

# Many against windmills are hypocrites

There have been a large number of letters and comments lately about the Shaffer Mountain Wind Farm, mostly from those opposing it.

I have to ask these lawyers, PhDs, land-owning businessmen from other counties, troublemakers from out of state, and, of course, our own "born again conservationist": What are your alternatives?

What do you expect us to do for clean, renewable energy?

What is the alternative to tearing up the earth for fossil fuels and paying or fighting and dying in the Middle East for oil, to use for our insatiable energy consumption?

The opposition's signs make me laugh. Take a look at where they are placed. The

properties on which lot of the signs are placed are littered with rusting hulks of heavy equipment leaking gasoline, oil and diesel fuel into the ground.

Some of the properties actually should be designated scrap yards.

Conservationists? Do conservationists drive gasoline-guzzling SUVs and other four-wheel-drive vehicles that get 10 mpg?

When you are following these monsters, cigarette butts flow out their windows.

Where do they work? In the many strip mines that dot our region?

Is the torn-up earth, and the dirt and dust created by coal trucks better than what the windmills bring?

Many of these folks are not conservationists; they are hypocrites.

Join the 21st century, where decisions will have to be made to assure the future of this planet.

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### Quote, unquote

*"Now we are turning the page. We want to talk about the future. Democracy, integrity, sovereignty, national reconciliation and stopping the killings. That's my big aim."* – French foreign minister Bernard Kouchner after meeting the Iraqi foreign and prime ministers.