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Wind Farms are not the answer to our looming energy crisis caused by political maneuvering to all electric dependance. I know this panel is well aware of the environmental and cultural impacts of expanding wind projects across the state. Having been a supporter of the original Fountain Wind Project I wish I could go back and voice opposition today. The Wind Farm on Hatchet Mountain was the indirect cause of job loss in the surrounding areas. At least 40 jobs were lost when Burney Cogeneration plant decided to shutter as PG&E took that power source offline once the Wind Farm was active. Not to mention countless other jobs associated with bringing biomass products to that plant. The Wind Farms do not reduce the impact on the environment but actually cause more damage. They can produce fires and have even recently been blamed for numerous lightning caused fires throughout the nation as they are lightning rods and frequently overheat causing ignition also. The loss of birds and other wildlife habitat should also be considered. I think money and time is better spent on rehabilitation of the numerous Co-generation plants that turn wood bi products into usable power and reduce forest fuels resulting in less catastrophic fires. Not to mention the effect on local rural economies by providing JOBS!