

KLICKITAT COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

228 W. Main, MS: CH-17

Goldendale, WA 98620

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 2008

TO: Klickitat County Departments: Assessor, Building, Engineer (Gordon Kelsey and Bob Chapman), Sanitarian, Weed Control, Prosecuting Attorney; WA State Departments: Ecology, Fish and Wildlife, Natural Resources, Transportation (Aviation, Vancouver & Goldendale), Archaeology & Historic Preservation; Public Utility District; Rural Fire District #7; NRCS; Yakama Indian Nation (Clifford Casseseka, Jerry Meninick, Johnson Meninick, Office of Legal Counsel, Phillip Rigdon; Kate Valdez); U.S.F.S.; Bureau of Indian Affairs; Bonneville Power Administration; Friends of the Gorge; FAA; Columbia River Gorge Commission; US Army Corp of Engineers; U.S. Fish & Wildlife; Umatilla Confederated Tribes; William Pipeline; Benton County Planning; Yakima County Planning; Goldendale School District; Goldendale Sentinel; White Salmon Enterprise

FROM: Klickitat County Planning Department

RE: SEP2008-31: Determination of Significance (DS) and Request for Comments on Scope on EIS.
Applicant: Northwest Wind Partners, LLC

Enclosed is a copy of the Determination of Significance (DS) and Request for Comments on Scope on EIS for EOZ permit (EOZ2008-05). Northwest Wind partners, LLC (NWP) proposes to amend the existing Hoctor Ridge EOZ permit (EOZ2006-02) by adding 17 2-MW wind turbines (energy capacity of the added turbines will not exceed 34 MW): 14 of the wind turbines are proposed for location within the Hoctor Ridge EOZ permit boundary; and 3 wind turbines are proposed for location on the DNR property that is surrounded by the Hoctor Ridge EOZ permit parcels. The combined electricity output for Hoctor Ridge will increase from 60 to 94 MW. The project is located within the existing Hoctor Ridge EOZ permit boundary in addition to approximately 320 acres of land owned by State of Washington, Department of Natural Resources (Parcel number 04-18-3600-0002/00).

Goodnoe II is located in the Columbia Hills, southeast of Goldendale, Washington, in Klickitat County.

Comments on the scope of the EIS will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. August 7, 2008. Comments shall be submitted to the Klickitat County Planning Department, 228 West Main, MS: CH-17, Goldendale, WA 98620.

Per the Klickitat County Environmental Ordinance #121084 (Amended Ordinance #041095) any agency or person may appeal this DS to the Board of County Commissioners, who would then hold a hearing. Appeals shall state with specificity the basis for the appeal and the errors to be asserted to the Board. In order for an appeal to be accepted, the completed appeal form and appeal fee of \$175.00, made payable to Klickitat County Planning Department, must be filed with the Klickitat County Auditor by 5:00 p.m., August 1, 2008.

Attachments.

KLICKITAT COUNTY
DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE (DS)
AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SCOPE OF EIS

GOODNOE II
EOZ2008-05 AND SEP2008-31

Description of proposal

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The transmission lines for the proposed expansion will be located underground and connect to the existing network from the existing turbines. The Project will use existing roads and require extension of existing private roads. The additional roads and turbines will result in the permanent loss of an estimated 15 acres of land and habitat.

Proponent
Northwest Wind Partners, LLC

Location of proposal
Goodnoe II is located in the Columbia Hills, southeast of Goldendale, Washington, in Klickitat County. The Project consists of approximately 2125.6 acres comprised of the following properties:

<i>Property owner</i>	<i>Acreage</i>	<i>Parcel number</i>
Dorothy Dressel	441.17	04-18-3400-0001/00
Charles Hoctor	412	04-18-3300-0001/00
DNR	320	04-18-3600-0002/00
Robert Imrie	79.24	04-18-3500-0002/00
Robert Imrie	160	04-18-3500-0002/01
Robert Imrie	320	04-18-3600-0001/00
Robert Imrie	313.19	04-19-3100-0002/00
Robert Imrie	80	04-19-3200-0004/00

Lead agency
Klickitat County

The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c) and will be prepared.

Two alternatives are being addressed in this EIS: (1) No Action – no government action, the proposal does not occur; (2) Alternative 1 – the proposal known as Goodnoe II from Northwest Wind Partners, LLC

The EIS is likely to include the following topics: project description, land use, vegetation and wildlife, critical areas, visual resources, cultural resources, noise, transportation, construction, and cumulative impacts. The project will also address the development standards outlined in Chapter 19.39 of the Klickitat County Code. The Planning Department will coordinate preparation of special technical studies addressing wildlife and habitat (including avian resources), cultural resources and grading and stormwater management with the applicant.

Scoping. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required.

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Responsible official: Curt Dreyer

Position/title: Planning Director, Klickitat County Planning Department

Phone: 509-773-5703

Address: 228 West Main Street, MS-CH-17, Goldendale, WA 98620

Date: July 11, 2008

Signature



You may appeal this determination of significance.

Appeals on the Determination of Significance (DS) will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. August 1, 2008. Appeals must be filed with the Klickitat County Auditor's office with an appeal fee of \$175. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections.

There is no agency appeal.

**Klickitat County Planning Department
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Goldendale, WA 98620**

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ENERGY OVERLAY "EOZ" APPLICATION

FILE No. EOZ2008-05

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, RESPECTFULLY MAKE APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE/EXCEPTION PERMIT, UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE KLUCKITAT COUNTY "EOZ" ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH (e.g. total power generated, number of generators, etc.)

Northwest Wind Partners, LLC expand the capacity of the current Rocton Ridge Wind Farm from 30 turbines to 47 turbines. The property boundaries remain the same as the original permit. The turbines will be of current design on monopoles.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (Tax Parcel No. Required):

04-18-3300-0001/00	N2 LESS PTNS; SW4 N OF ST HWY LESS PTNS;	33-4-18
04-18-3400-0001/00	N2; N2S2 LYING N OF HWY & LESS TL 1 IN NWSW	34-4-18
04-18-3600-0002/00	S2; Sec 36	
03-18-0450-0001/00	LOT 1 SP 98-25 IN NW4 4-3-18 (includes ptn in 33-4-18)	
03-18-0450-0002/00	LOT 2 SP 98-25 IN NW4 4-3-18 (includes ptn in 33-4-18)	
04-18-3500-0002/00	The east 1/2 of the SW quarter	
04-18-3500-0002/01	The Southeast Quarter of Section 36	
04-18-3600-0001/00	The North 1/2 of Section 36	
04-19-3100-0002/00	The south 1/2 of Section 31	
04-18-3200-0004/00	The West 1/2 of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32	

COMMON DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY LOCATION AND PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
(Detailed instructions to enable staff to find the site)

04-18-3300-0001/00	Open Range Land
04-18-3400-0001/00	Open Range Land
04-18-3600-0002/00	Cultivated farming
03-18-0450-0001/00	Open Range Land
03-18-0450-0002/00	Open Range Land
04-18-3500-0002/00	Open Range Land
04-18-3500-0002/01	Open Range Land
04-18-3600-0001/00	Open Range Land
04-19-3100-0002/00	Open Range Land

04-19-3200-0004/00	Open Range Land
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ZONE IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED:

04-18-3300-0001/00	Extensive Agriculture
04-18-3400-0001/00	Extensive Agriculture
04-18-3600-0002/00	Extensive Agriculture
03-18-0450-0001/00	Extensive Agriculture
03-18-0450-0002/00	Extensive Agriculture
04-18-3500-0002/00	Extensive Agriculture
04-18-3500-0002/01	Extensive Agriculture
04-18-3600-0002/00	Extensive Agriculture
04-19-3100-0002/00	Extensive Agriculture
04-19-3200-0004/00	Extensive Agriculture

DIMENSION OR ACREAGE OF PARCEL:

04-18-3300-0001/00	412.00 Acres
04-18-3400-0001/00	441.17 Acres
04-18-3600-0002/00	320.00 Acres
03-18-0450-0001/00	21.00 Acres
03-18-0450-0002/00	70.98 Acres
04-18-3500-0002/00	79.24 Acres
04-18-3500-0001/00	160.00 Acres
04-18-3600-0002/00	320.00 Acres
04-19-3100-0002/00	313.19 Acres
04-19-3200-0004/00	80 Acres

CURRENT LAND USE OF THE SITE:

04-18-3300-0001/00	Open Range
04-18-3400-0001/00	Open Range
04-18-3600-0002/00	Cultivated Farming
03-18-0450-0001/00	Open Range
03-18-0450-0002/00	Open Range
04-18-3500-0002/00	Open Range
04-18-3500-0002/01	Open Range
04-18-3600-0001/00	Open Range
04-19-3100-0002/00	Open Range
04-19-3200-0004/00	Open Range

CURRENT LAND USE TO THE:

All lands surrounding subject parcels are open range land

List property owners within an area bounded by lines 300 feet from and parallel to the boundaries of your property or lot (including the width of all streets and alleys in such area):


<u>Name</u>	<u>Mailing Address</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>
Walter Hctor	488 #4 RD Goldendale, WA 98620	03180500000100
Walter Hctor	488 #4 RD Goldendale, WA 98620	04183200000300
Charles Hctor	606 Simcoe Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620	04182900000700
Walter Jones	1259 Bennett Dr. Goldendale, WA 98620	04182800000000
Charles Hctor	606 Simcoe Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620	04182700000100
Charles Hctor	606 Simcoe Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620	04182600000200
Walter Hctor	488 #4 RD Goldendale, WA 98620	04183500000100
Robert Imrie	Lobb Lucia E Living Trust PO BOX 903 Waldport, OR 97394	03180200000100
Robert Imrie	Lobb Lucia E Living Trust PO BOX 903 Waldport, OR 97394	04183400000400
Davenport Ranches, Inc.	312 W Bare Street, Goldendale, WA 98620	04183300000400
Robert Niehueser	1135 Lakeshore Rd Grafton, WI 53024	03180450000100
Mariah Energy Group, LLC	PO Box 1101 Goldendale, WA 98620	03180450000400
Mariah Energy Group, LLC	PO Box 1101 Goldendale, WA 98620	03180451000300
Mariah Energy Group, LLC	PO Box 1101 Goldendale, WA 98620	03180451000200
Mariah Energy Group, LLC	PO Box 1101 Goldendale, WA 98620	03180451000100

NOTE: Attach a site plan of the proposal showing the location of all existing and future buildings and uses including roads and utilities. Also, include the area bounded by lines 300 feet from and parallel to the boundaries of your property or lot. A copy of the Assessor's map indicating adjacent landowners is also required.)

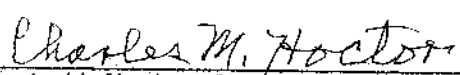


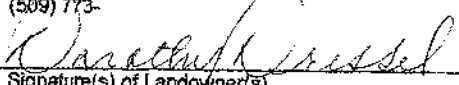
THE APPLICATION(S) HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND THE STATEMENTS IN ANY EXHIBITS AND SITE PLANS TRANSMITTED HERewith ARE TRUE; AND THE APPLICANT(S) ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ANY PERMIT ISSUED ON THIS APPLICATION MAY BE REVOKED IF IT DEVELOPS THAT ANY SUCH STATEMENTS ARE FALSE.


DATED THIS 16 DAY OF June ~~May~~, 2008.

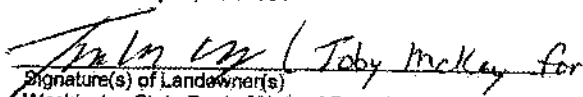

Signature(s) of Applicant(s)
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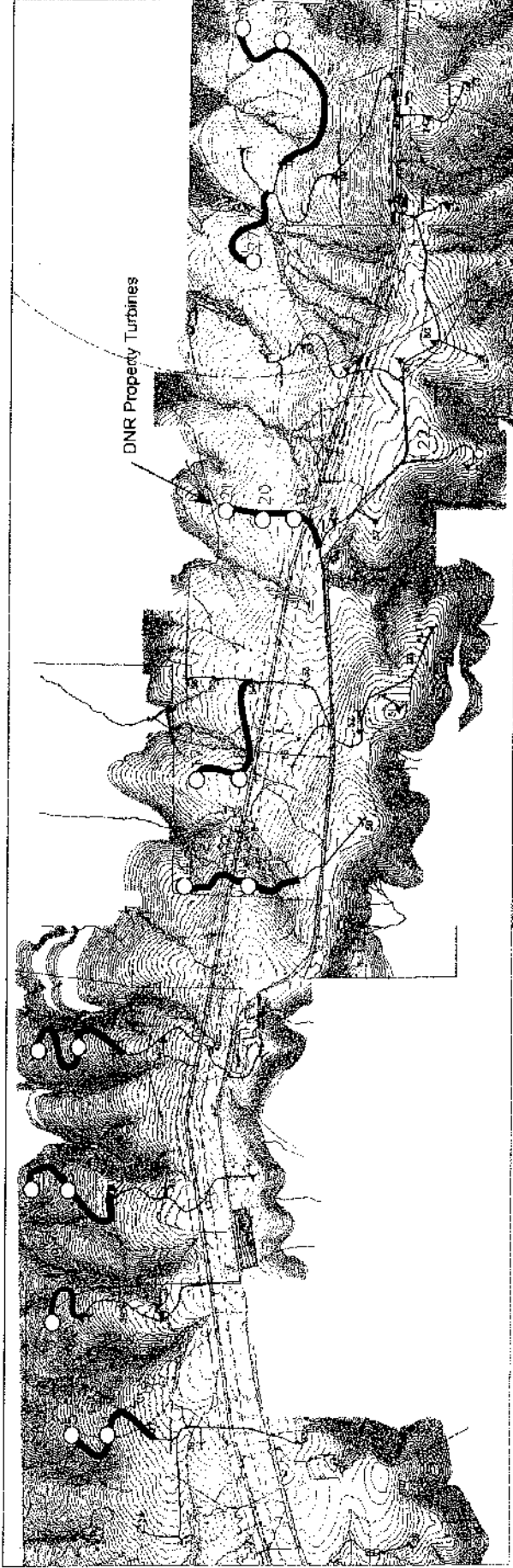

Signature(s) of Landowner(s)
Charles M. Hoctor
606 Simcoe Dr.
Goldendale, WA 98620
(509) 773-


Signature(s) of Landowner(s)
Dorothy Dressel
33 Burlington Loop
Goldendale, WA 98620
(509) 773-


Signature(s) of landowner(s)
Lucia E. Lobb
POB 903 Waldport, Or 97394

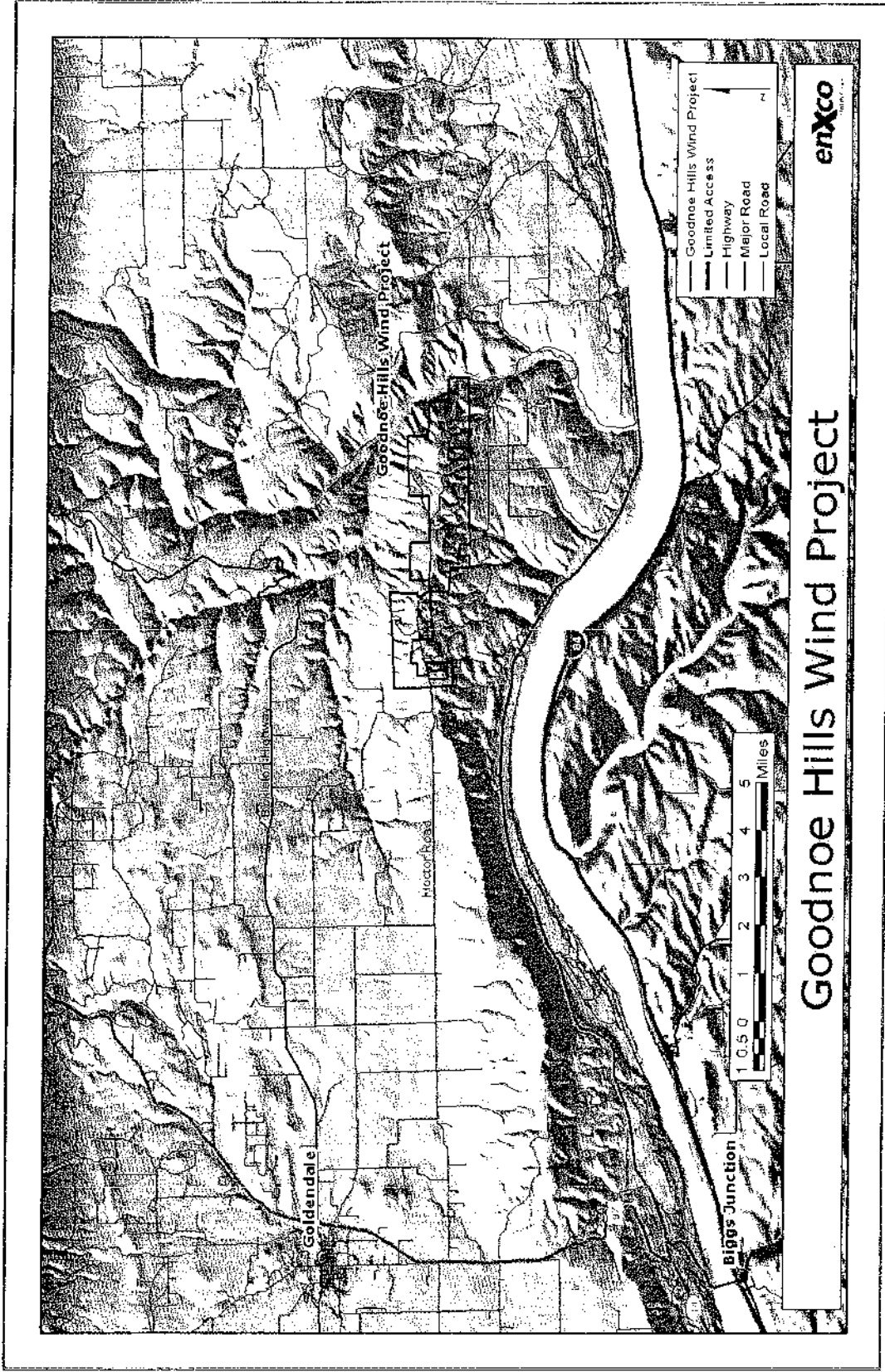

Signature(s) of Landowner(s)
Washington State Dept of Natural Resources
731 Bowers Rd.
Ellensburg, WA 98926-9301
(509) 545-8548
(Toby McKay for DNR)

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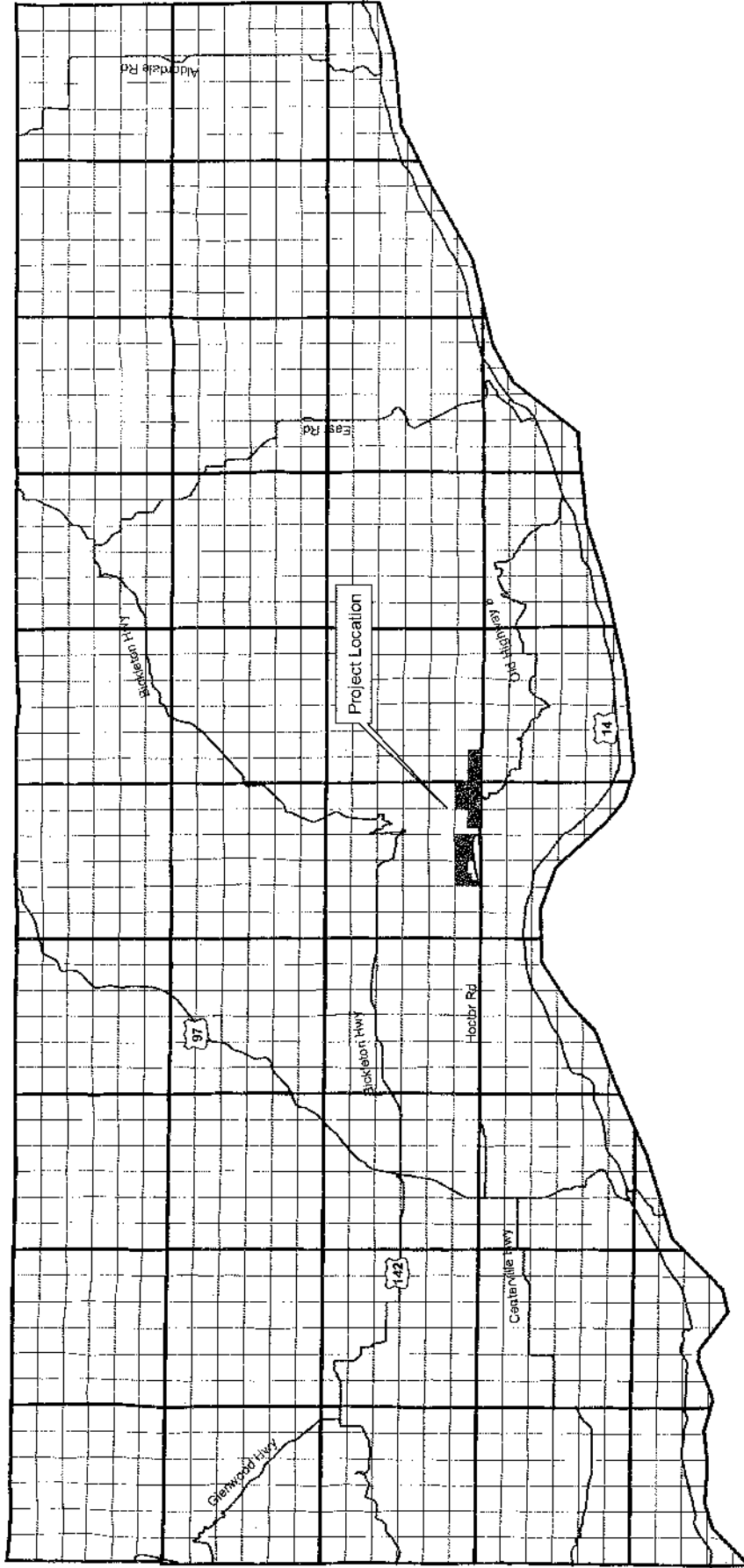


Goodnoe II Project InFill
17 Turbines Added to Existing Hoctor Ridge Permit
Project Owner = Northwest Wind Partners, LLC

Goodnoe II Project Location Map



Goodnoe II Wind Project
 EOZ: 2008-05 & SEPA-08-31



Legend

- Roads & Highways
- Township & Range Lines
- Sections
- Goodnoe II Project

