "I learned many new things. First, we all went to pick one pretty rock that shines in the sun and we got to see animals. Thank you for everything."

TAKE A LOOK You don't have to be a kid to enjoy Wildlands' preserves. One good one? Wind Wolves Preserve, in Kern County, 95,000 acres where the San Joaquin Valley meets the Transverse Ranges. Sat-Sun; free; wildlandsconservancy.org

Frames help visitors focus on the beauty at Wind Wolves Preserve, near Bakersfield, CA.



BEST LAKE

WHAT DIDN'T HAPPEN

HERE A shoreline jammed with houses, restaurants, and pubs. And motorboats.

WHY IT'S A WINNER

Independence Lake, a half-hour north of Tahoe in the High Sierra, was formerly owned by NV Energy and once used to produce hydropower. It has nothing on its shores except Jeffrey pines, red firs, and some picnic tables. The Nature Conservancy and the Truckee Donner Land Trust fought off a private buyer to purchase 2,325 lakeside acres for \$15 million.

TAKE A LOOK Off State 89, 50 minutes north of Truckee; follow signs to Independence Lake. nature.org

3 most endangered lands in the West

Save them now or they are gone forever

MOJAVE DESERT, CA Two goods collide: Will large-scale solar power projects displace the rare desert wildlife? nature.org

NORTH SHORE, OAHU, HI

At the end of 2011, 27 percent of the North Shore—much of it agricultural lands perched above the Pacific—was up for sale. Will these be developed or stay green? tpl.org/sunset

TELLURIDE AND CRESTED BUTTE, CO

Second-home growth and rural sprawl threaten to spoil these mountain towns' rugged backdrop. tpl.org/sunset

April --, 2012

BLM, Las Vegas Field Office
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BLM_NV_SNDO_SearchlightWindEnergyEIS@blm.gov

Dear Mr. Helseth:

I would like to submit these comments for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Searchlight Wind Energy Project (NVN-084626). I am opposed to the project for the following reasons:

1. The Purpose and Need Statement should incorporate a "need" to protect wildlife, visual resources, cultural resources, property values and public health.
2. The DEIS failed to consider a full range of alternatives. The National Environmental Policy Act requires the Bureau of Land Management to examine alternatives outside of the jurisdiction of the lead agency.
3. The BLM needs to consider a distributed generation alternative, a private lands alternative and an alternative that sites the project away from sensitive wildlife resources and private property.
4. The BLM needs to include an alternative that designates No Action and declares the site inappropriate for wind energy.
5. The DEIS states that the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan will not need to be amended to approve this project because the site was examined by the Wind Energy Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement in 2006, but the Wind PEIS contains very little specific information on the Searchlight Wind Project site. The Las Vegas Resource Management Plan is a very big land use plan and will need to be amended to examine the impacts of the project.
6. In some cases, the project would be located within a quarter mile of private property. The DEIS does a poor job of evaluating public health impacts such as Wind Turbine Syndrome and effects from dust stirred up during construction.
7. The project would damage the property values of local residents.
8. The project would be located in very close proximity to Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the Colorado River which has a unique and important avian fauna. It is a fly-way for migratory birds. The numbers from the Altamont Pass wind farms in California prove that wind energy injures and kills avian fauna. The nearest turbines would be just 8 miles from the Colorado River.
9. Lake Mead is an essential area for wintering bald eagles and golden eagle nests have been found within 5 miles of the project. Golden eagles are being killed by wind turbines all over North America.
10. Surveys for the project have stated that the desert tortoise population numbers are about 13 adults per square mile which is significant. The project will fragment the habitat with large wind turbine footprints and about 30 new miles of roads, many of which will be 36 feet wide. Mitigation proposals are no sufficient to prevent impacts to the species.
11. The project would block linkage and movement corridors for desert bighorn sheep.

1) The EIS's purpose and need statement complies with NEPA, applicable regulations, and BLM policies and procedures, including BLM Instructional Memorandum 2011-059. The purpose and need statement appropriately integrates Congress's goal that the Secretary of the Interior should seek to approve renewable energy projects on the public lands; direction from Secretarial Order 3285A1 (March 11, 2009, amended February 22, 2010), which establishes the development of environmentally responsible renewable energy as a priority for the Department of the Interior; and the BLM's responsibility under FLPMA to manage the public lands for multiple use, taking into account the long-term needs of future generations for renewable and non-renewable resources.

2) The BLM developed a purpose and need statement and considered a range of reasonable alternatives consistent with NEPA, applicable regulations, and BLM policies and procedures, including BLM Instructional Memorandum 2011-059. The two action alternatives satisfy the purpose and need because they fulfill BLM's obligation to consider the ROW applications under FLPMA and NEPA and because they are consistent with other applicable federal mandates and renewable energy policies and goals.

3) The BLM does not need to analyze in detail an alternative for distributed generation because such an alternative would not respond to the purpose and need to consider an application for the authorized use of public lands for a specific renewable energy technology.

4) Wind Energy facilities must be located where wind resources are available and cannot be limited to "brownfield" sites. The BLM will not typically analyze a non-Federal land alternative for a right-of-way application on public lands because such an alternative does not respond to the BLM's purpose and need to consider an application for the authorized use of public lands for renewable energy development.

5) BLM evaluated a No Action alternative throughout the document.

6) A Dust Control Permit is required from the DAQ prior to start of construction projects in Clark County. The permit will contain measures to reduce fugitive dust.

7) Section 4.12-Socioeconomic Impacts has been updated to include Impacts on Property Values. A literature review on property value impacts has been added in Appendix F: Literature Review of Socioeconomic Effects of Wind Project and Transmission Lines.

12. Most of the biological resource mitigation for the project is deferred and there is little information on how the applicant will mitigate impacts to bats, burrowing owls, Gila monsters, rare plants, etc.
13. The DEIS has not evaluated all of the cultural resources located on the site.
14. The project will have negative impacts on the visual resources in the area. It will be visible from Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the Mojave National Preserves and wilderness areas adjacent to the site. The project will also have red flashing aviation lights activated for the entire night. The project will be a visual disturbance to the local residents of the area which could impact the tourism economy.

In Conclusion

I would like to request that BLM adopt a No Action Alternative for this project and to designate the area inappropriate for wind energy.

Sincerely,

Heidi Spencer
5850 Tuscan Hill Court
Las Vegas, NV 89141

8) Comment noted.

9) Impacts to golden eagles are discussed in Section 4.4.5.11-Migratory Birds - Direct and Indirect Effects by Alternative and Appendix B-4: Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy, which has been added to the EIS.

10) The USFWS determines appropriate mitigation measures in the Biological Opinion, which is included as Appendix B-2: USFWS Biological Opinion.

11) Impacts to desert bighorn sheep are discussed in Section 4.4.5.14-Game - Direct and Indirect Effects by Alternative. Also refer to Appendix B-3: Terrestrial Wildlife Plan, which has been added to the EIS. The project would only occupy a small portion of the available migratory corridor between these mountain ranges leaving some connectivity between the ranges; therefore, the project effects are anticipated to be minimal.

12) A Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy (BBCS) (formerly referred to as an Avian and Bat Protection Plan [ABPP]) was developed for the project which follows the guidelines of the recently published USFWS Land-Based Wind Guidelines (Appendix B-4: Bird and Bat Conservation Strategy).

Burrowing owl mitigation is discussed under MM-BIO-6. Mitigation for Gila monsters is discussed under MM-BIO-4 and in Appendix B-3: Terrestrial Wildlife Plan. No rare plants were found in the survey area; therefore, no mitigation is required.

13) An intensive cultural resources inventory of the Area of Potential Effect (APE) (i.e. activity areas surrounded by a large buffer) was performed. No disturbance activities would occur outside of the 200-foot buffer area. Cultural resources outside of the APE would not be impacted. Any modifications or changes to the APE would trigger additional cultural resource inventories. All sites identified during the Class III inventory have been evaluated for eligibility to the National Register of Historic Places.

14) Impacts are disclosed in Section 4.0-Visual Resources Impacts.

Sincerely,

Gary Carlson

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Address

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LAS VEGAS, NV. 89123

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna J Charped

Donna Charped, Executive Director
Desert Protection Society (Formerly Citizens for the Chuckwalla Valley)

Jared Fuller
Provo, UT

Sincerely,

Jared Fuller

Name
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Henderson, NV 89052

From: Cheryl Cross [mailto:searchlightnuggetcasino@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 8:33 PM
To: BLM_NV_SND0_SearchlightWindEnergyEIS
Subject: Fw: Searchlight Wind Energy Project from Ms Verlie Doing

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From: Cheryl Cross <searchlightnuggetcasino@yahoo.com>
To: "blm_nv_searchlightwindenergyEIS@blm.gov" <blm_nv_searchlightwindenergyEIS@blm.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 8:32 PM
Subject: Searchlight Wind Energy Project from Ms Verlie Doing

Gregory Helseth:

My husband and I came to Searchlight June 30,1967. This has been a great place to live. We have an active relationship with Clark County, our own Town Board to work with a great Senior Center, 24 units of Senior housing, and an active functioning Non-Denominational Church. The estimated 1000 residents who live here enjoy great recreation - we are 13 miles from Cottonwood Cove on Lake Mohave - good fishing, boating, and water sports. Our children attend 5 grades at Harry Reid Elementary school, then they are bussed into Boulder City for middle and high school. This is a good place to live for all of us. We enjoy an altitude of 3500 ft. which means cooler temperature, winter and summer. The air is clean most of the time - winds produce some dust but not too bad for most people. There is no doubt that our property values will go down drastically when these are in place. We have enjoyed peace and tranquility for a long time. PLEASE SIMPLY SAY NO!! I am also sending a list of comments we have come up with and consider worth your attention - they come from our study of the Draft of the DEIS.

Mrs. Verlie G. Doing
100 N. Highway 95
Searchlight, Nv. 89046

* Add my name to the mailing list for this project

Comments noted.

Sincerely,

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Henderson, Nv.
89052*

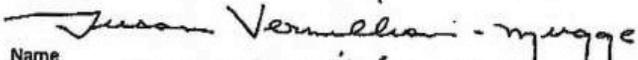
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

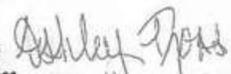

Name SUSAN VERMILLION - MUGGE
Address 8766 LISA LANE
LAS VEGAS, NV. 89113

I own acreage in this area. The proposed wind farm is only 1000 feet from my property. If this wind farm with their noisy turbines is allowed to be built, you will have very effectively ruined my property for any future sale or for me to build on this property. No one will buy this land or build on it when these wind turbines are less than a 1000 feet away. If this goes through you will have made my property worthless.

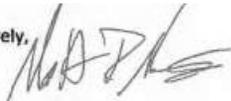
Sincerely,


Name STEPHEN MUGGE
Address 8766 LISA LANE
LAS VEGAS, NV. 89113

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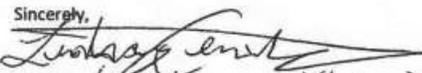

Name ASHLEY PAPPAS
Address 70 Hermosa Palms Las Vegas, NV 89123

Comments noted. Section 4.12-Socioeconomic Impacts has been updated to include Impacts on Property Values. A literature review on property value impacts has been added in Appendix F: Literature Review of Socioeconomic Effects of Wind Project and Transmission Lines

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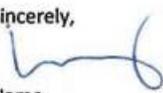
Name
Address

Matthew Morins
3800 Spencer St.
LV NV 89001

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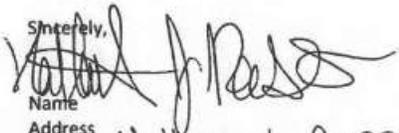
Name Lindsay Klimitz
Address

1688 Mountain Song Ct
Henderson, NV ~~89074~~ 89074

Sincerely, 

Name
Address

Paul Arrazo
1584 Silvestra
LV NV 89123

Sincerely, 

Name Nathaniel Ross
Address

1688 Mountain Song Ct.
Henderson, NV 89074

I would like to request that BLM adopt a No Action Alternative for this project and to designate the area inappropriate for wind energy.

Sincerely, 

Name ARTHUR J MCFARLAND
Address 3093 C PINEHURST DRIVE LAS VEGAS NV 89109

Sincerely,

Name Raven Esty
Address 7660 Hampton Willows Lane
Las Vegas NV 89113

Sincerely,



Name
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HENDERSON, NV 89041

Sincerely,



Name ELIOT ALPER
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Thomas Casey
PO Box 1303
Searchlight, NV 89046



SEARCHLIGHT WIND ENERGY PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Public Meeting Comment Form
Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, NV

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is holding public meetings to encourage public comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Searchlight Wind Energy Project. Comments received during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) comment period will be addressed in the Final EIS. Written comments on the Draft EIS must be received via email or postmarked no later than April 18, 2012. For further information, please contact Gregory Helseth at (702) 515-5173 or send an email to: blm_nv_snd_searchlightwindenergyEIS@blm.gov.

Please provide your current mailing address and/or any additional names and addresses you think should be included on our mailing.

Meeting Location: SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER
 Your Name: JERRY CUROW Name: _____
 Address: 505 E COTTONWOOD COVERD Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: SEARCHLIGHT NV 890460947 City/State/Zip: _____
E-MAIL JCUROW1@YAHOO.COM

Please check all that apply:

- Add my name to the ^{E-mail} mailing list for this project
- Do not include my name on the mailing list
- Withhold my name/address to the extent allowed by law (only for persons not representing an organization)*

* All comments received by the BLM become a part of the public record associated with this proposed project. Accordingly, your comments (including name and address) will be available for review by any person that wishes to review the record. At your request, we will withhold your name and address to the extent allowed by the Freedom of Information Act or any other law.

Comment:

I'M WRITING YOU TO URGE YOU TO ISSUE A LAND USE PERMIT TO SEARCHLIGHT WIND ENERGY PROJECT. I FEEL CLEAN ENERGY IS THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY. I LIVE HERE IN SEARCHLIGHT, AND MOST OF THE OPPOSITION FOR THIS PROJECT IS UNFOUNDED. IT'S EITHER BECAUSE OF SELFISH REASONS OR REASONS THAT ARE PERCEIVED. AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED ALL NEW BUILDING BUILT SHOULD BE SOLARIZED OR WIND POWERED FOR THEIR ENERGY USE IF ALL PROJECTS FOR CLEAN ENERGY TAKE AS LONG FOR APPROVAL AS THIS ONE, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE DEPENDANT ON FOREIGN COUNTRIES FOR CLEAN ENERGY FOR EVER AS MUCH WIND AS THERE IN HERE AND ALONG THE RIVER THERE SHOULD BE WIND GENERATORS FOR VEGAS TO LAUGH LIN PLEASE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS ISSUE NOW

SINCERELY
Jerry Curow

Comments noted.