
FW: Summit Lake Wind Project - follow up

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From: Anne-Marie Griger [<mailto:Anne-Marie.Griger@res-group.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, December 06, 2017 11:21 AM

To: Evelyn Ravindran; Lori Ann. Sherman

Subject: Summit Lake Wind Project - follow up

Hello Evelyn and Lori,

I am following up on some of your questions during our meeting last week.

1. Public info on bird and bat impacts from wind
 - a. <https://awwi.org/resources/summary-of-wind-wildlife-interactions-2/>
 - b. <https://awwi.org/new-study-provides-most-comprehensive-analysis-ever-of-bird-fatalities-at-wind-energy-facilities/>
 - c. See attached reports summarizing results of post-construction bird and bat mortality at Canadian wind farms. There are several other reports that you can access and filter for specific region, type of wildlife, etc., here - <https://awwic.nacse.org/library.php>
 - d. Report on migrating raptors and wind farms - <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1365-2664.12673/abstract;jsessionid=DAE99723519252C75F633C11E718B89D.f03t02>
2. Existing wind farms with eagle nests – here is a news article about an eagle nest that appeared after construction began at a site that RES developed. http://www.postbulletin.com/news/local/eagle-nest-puts-brakes-on-xcel-energy-wind-turbines/article_d9026393-996a-53f0-9b1b-3e4cef7310c5.html
3. Transmission line setbacks and maintenance – Our general design guidelines for the overhead transmission line is 150 feet from existing buildings, 300 feet from communication towers and facilities, 150 feet from conservation areas, recreation areas, and special wildlife

habitat. Also 150 feet from wells and underground utilities, as well as cultural/historical sites, and 300 feet from existing transmission lines. We anticipate using a 75-foot wide corridor for the overhead transmission line. As discussed, we hope to follow the existing ATC transmission line as much as possible.

I have also attached a general wind energy information sheet from the U.S. Department of Energy. There is a lot of information on community wind, some of which was gathered by Carl Lindquist at Superior Watershed Partnership, who we also met with last week. Let me know if you are interested and I can send that to you.

I have called and sent an email to Mr. Loonsfoot today to discuss cultural resources, so hopefully I will hear back from him soon.

Please let me know if I can answer any other questions. Also let me know if you have any input on the proposed transmission line route; I send the shapefiles to Lori on Tuesday.

We are planning to have a public information meeting in L'Anse sometime in the spring, so I will make sure you are invited to that.

Thank you,

Anne-Marie

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Hi Lori,

Thanks so much for the information from Anne-Marie. It's interesting that she hasn't yet sent the same information to those of us who attended the L'Anse meeting and expressed similar concerns about birds and bats. I'll let you know if and when we receive the same information.

Catherine

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