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In relation to the last posting, I thought people might be interested in this legal news (below) regarding wind farms from the West Coast.

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JUDGE OKs LAWSUIT AGAINST KILLER WIND TURBINES, INVITES STATE TO JOIN

On 2-17-05, a state judge gave the go-ahead for a Center for Biological Diversity lawsuit against wind power companies responsible for killing tens of thousands of eagles, hawks, falcons, owls and other protected birds at the Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area near San Francisco. The birds are killed on a daily basis by outdated, poorly located wind turbines. The Center's unique suit charges FPL Energy, GREP, Green Ridge Power, Altamont Power, Enxco, Seawest Windpower, Windworks, Altamont Winds, and Pacific Winds with "unlawful and unfair business practices" under the California Unfair Competition Law. The corporations sought to block the suit, arguing that only the state's attorney general had the right to enforce the law. Judge Sabraw disagreed and also invited Attorney General Bill Lockyer and the Alameda County District Attorney to join the Center's lawsuit on behalf of the general public's interest in wildlife and fair business dealings.

Wind turbines at Altamont have killed an estimated 880 to 1,330 golden eagles, hawks, owls and other protected raptors each year for the past 20 years. The California Energy Commission recommends a 50 percent reduction in raptor killings over the next 3 years and an 85 percent reduction over the 3 years after that.

For more information go to:
<http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/swcbd/programs/bdes/altamont/altamont.html>

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