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To whom it may concern:

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However, siting of alternative energy development must not be indiscriminate. There are some places on the Great Plains that are simply too special to build industrial scale wind farms. Montana's Rocky Mountain Front is such a place.

The public lands of 'the Front' are so extraordinary that most federal lands have been withdrawn from both mining and oil and gas development. Much of the national forest qualifies as wilderness or other special status. There are four Bureau of Land Management Outstanding Natural Areas along the Front. There are three Montana State Wildlife Management Areas. The Boone & Crockett Club and The Nature Conservancy both manage major private preserves for conservation, and TNC also has a large conservation easement program along the Front. The US Fish & Wildlife Service has established a 'Rocky Mountain Front Conservation District' here, to encourage conservation easements on private land west of U.S. Highway 89.

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Sincerely,

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