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Honorable Chair and Members of the Planning Commission
County of Humboldt
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Re: Objection to Humboldt Wind Energy Project

Honorable Chair and Members of Planning Commission:

I am writing to object to the proposed Humboldt Wind Project for aesthetic and environmental reasons. The Project will be a visual blight on two pristine ridges, given its 600-foot tall structures. I also object to the miles of clear-cutting required as a right-of-way for the 23-mile overhead transmission line. The Project will also cause increased sedimentation in the Eel River, due to a combination of high seasonal rainfall and rapid runoff on unstable soils, which is further exacerbated by the seismic activity in the area. The benefits of the project simply do not outweigh the considerable environmental impacts.

For the foregoing reasons, I object to the Project and request that the Commission DENY approval of the conditional use permit.

Sincerely,

Ben Shepherd