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Comments previously sent to Shasta County Supervisors proving fraudulent impact research and fraudulent disclosures to the public. These comments discuss fraudulent eagle surveys

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PR PROPOSED RULE

Permits for Incidental Take of Eagles and Eagle Nests

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A call for science and accountability submitted November 29, 2022

America's green energy fraud has been going on for decades and as I have discovered, when tax dollars can be stolen, the DC corruption never sleeps.

New DC laws are being proposed that will give one of this world's most destructive industries, even less oversight and accountability than they already have. An industry that will continue to slaughter off millions, upon millions of protected birds, bats and raptors annually.

The last thing America needs is less oversight of the USFWS and the wind industry. Yet here we are, with new regulations being proposed by our corrupt USFWS. They now even want to destroy active and alternate nests, in eagle nesting territories near wind farms before turbines slaughter off the parents and sub-adults.

Without non-biased third-party monitoring, it's just the USFWS and the wind industry working behind our backs. This secret partnership has already hidden (1980-2022) approximately 2 billion bird and bat fatalities, which includes over a million raptors.

How do I know? I know what Science is and I've read over the contrived research put out by this industry and the Interior Department. Then I made credible adjustments for their many fatal flaws.

It's obvious both entities are working together because they've both produced incredibly fraudulent research. In addition, the USFWS has given the wind industry voluntary regulations

that require no science and the USFWS has been producing highly embellished eagle population statistics. Working together, both are hiding the wind industry's ongoing species annihilation.

With contrived modeling and a complete abandonment of reality, the USFWS claims there is a population of 316,708 bald eagles in the lower 48 states. A claim with an average of 6600 bald eagles are living in every state, when not one of our lower 48 states has 6600 eagles. California has one of America's the largest bald eagle populations, with a population of less than 2000 bald eagles.

The USFWS has helped to hide the origin of over 66,000 eagle carcasses shipped to the Denver Repository and has also avoided any credible research that would shed light on this industry's horrific impact to species.




Since 1995 over 66,000 eagle carcasses have been secretly shipped off to the Denver Eagle Repository. About 3000 are shipped each year and their origin remains a green secret. Most collected come from wind farms.

I wonder if Maureen D. Foster, Chief of Staff, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks or Jerome Ford, Assistant Director—Migratory Birds Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are even aware of the network of dirtbags secretly shipping eagle carcasses to the Denver eagle repository from wind farms. If not, I will expect to hear back from them.

Here in Shasta County, CA, we easily have the highest density of bald eagles in the state and the total population including juveniles and sub-adults is about 150. Except for occasional migrants, many of California’s 58 counties don’t even have Bald eagles.

Below are CA Fish and Game numbers 2016. They report about 300 hundred bald eagles living in CA. Add the sub-adults and you might get another 150-200. Yet the Interior Department’s numbers suggest that the Bald Eagle Population has grown by 10-20 times in size since 2016. But as I know, claiming a population of nearly 317,000 bald eagles is a calculated fraud.



Bald Eagle Breeding Territory Data for California, 1990-2016

Year	No. of Known Territories	No. of Territories Surveyed	No. of Territories Occupied	No. of Young Produced
1990	107	102	94	95
1991	111	105	90	92
1992	120	110	99	82
1993	127	116	102	103
1994	142	129	116	120
1995	146	129	105	89
1996	160	144	124	128
1997	171	160	142	140
1998	180	168	148	125
1999	188	180	151	138
2000	202	159	128	120
2001	211	147	128	116
2002	230	174	149	135
2003	252	199	175	150
2004	260	150	136	141
2005	265	117	111	96
2006	280	146	134	105
2007	296	164	147	69
2008	304	118	111	52
2009	310	121	105	48
2010	323	118	105	58
2011	337	121	112	103
2012	352	164	137	124
2013	355	97	89	85
2014	357	87	77	75
2015	366	99	90	87
2016	375	113	106	80

The Interior Department loves to use statistics and contrived modeling in their nonscientific research, so here is another statistic I have for them. There is a 100% probability that their latest bald eagle population numbers are fraudulent. There is also a 100% probability that the golden

eagle in California due to wind turbine fatalities, is an endangered species. A fact also being hidden with collusion and corruption.

Of course, we would actually have more many bald eagles in CA if the wind industry wasn't killing them off in the delta region near the Altamont and Solano County wind farms. The habitat is there and they've tried to establish nesting territories, but eagles trying to establish nesting territories are always killed off by turbines.

This history of nesting failures located near wind turbines is never clearly stated, but the evidence is there for anyone that wishes to read about it. But industry documents do their best to omit, hide or to not document these kinds of facts. Bald eagles are scavengers and once they discover that carcasses of other birds are falling to the ground around these turbines, they will be attracted by these carcasses and will also be killed. This is most likely to have happened to a pair of bald eagles that set up a home on Grizzly Island near the Shiloh wind turbines in 2011. This was sort of mentioned in Wind industry documents but reality was avoided.

Near the Hatchet Ridge wind Project in Shasta County are at least two abandoned Bald Eagle territories, with their nests falling apart. They were falsely claimed to have been occupied in the Fountain Wind EIR. None of the government wildlife agencies said a word, even though they were occupied before the wind farm became operational.



Nest 299, located approximately 2.9 miles east of the Fountain Wind Project.

“During eagle nest surveys conducted within a 10-mi radius of the Project area, 11 occupied bald eagle nests were documented, with the closest nests to the Project area located at Lake Margaret, approximately 4.7 km (2.9 mi) east of the Project, and along the Pit River approximately 6.8 km (4.2 mi) north of the Project.”

This abandoned nest is located about 1 1/2 miles from the Hatchet Ridge turbines.

At Altamont recently.....“No active golden eagle nests were documented during the 2020 raptor nest surveys conducted by ICF within the project site. **However, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) found an active golden eagle nest on the project site in 2020, which subsequently was determined to have failed during a follow-up survey in June 2020.**”

All this illustrates the hidden legacy of wind farms. Empty regional skies around wind farms and empty habitat that keeps on attracting migrants that also get killed.

Complicating this hidden carnage to eagles and other species from wind energy, wind farm leaseholders are required to immediately pick up wind turbine carcasses off their properties.

Then they are required to dispose of them by burning, burying them deeply, cooking them, and adequately composting them. If leaseholders disclose any of this to the public, they will be crucified from the nondisclosure conditions in their green energy contracts.

An honest and non-colluding USFWS could stop this fraud in a heartbeat

6.2.5 Disposal of Animal Carcasses. Owner agrees to take all reasonable measures to avoid attracting scavenging birds and other animals by ensuring all animal carcasses on the Property are immediately (to the extent permitted by applicable law) burned, buried, adequately and completely composted by covering with an adequate amount of earth or mulch, cooked or placed in enclosed containers with lids if such carcasses will be removed at a later time from the Property. Animal carcasses shall not be left in open fields or adjacent to buildings and shall not be left uncovered or exposed.

The wind industry in collusion with the Interior Department secretly ships thousands of eagles every year to the Denver Eagle Repository. The origin of these eagles is never disclosed but I know most of these eagles are coming in from wind farms where employees regularly search around the turbines for carcasses that are then put in freezers. America's Federal Take permit system is a complete fraud on the public because the USFWS secretly ships eagle carcasses from wind farms and nobody is required to disclose any of these clandestine activities to the public.

How did eagle carcass numbers jump from 800-900 in 1997 to over 3000 per year? Windmills being placed in eagle habitat all over America.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Fish & Wildlife News

November 1997

About 95 percent of orders received at the repository are for whole eagles, with an average of about 1,000 people applying for the 800 to 900 available birds each year. Requests are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis by date of application.

Eagles turned in to the repository typically have died of natural causes or fatal encounters with power lines, windmills, vehicles, or illegal shooters or trappers. The repository does not accept poisoned birds because of the hazard they pose to human health.

The typical dead eagle stays only three to five days at the repository before it is shipped out to the next applicant on the list.

1997 vs. 2021

80 times more in 2021



U.S. Wind Turbine Database

Database Release: July, 2021
Data Source: LBNL, USGS, ACP
Map Interface: USGS, Energy Program

The USWTDB provides onshore & offshore wind turbine locations in the United States, corresponding facility information, and turbine technical specifications. [Watch our tutorial video.](#)

The USWTDB contains **69,166** turbines with a total rated capacity of **124,550 MW**

In 1997, wind power generation capacity of 1,579 MW produced 3,254,117 megawatthours (MWh) of electricity.³ More than 99 percent of generation was by independent power producers, and nearly all of it was located in California. During 1998 and 1999, wind farm activity expanded into other States, motivated in part by financial and regulatory incentives and, in the case of Iowa and Minnesota, State mandates. Iowa, Minnesota, and Texas each had capacity additions exceeding 100 MW that came on line in 1999 (Table 1). During 1999, wind farm capacity that came on line consisted of state-of-the-art wind turbines manufactured primarily by

All so corrupt and so disgusting

The current population numbers are fake and were set up with back-room negotiations. Then using contrived methodologies, new Interior Department studies were rigged to produce data that would fit into this industry's green web of lies. In the lower 48 states there are not even 25% of the 316,708 bald eagles being reported by the USFS and yet the USFWS has currently allocated an annual take of 19,623 bald eagles.

Then there is the silence or lying by omission from Conservation groups and others, accepting blood money from this industry and all being handcuffed with nondisclosure agreements.

With honest research and accountability, many fake experts would be in prison and developers/leaseholders would be fined billions for their hidden ongoing slaughter to species.

Universities would be teaching students the truth about wind turbine impacts and the public would know how little net energy wind turbines are producing for America.

With accountability the annual harvest limit of bald eagles would be reduced to zero until credible population research was produced. With honest research and accountability, the Wind industry would not be able to hide their annual slaughter of America's eagles as they have for decades.

But sadly, staggering layers of fraud, collusion and rigging are protecting green profits and keeping all this hidden. This is a DC problem with both Republicans and Democrats in on this fraud.

I would love to be part of a Congressional wind industry hearing, that allows me to ask our sellout experts, scientific questions.

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