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Greetings,

Thank you for your important work on behalf of our county in regards to this project. I am afraid I have been unable to attend the meetings, including todays.

We are in favor of the project.

Watching the debate about the proposed Terra Gen wind project I am struck that people don't seem to be working towards compromise.
At it’s core this discussion is about how to provide the power we are all dependent upon to help supply our area when other areas are cut off and/or how to provide a large amount of power that emits the least amount of greenhouse gasses.
Most of our power is generated in ways continuously producing negative effects. Coal, diesel, natural gas, petroleum emissions, nuclear radiation. Any method on the scale required, dams for hydroelectric, even solar and wind, have impact. So how to quickly (and time matters) and significantly reduce electrical use if we don’t want to increase the effects of its production?
Indigenous peoples of Island nations, in the Arctic, all around the world, are paying for the excess of others. Ultimately we’ll all be paying. There may be no seventh generation. To renew the world we need to work together on a solution that will take compromise and sacrifice.
Danger of fires from turbines as a large risk is overblown. Thinking carbon produced now would not be recompensed over time is disingeneuous when you consider more electrical power will be produced somewhere, somehow, and the negative effects will manifest here too. We’re not isolated from the rest of the planet though it may feel like it. If wealthy investors/corporations don’t pay for renewable energy projects, we will need to personally, in taxes or home installations.
One of the blessings we have in Humboldt are these ridges with steady, abundant wind. This is not the case everywhere.

So what are we each willing TO do? TO accept? TO contribute? We can’t just talk in negatives and solve anything.
I wish Humboldt as a whole, indigenous, multi generational, and newcomers, felt it was an honor to have the opportunity to gift the power of our wind to the future of our planetary habitat.
If Terra Gen could cede Bear Ridge and make their project feasible only using Monument, that would be a great compromise. However, if that is not possible, this is still an important project.

Respectfully yours,
Dorothy Simmons
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"The only devils in this world are those running around in our own hearts, and that is where all our battles should be fought." -Mahatma Gandhi