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**To:** BPA Public Involvement  
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I have the following comments regarding the proposed Shepherd's Flat Interconnection - TNP-CSB-2.

I am concerned about the potential adverse impacts of large-scale wind energy development in the Columbia Plateau region on wildlife and on wildlife habitat.

Individual wind energy projects are known to result in fatalities to birds and bats as a result of collisions with turbines. I am very concerned about the possible cumulative effects of these fatalities to regional populations of certain avian and bat species as a result of wide-spread development within the Columbia Plateau area.

I am also concerned that the presence of wind energy structures, especially turbines, may result in a reduction of use of wind energy areas by certain bird species. If this reduction is substantial and occurs over a wide geographic area as a result of multiple wind projects, it could have biologically significant adverse effects on regional populations of certain species.

These issues are difficult to address on a project by project basis. Thus, it is difficult for State agencies such as the Oregon Energy Facility Siting Council and local governments to address these issues. In contrast, BPA, because of its regional presence, its ability and responsibility to consider multiple wind projects and regional issues, and its substantial resources, is in a far better position to address these two issues.

I ask that BPA support and initiate efforts to better understand each of these large-scale and multi-project issues. This should include, but is not limited to, funding research to determine the extent and biological significance of both of these issues.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Tom Meehan