



**Partnerships & Public  
Involvement in  
Wind Energy Development**

# Medicine Bow Conservation District

A landscape photograph of a grassy field with several black cows grazing and several birds flying in the sky. The sky is clear and blue. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Helping Manage  
Natural Resources

***OUR MISSION is to provide the citizens of the District with information and technical assistance to contribute to natural resource conservation as well as to improve the quality of life for all our residents***



# ***Gathering Comments/Information***





**Energy  
Development**

# **General Stakeholder Meeting**

- \* Landowners**
- \* Developers**
- \* Wildlife Specialists**
- \* Special Interests Groups**
- \* Municipal Leaders**
- \* Governors Office**
- \* Elected Officials**
- \* BLM**
- \* Office of State Lands**



# **Questions/Issues Identified (33 General Topics)**

**Wildlife Species and Habitat (T&E Species)**

**Private property rights**

**What is wind worth**

**Impacts to multiple use**

**County Roads, Highways, Cities, EMS, Fire**

**Viewsheds/Viewscapes**

**Air and Water quality**

**Regulations on wind turbines**

**What is an appropriate site for a wind farm**



# **Developing Partnerships**

**\*Landowners**

**\*Wyoming Game and Fish & USFWS**

**\*The Nature Conservancy**

**\*Governors Office**

**\*Developers**

**\*Special Interest Groups**

**\*BLM**

**\*Office of State Lands**

**\*University of Wyoming**







**Steering Committees**

**Tasks Forces**

**Technical Advisory  
Committee**

# Getting into the Field



# Looking at Specific Issues

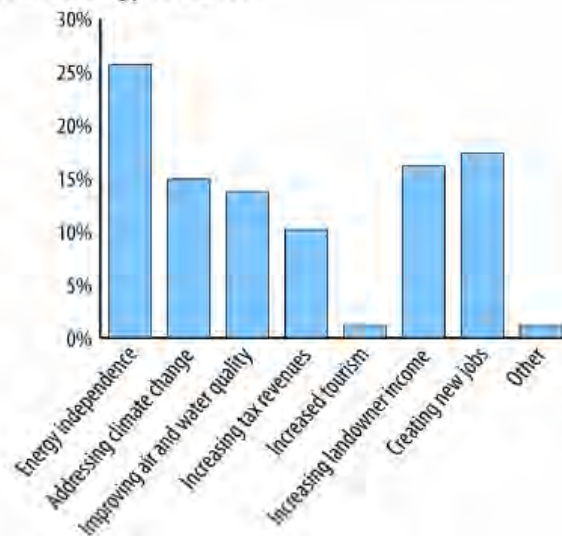


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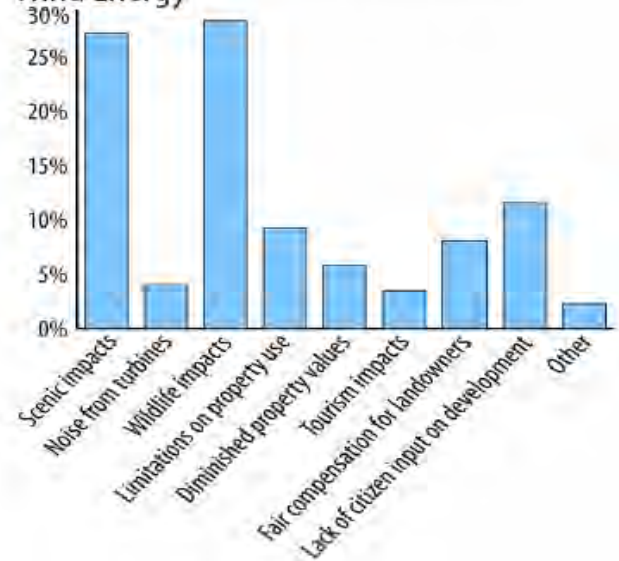
## “Wind Energy and Scenic Considerations in Wyoming”- Symposium



Participants Thought the Greatest Benefits of Wind Energy Were . . .



Participants' Greatest Concerns about Wind Energy



**KEYPAD POLLING  
Exercise**

# Write down 3 words you would use to describe this scene

**“Scenic  
Considerations”  
WORKSHOP  
KEYPAD POLLING**



*Photo by Dan Hayward*

Question 12: Image A

**Write down 3 words you would use  
to describe this scene**

**“Scenic  
Considerations”  
WORKSHOP  
KEYPAD POLLING**



Question 13: Image B

# Write down 3 words you would use to describe this scene

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Question 14: Image C

# Write down 3 words you would use to describe this scene

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Question 15: Image D



# Write down 3 words you would use to describe this scene

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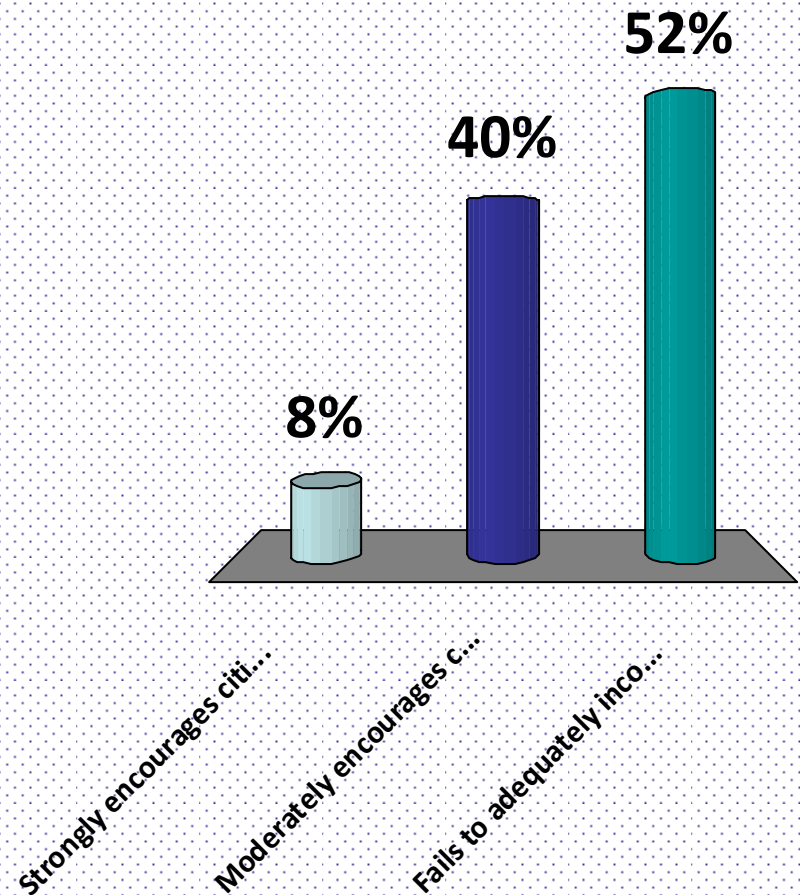
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Question 16: Image E

# I think that the process for siting wind energy projects in Wyoming... (choose one)

**“Scenic  
Considerations”  
WORKSHOP  
KEYPAD POLLING**

1. Strongly encourages citizen participation
2. Moderately encourages citizen participation and can be improved
3. Fails to adequately incorporate citizen participation



# Developing Resources

## WIND ENERGY AND SCENIC CONSIDERATIONS IN WYOMING:

WORKSHOP REPORT



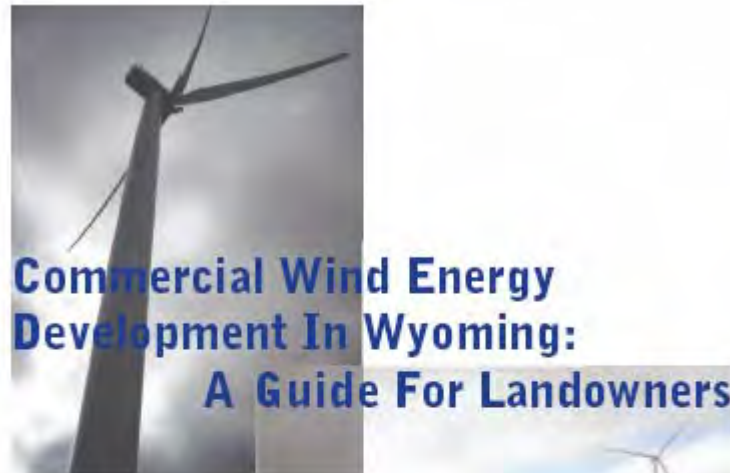
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## Commercial Wind Energy Development In Wyoming: A Guide For Landowners



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### ANNUAL PLAN of WORK



## Medicine Bow Conservation District

# Questions?

