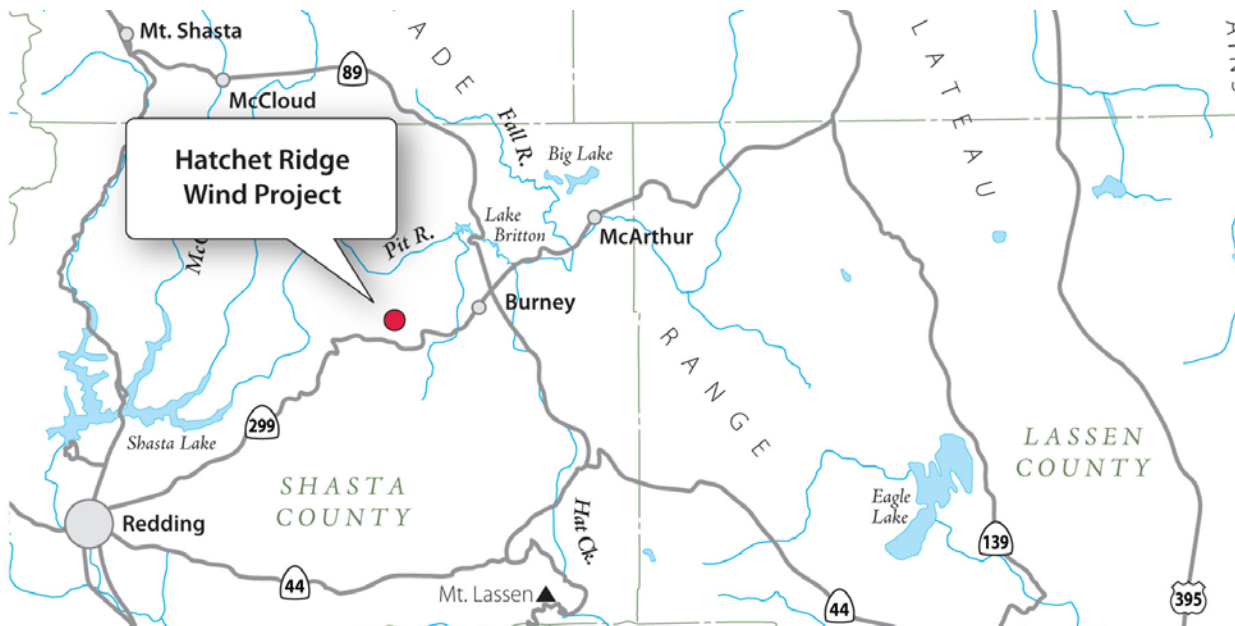


Public Notice of Availability and Opportunity to Review and Submit Written Comments Regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Hatchet Ridge Wind Project

PROJECT TITLE: Use Permit 06-016 - Hatchet Ridge Wind Project (State Clearinghouse Number 2007042078)

APPLICANT: Hatchet Ridge Wind LLC, 700 SW Taylor Street, Suite 210, Portland, OR 97205

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site would cover a total of 73 acres scattered over 17 parcels totaling approximately 3,000 acres on Hatchet Mountain. The site is approximately seven miles due west of Burney, and 34 miles northeast of Redding, and immediately north of State Highway 299 at Hatchet Mountain Pass. The project site includes portions of the following Shasta County Assessor's Parcels: 027-120-004, 007 and 008; 030-010-008 and 009; 030-030-001, 003, 004, 005, 008, 010, 011, 015, 016 and 018; 030-080-012 and 016, which are found in Sections 1, 11, and 12 of Township 35 North, Range 1 East; and Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 28, Township 35 North, Range 2 East; all Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian.



PROJECT SUMMARY

SUMMARY: The applicant, Hatchet Ridge Wind, LLC, proposes to develop and construct a wind energy project. The area actually covered by the project would be an approximately 73 acre portion of the 17 parcels. The project would produce approximately 100 megawatts of electricity and would require construction of 42 to 68 wind turbines on steel tubular towers from about 213 feet to 263 feet tall. The total height of each tower with its attached wind turbine could reach from about 338 feet to about 418 feet high. The line of towers would stretch for about 6.5 miles northeastly along the ridge of Hatchet Mountain. The project would include transmission lines from the turbines to a new substation and additional lines to interconnect with existing high-voltage transmission lines that cross the project site and which are owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The project would also include a temporary construction office, an operations and maintenance building/control center, new access roads, temporary staging areas, and up to four permanent meteorological masts up to 220 feet high. The project would be constructed over a 6 to 12-month period. In general, the towers would be constructed in areas managed for commercial timber production which were replanted after the 1992 Fountain Fire.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) discusses the following potentially significant environmental impacts: land use aesthetics, air quality, cultural resources, biological resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems, along with the associated potential cumulative effects of the proposed project. The DEIR concludes that the project would have the following impacts:

- **Significant and Unavoidable Impacts:** Adverse effects on a scenic vista by degrading the visual character of the project area and its surroundings, potential direct mortality of greater sandhill cranes, potential direct mortality of bald eagles, potential direct mortality of special-status raptors and other avian species, and visual and auditory disruption of Pit River Tribe religious practices conducted on Hatchet Ridge caused by construction and operation of wind turbines.
- **Beneficial Impacts:** Cumulative effect on climate change, and reduction in reliance on nonrenewable resources as a source of energy production.

The Hatchet Ridge Wind project site is not located on a known hazardous waste property, hazardous waste disposal site, or any site listed under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (the Cortese List).

WHY THIS NOTICE? The Shasta County Department of Resource Management, as lead agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report for this project. The Draft EIR will be available for review and comment Thursday, December 13, 2007. Written comments are encouraged and will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2008. Please provide your written comments to the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, California, 96001, Attention: Bill Walker, Senior Planner. (E-mail bwalker@co.shasta.ca.us)

QUESTIONS & FURTHER INFORMATION: The Draft Environmental Impact Report and other project information are available for review at the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Copies may be purchased from Pages Copy Center, 1698 Market Street, Redding, CA, 96001 (530) 246-9178, or Davis Copy Center, 37443 Main Street, Suite A, Burney, CA, 96013 (530) 335-2742. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment to review the project information, please call Bill Walker, Senior Planner, (530) 225-5532.

The Draft EIR is also available for review at the Shasta County Library in Redding at 1100 Parkview Avenue (530) 245-7250, and at the Shasta County Library in Burney at 37038 Siskiyou Street (530) 335-4317, during regular library hours at the respective library. It is also available on the Internet at: <http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/Departments/Resourcemgmt/drm/index.htm> (See the link to the Hatchet Ridge Wind Project files near the bottom of the Department of Resource Management home page) (Publish Date 12-12-07)