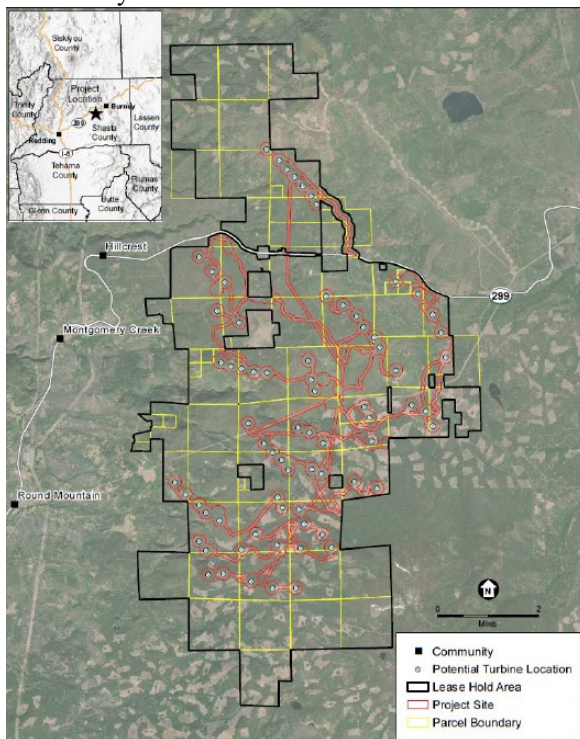


**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE PROPOSED FOUNTAIN WIND PROJECT**

Shasta County is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and has completed the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed project identified as the Fountain Wind Project (Use Permit 16-007).

The approximate 4,464-acre proposed project site is located within an approximately 29,500-acre leasehold area comprised of 76 Shasta County Assessor's parcels consisting exclusively of private property operated as managed forest timberlands. The property is located approximately one mile west of the existing Hatchet Ridge Wind Project, 6 miles west of Burney, 35 miles northeast of Redding, immediately north and south of California State Route 299 (SR 299), and near the private recreational facility of Moose Camp, and other private inholdings. Other nearby communities include Montgomery Creek, Round Mountain, Hillcrest, Wengler, and Big Bend. The proposed project site is also within a geographic area that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the Pit River Tribe. Lassen National Forest lies to the southeast, and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest is to the north.



The Fountain Wind Project is a renewable wind energy generation development proposed on approximately 4,464 acres in unincorporated Shasta County. The applicant has applied for a use permit to construct, operate, maintain, and ultimately decommission up to 72 wind turbines and associated transformers together with associated infrastructure and ancillary facilities. Each turbine would be no more than 679 feet tall, as measured from ground level to vertical blade tip (total tip height), and would have a generating capacity of 3 to 5.7 megawatts (MW). The project would have a maximum total generating capacity of up to 216 MW.

Copies of the Draft EIR are now available for public review. Public comment on this document is invited during a 45-day review period extending from **Monday, August 3, 2020**, through **Friday, September 18, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.**

The County's consultant, Environmental Science Associates (ESA), has prepared the Draft EIR pursuant to CEQA. A Final EIR will be prepared following public review of the Draft EIR. The Shasta County Planning Commission will consider the information in the Final EIR when deliberating the proposed project, and the alternatives discussed in the EIR.

The Draft EIR discusses potentially significant environmental impacts in the following areas of concern: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, communications interference, cultural and tribal cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise and vibration, and wildfire.

This Draft EIR is being distributed directly to agencies, organizations, and interested groups and persons for comment during a 45-day formal review period in accordance with §15087 of the *State CEQA Guidelines*. **Your response must be received by the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020.**

The Draft EIR and other project related documents and technical studies may be reviewed online by clicking on the Fountain Wind Project link at www.co.shasta.ca.us/index/drm/planning/eir. A hard copy of the Draft EIR and electronic appendices are available for inspection by appointment at the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001 during regular business hours and subject to any new laws, regulations, or orders concerning the operation of facilities. For an appointment to inspect a hard copy or to obtain electronic and/or hard copies, contact Lio Salazar, Senior Planner, by telephone at (530) 225-5532 or e-mail at lsalazar@co.shasta.ca.us. Hard copies will be provided at the requester's expense at the direct cost of reproduction; electronic copies on thumb drive or CD format are available at no cost. Hard copies of the Draft EIR and electronic appendices are available for review by appointment at the Anderson, Redding, and Burney branches of the Shasta Public Libraries, Cottonwood Community Library, and Hill County Community Clinic (Round Mountain) during regular business hours and subject to facility policies and/or any new laws, regulations, or orders concerning the operation of facilities:

Anderson Branch
3200 West Center St.
Anderson, CA 96007
(530) 365-7685

Redding Branch
1100 Parkview Ave.
Redding, CA 96001
(530) 245-7250

Burney Branch
37116 Main St.
Burney, CA 96013
(530) 335-4317

Cottonwood Community Library
3427 Main St.
Cottonwood, CA 96022
(530) 347-4818

Hill County Community Clinic (Round Mountain)
37116 State Highway 299 East
Round Mountain, CA 96084
(530) 337-5750

Future notifications regarding scheduled Planning Commission hearings on this proposed project will be published and distributed in accordance with law. Please send your comments to the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001 to the attention of Lio Salazar, Senior Planner, at, or by e-mail at fw.comments@co.shasta.ca.us; an automated reply will confirm receipt of comments submitted by e-mail. For general questions and assistance, please contact Lio Salazar, Senior Planner, by telephone at (530) 225-5532 or e-mail at lsalazar@co.shasta.ca.us.