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## **Opposition to Fountain Wind Project**

There are several issues associated with the Fountain Wind Project. Reliability and and overall cost vs. benefit is debatable. From a macro perspective the cost of this electricity generation is arguably not sustainable: As Warren Buffett has said, "We get a tax credit if we build a lot of wind farms. That's the only reason to build them. They don't make sense without the tax credit.â€● In addition, the number of wind turbines estimated to catch fire per year varies between 1-in-2,000 to 1-in-15,000. As more turbines are installed and existing turbines age, the frequency may increase. Shasta County is at "extreme danger" of fires without turbines. The added danger is unacceptable. People living in and around the areas where they are installed in Shasta County may be put at unacceptable additional danger. Last, these "energy farms" destroy the beauty of our area and will discourage the tourist industry for our area. And for what? A source of energy with debatable long term profitability and safety. Please do not move forward with this project!