

Tom Stoops,

This letter is intended to document and raise objection to the siting of the ARWPP as proposed in Union County. Please forward this message to the EFSC members and enter it into the official review proceedings.

The proposed ARWPP presents at least two very significant areas that will present severe hazards to both migratory and resident avian and bat populations.

The placement of turbine strings on both the east and west sides of Pyles Canyon will be in the flyway connecting the Grande Ronde Valley, including Ladd Marsh Refuge, (Union County) with the Baker Valley (Baker County). The presence of the Ladd Marsh Refuge in Union County and the wetlands associated with the Powder River in Baker County attract and concentrate both threatened and sensitive migratory species in addition to the many other migratory and resident avian and bat populations.

The frequent adverse weather conditions during the fall, winter and spring seasons create severe periods of dense fog in the project area – the primary migratory periods for bird and bat populations. The attached photos show the typical dense fog that develops on top of Craig Mountain and spills over the north face where the turbine strings will be obscured from sight in the paths of bird and bat species.

Re. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA).

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