

My name is Linda Lindgren and I live with my husband on his farm at [REDACTED] South Shore. He has lived on this farm all of his life. I on the other hand am new to the area as I moved here in 2013.

I am daily amazed by the natural beauty all around us. The Wild Turkeys, Deer, pheasants and geese flying overhead. Rolling hills and open skies and pastures and fields going on seemingly forever.

Yesterday I saw a bald eagle between South Shore and our home. The wild turkeys seem at times to come around daily in our area. We soon might need a Turkey crossing sign on the road in front of our house.

Wildlife is so beautiful and essential to our fragile ecosystem. So important in fact that there is a law against killing Bald Eagles. Do any of you know what the penalty for killing a bald eagle is? I will tell you. If a non-developer kills a bald eagle the fine is up to \$250,000 and the person can face up to two years imprisonment.

\*A story in the Washington Times reports that Bald and golden eagles may be legally killed or injured in the thousands by high-speed turbines (reaching 170 Miles per hour), under new regulations released by the Obama Administration. The rules, which affect individual wind-energy companies that plan to operate the technology for up to 30 years, allows up to 4,200 of the birds to perish. The U.S. population of bald eagles stands at roughly 143,000, while the Fish and Wildlife Service puts the number of golden eagles at 40,000. 4,200 endangered bird-deaths per company is bigger than it sounds. There are nearly a dozen such "companies" which means (for 10) a whopping 42,000 bald and golden eagles are permitted to be killed by wind developers. The 4,200 limit is fake. Wind developers can break up their corporations into smaller ones.

I am amazed at all the money people spend to travel to our area to go hunting and fishing. It is something they enjoy and it is a good way to share the beauty of our area and the money that comes in helps support the beauty without changing it. Money is spent on hotel rooms, meals, equipment and travel. This will greatly affect the draw that our beautiful state has to offer. Less animals to hunt because of the damage to the ecosystem and less beauty with the wind towers higher than the statue of liberty, marring the beautiful and natural landscape.

\*Pages 94 and 95 of Paradise Destroyed by Gregg Hubner

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Wind power is Not Green!

**I always thought that wind power is green. After all, wind is free and natural. In fact, when you study the effects of wind towers and what goes into them you will see it is just the opposite.**

**You need a good wind of course for wind power. You also need petroleum and natural gas and coal. It takes tons of coal to make the steel for these giant towers, petroleum for the blades. To keep everything inside the tower working smoothly you need lubrication which means oil.**

**Making these towers requires tons of rare earth minerals which are mined in China. Obtaining these minerals creates major damage to the earth mainly in China.**

**Electric companies are forced to buy the non- constant electricity at a high price, while still having to maintain a constant source of electricity to keep the grid running smoothly. Wind power is not constant.**

**Wind power negatively affects the health of animals and people due to the sound that you can hear and the sound that you can't. The flicker problem, underground vibrations, ice on the blades flying off, etc. to name a few are some of the problems caused by these towers.**

**How is using tons of fossil fuels, rare earth minerals and oil to make and maintain these huge towers going green? They harm the environment, people's health and the ecosystem.**

**Please do the research and don't be fooled.**

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