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Dear Editor:

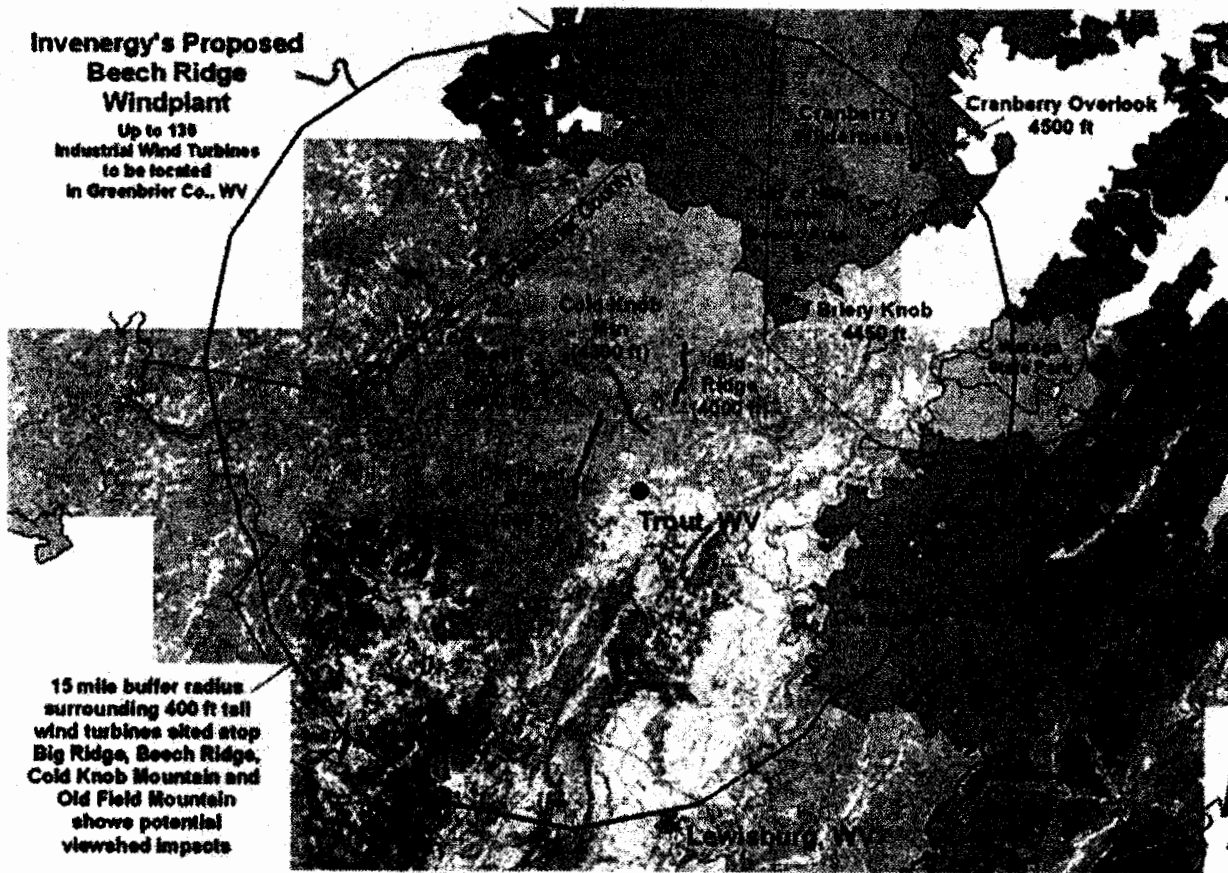
See the viewshed map below to discover how much of our county will be impacted by this project.

(additional studies, etc.) is your friend.

3. Should PSC grant a permit for the project, it can be appealed which, even if unsuc-

also but I think you should start fund-raising and pursue this with all deliberate speed.

To make a donation to Mountain Communities for Re-



The Public Service Commission has today assigned #05-1590-E-PW-CN to The Beech Ridge Wind Project. Contact the PSC at:

WV Public Service Commission  
201 Brooks Street  
PO Box 812  
Charleston, WV 25323  
Jon W. McKinney, chairman  
R. Michael Shaw, commissioner  
Edward H. Staats, commissioner  
304-340-0300, or 1-800-344-5133  
Fax: 304-340-0325

Tell the PSC they're not giving you a fair shake. Tell them they need to review their citing regulations for the wind industry before they negatively impact the future economic growth potential of our county. These three guys will decide our county's future.

This advice is from Linda Cooper up around Blackwater Falls:

b. Once PSC has an actual application, have everyone write PSC, most especially giving the application number and asking to be an "intervenor" in the case (an intervenor is a person who will be effected by the project and says how in the letter even if it is "my viewshed will be impacted" or "I fear I will hear them" or "I am convinced they will effect the value of my property." If and when there is an official application, we can talk about this further. Have folks send a copy of their letter to county commission and governor (and MCRE) (others, if they can, never hurts). Also, given sizable local opposition, ask in the letter for "local public hearings" so PSC commissioners can personally HEAR folks say they are against it (many would not go to such meetings held in Chas) and if they get enough requests, they will do it.

c. The PSC process requires reviews by certain gov agencies (DEP, Corp of Engineers, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service). Once application is official, you will want letters written to these agencies telling them what's wrong with project and to be sure and do a good review and tell them things you know about the area that they may not know (endangered species, caves with endangered bats, wetlands that will be impacted (things you will be researching). It's harder since it's on (mostly if not all) private land but there are implications for Forest Service (your and my) lands and for wildlife, not matter what. You will want to pursue all these angles. And any and all delay

and no fun in a lot of ways but the consequences of the turbines for them will be even worse. We hope to succeed and we hope it will make other wind power applicants (including Invenergy/Mead-Westvaco) think twice about even trying to build. But, in reality, who knows what will happen. It is a strategy being used in other places. The attorney (ex-WV Supreme Court Justice Richard Neely) requires a \$20,000 retainer. Landowners have come up with half of this. CRWP is helping fund-raise the other half (hard work). We will do what we can to help you

sponsible Energy (your friends and mine right here in Williamsburg) make checks payable to: MCRE (or write it out as above), P.O. Box 1, Williamsburg, WV 24991.

Amy Dennison Walkup is our treasurer.

And finally, letters to the editor of the *Charleston Gazette* require your telephone number so they can be verified. The letters are subject to being edited, and we urge writers to limit their letters to about 200 words (about 20 typed lines). Writers must sign their name and give their complete address. We want, but don't publish, a daytime phone number. Contributors who write frequently are limited to one letter a month. And we don't use "open" letters (those addressed to another person) or letters that have appeared in another paper. Letters can be sent via e-mail to [letters@wvgazette.com](mailto:letters@wvgazette.com). If you have any questions about our letters policy, call or write Dawn Miller at 304-348-5117. The link for letters to the Beckley Register-Herald go to: [http://www.register-herald.com/contactus/local\\_story\\_257014847.html](http://www.register-herald.com/contactus/local_story_257014847.html).

Thanks,

Dave Buhrman  
MCRE

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cessful will buy some time. The more delay, the higher the cost for Invenergy, and the greater the likelihood they will give up \*always a possibility especially in face of strong local opposition. (Pendleton County/Jack Mountain, in response to local opposition, has not submitted an application yet \*some 6 months or so \*and hopefully will not. No way to know for sure. Just can NEVER, never give up.)

4. Prepare for a nuisance suit against Mead-Westvaco and Invenergy now \*this project will cause noise, vibrations, flicker, water runoff, property value devaluation, and who know what else especially for anyone within 1, 2, maybe 3 miles of the giant turbines. Each of these is a nuisance and, depending on how close to one's home, may even have serious health effects. We (or rather local landowners) will soon be filing such a suit in connection with NedPower/Allegheny Front/Grant County 200-turbine project (and leaseholders). It will be expensive