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Against the Fountain Wind Project

Please see attached document.
Thank you.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you this email as a homeowner and resident since birth. I have lived in the area since 1981. After moving away for a few years, I came back to the area for work, met my husband of 10 years and settled down and bought a home, all in Round Mountain. This place holds a special place in my heart, as I'm sure you would agree. The area is absolutely beautiful. When I heard of the possible windmill project, I initially thought that it would be like the windmill project at Bunchgrass along the ridgeline of Hatchet. I didn't think that there would be a hundred of them shot-gunned across the hillside. I cannot believe that the county/state would allow another windmill farm in one of the most beautiful areas of Shasta County. Many of the residents are upset with another windmill project, one that benefits Southern California and not the North. State officials are just further proving that all they care about is the mighty dollar and not the residents of Northern California.

Has the state considered what could happen to the springs or residents wells and what drilling, construction and other stresses could have on the aquifers and ground water? Can you guarantee that my well will not be affected? Since this will be in my front yard! If my well is affected by this project, will the state drill me a new well, will it drill any other homeowners wells that are affected? My guess is probably not - we will be left to clean up the mess that residents and the county were against to begin with.

My last concern, since the state is going to push this through regardless, is fire suppression. The numerous windmills, with their 500+ feet will make air support very hazardous. The summer of 2018, a fire tried to blow up the hillside behind Halcumb Cemetery, I watched what I think was a DC10 circle at very low altitude 5 times before dropping its lifesaving load successfully on the fire. Could that be done with these windmills in place? Anything that can hinder the Forest Service's ability to suppress fire will be a major concern of residents of the area - myself included.

Please consider the future of this area, its beauty and environmental health.

Thank you for your time.

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