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To: Patrick Smith
Subject: Re: Crocker Wind Project

Any modifications possible to adhere to guidelines and avoid/reduce wildlife impacts would be good. Though the project boundaries may be mostly set, I'm guessing there's wiggle room on turbine placement? Best to avoid natural habitats and aim for crop ground whenever possible.

-Natalie

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On Fri, Oct 23, 2015 at 4:27 PM, Patrick Smith <Patrick@geronimoenergy.com> wrote:

Hi Natalie,

Thanks again, useful comments. On compliance with the WEG tiers, we have a pretty well established project boundary, and have had one for quite some time making modifications that are broadly discussed in the WEGs in tiers 1 and 2 quite challenging, though I will evaluate the project and determine if there are small modifications that could be informed by them. Is that consistent with your thinking?

Patrick Smith

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