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I see wind energy development as very important to the increasing energy needs by providing clean renewable energy and I am pleased that efforts are being taken to streamline the process. With positive regulation and support wind energy has huge potential to meet a significant portion of our ever growing power needs. If the PEIS can satisfy or provide a significant portion of wind developer's environmental study requirements for example then indeed the PEIS has potential to greatly advance the development of wind in a timely manner. Being a clean renewable energy source wind offers much to the environment but it also offers great potential to rural communities. Power generated from wind offer several advantages including no pollution released from generation and being renewable there is no transportation or excavating necessary for the fuel source. The jobs and revenue wind projects bring has a huge impact on rural communities, counties, and states. The school tax revenue alone means so much to rural classrooms. As a farmer and landowner with class 6 wind in rural South Dakota I don't want my rights or my neighbor rights to develop property taken away. I ask that the positive aspects of wind energy be carefully considered and remembered at all stages of the PEIS process.