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Opposition to Fountain Wind Farm Project

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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Subject: Fountain Wind Project, Docket Number 23-OPT-01

Dear Mr. Payne and members of the California Energy Commission,

I'll get right to the point of this letter. I strongly object to the proposed Fountain Wind Project in the intermountain area of Shasta County for various reasons which include, but are not limited to the following:

- This project has already been UNANIMOUSLY REJECTED by Shasta County's Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors after they heard input from the people of Shasta County
- It is an act of abuse of the people of Shasta County by Mr. Payne to propose the Fountain Wind Project again
- The Pit River Tribe has sacred land in the area of the proposed wind farm which they use for tribal ceremonies, teaching sites, etc. The tribe also has ancestors resting/sleeping in the area who should not be disturbed by the work to build the wind farm. Have respect for the dead as well as the living and stop the proposal to build the Fountain Wind Project
- Residents of Shasta County have seen far too many devastating wild fires in our area and after learning that we would possibly lose our best fire-fighting weapon, the aerial use of retardant-dropping planes, due to the danger from the wind turbines it would appear extremely careless of Mr. Payne and the members of the CEC if the wind farm was to go forward

To the California Energy Commission please respect the decision by the people of Shasta County who rejected the Fountain Wind Project in 2021 and consider the still present concerns and objections of the intermountain residents before making any decisions regarding this project- it is not a good fit for our beautiful area of California.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Stephenson

Round Mountain landowner (100+ acres), but no longer a homeowner as it was destroyed in the Fountain Fire 1992.