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General Comment

As wind energy development expands, the potential for biologically significant impacts to some populations of species, such as raptors, may increase. Golden eagles, due to their regulatory status, population trends in some locations, and charismatic public image, have become a species of particular concern in the context of wind projects. Because several facets of golden eagle behavior and biology bring eagles into potential conflict with wind energy production. Raptors constitute the category of birds of greatest concern in the context of wind turbine collision. the relatively high fatality rates for raptors, Species that forage for prey in close proximity to turbines (e.g., red-tailed hawk and golden eagle) appear to have higher fatality rates. Received an unprecedented permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allowing turbines to kill eagles, hawks, peregrine falcons, owls and songs birds while not being subjected to the normal prohibitions afforded under the federal conservation laws. Outrageous that Turbine companies, now get free pass from federal prosecution under the Bald and Eagle and Protection Act and the Migratory Treaty Act.

The Eagle Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d) makes it illegal to import, export, take (which includes

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molest or disturb), sell, purchase, or barter any bald eagle or golden eagle or parts thereof. The Service oversees enforcement of this act. Under the Eagle Act (72 FR 31132, June 5, 2007), "take" is defined as to "pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, destroy, molest or disturb." "Disturb" is defined as "to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes, or is likely to cause, based on the best scientific information available: (1) injury to an eagle, (2) a decrease in its productivity, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior, or (3) nest abandonment, by substantially interfering with normal breeding, feeding, or sheltering behavior." "Disturb" was defined in 2007 (72 FR 31132) as "to agitate or bother a bald or golden eagle to a degree that causes...injury to an eagle, reduced productivity, or nest abandonment..."

If wind Turbines Destroy our National Symbol, and Habitat , why are is Fish and Wildlife, EPA, BLM, Etc supporting this type of energy, and it only works 18 to 30 percent of the time but is taking the most toll on America ecosystem. Wind Turbines near water from local aquifers, streams & rivers have the potential for contamination once built. Wind farm is not "Green Energy". The turbine rotors require an excessive amount of oil to turn...as they turn they cause vibrations allowing the oil to move down the turbine into the soil. Each also contain Rare Earth Toxic Material . New studies also show the turbines cause Temperatures to increase , and earths natural wind patterns are being changed. Example Farmers have been using small turbines to keep the air warm over crops since the 1940s. Now we are going down a path of bigger and bigger, alarming, this should be highly concerning instead of embracing.