

Thank you for your comment, Linda Reeves.

The comment tracking number that has been assigned to your comment is UGPW\_S50009.

Comment Date: November 9, 2008 13:25:34PM

Upper Great Plains Wind PEIS

Comment ID: UGPW\_S50009

First Name: Linda

Middle Initial: S

Last Name: Reeves

Organization:

Address:

Address 2:

Address 3:

City:

State:

Zip:

Country:

Email:

Privacy Preference: Don't withhold name or address from public record

Attachment:

Comment Submitted:

Wind Power is heard a lot these days as a quick fix to alternative energy, but windmills have their own ugly problems. First of all windmill is such a benign word, lets get more realistic, they should be called wind skyscrapers. Wind Power It is one of the most government subsidized energies coming from we the taxpayers so a lot of investors want to get in on the band wagon, cause it is a relatively risk free investment with little accountability. Sound familiar? Wind Power also is not all that effective; it does not significantly produce that much energy. It is certainly not benign to the environment; it kills many bats and birds not to mention the problems with the noise and strobe like lighting it creates. The full study is yet in on the health problem this can cause to animals and humans. These wind skyscrapers also destroys view sheds, and devalues property. Before this boondoggle project is jumped on one might want to consider California. A while back smaller wind turbines were put in fields across parts of the state, now most abandoned, after investors had secured their profits and tax credits and ran out, leaving behind windmills damaged and no longer functioning to litter the landscape. Wind power seems like a quick and easy solution to our energy problem....it is NOT Also, the corridor along the Rocky Mountain Front in Montana should be exempt from this kind of development if this project is to go forward. It is one of the few areas in Montana that is still intact as the explorers Lewis and Clark might have experienced it. The viewshed of this breathtaking and awe inspiring country that attracts hikers, campers and hunters, which helps the local economy on a long term basis, does not deserve to be littered and compromised by miles of metal skyscrapers.

Thank you for letting me voice my views and comments.

Linda Reeves