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The proposal alleges that the project is better for the environment, when research shows that used materials are NOT biodegradable; significant amounts of energy are required to manufacture the components; and significant amounts of oil are required for the operation of the turbines. Additionally, the installation of the turbines requires the hauling of materials over long distances, thereby burning more fossil fuels in the process.

The land upon which this project will be located is sacred and culturally sensitive, and within the declared ancestral territory of the Pit River Tribe, which appears to be opposed to the project. The land is located downwind and to the west of the town of Burney; 33 years ago, the Fountain Fire, which started west of Round Mountain, exploded eastward through this very location to the edge of Burney within hours. Wind turbines have been known to catch on fire for various reasons and such an event would undoubtedly threaten the town of Burney and its residents.

The cons outweigh the pros.