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Objection to Project from Buffum Homestead Family in Shasta County, since 1899

I am the great great grandchild and landowner of the original Buffum Homestead in Shasta County. I am writing to show my objection to building the wind turbines in close proximity to our Homestead.

My relatives built the Homestead in the 1890s and developed the land. We have continued to develop the land over the decades. I personally have spent a lot of time and money maintaining our original water rights through legal counsel, digging ditches and laying pipes. Each of us has done something to improve the land over our lifetime, despite being scattered across the United States.

You may wonder why we work so hard on these 160 acres of land during our vacations. You see, our forefathers established within us, a love of the land, the love of God and the love of family. We have met on this mountain every year since the 1890s except the year that there was gas rationing and the family didn't have the gas to get there. We fly from Colorado, New York, Michigan; drive from Oregon and from all over California to enjoy God's country, have spiritual renewal and build relationships. We do this on the 160 acres that our forefathers left to us, as a beautiful gift to be treasured and guarded.

You have gathered volumes of evidence about what the wind turbines do to birds, insects as well as the other wildlife. You know that these turbines are an eye sore. Do we really want to destroy this beautiful mountainous land? No, we don't. In Colorado, we put the turbines out on the prairies and not the scenic Rocky Mountains. I ask that the same be done in California. We want to preserve our beautiful land and continue to make it better.

Despite the horrible fire that raged through our land in 1992, we rebuilt the Homestead. We still come out each year and have become a stronger family. We spend thousands of dollars each year to gather together as the Buffum Clan. If you put these wind turbines on our land, the peace, beauty and nature will all be diminished so much that a lot of us will be less likely to come. This land is more than 160 acres of property, it is our roots, our place of peace and refuge and our place of much love. Please help us protect it.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Woodward M.D.