# Wind Energy - 101 Educators Workshop

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#### What is KidWind?

The KidWind Project is a team of teachers, students, engineers, and practitioners exploring the science behind wind and other renewable forms of energy. Our goal is to make renewable energy widely accessible through hands-on activities which are challenging, engaging and teach basic science and engineering principles.



"Engaging minds for a responsible future..."

Why Renewable Energy & Efficiency?

# Humanity's Top Ten Problems for next 50 years

#### 1. ENERGY

- 2. Water
- 3. Food
- 4. Environment
- 5. Poverty
- 6. Terrorism & War
- 7. Disease
- 8. EDUCATION
- 9. Democracy
- 10. Population



Source: Nobel Laureate Richard Smalley

### Science Literacy

- In the U.S., anthropogenic climate change is still a "debate"
- Recent studies have shown that 50% of Americans cannot name an example of renewable energy.
- 8% of Americans can pass basic energy literacy test
- How can we "conserve" energy if we don't understand basic energy concepts?

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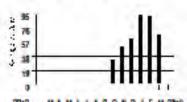
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J C Boyle Dam Removal	2,053 kWh	0.0003300	0.68
Copco & Iron Gate Dams Removal	2,053 kWh	0.0010100	2.07
B P A Columbia River Benefits	986 kwh	-0.9052890	-5.21
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# Kilowatt-hours (kWh)

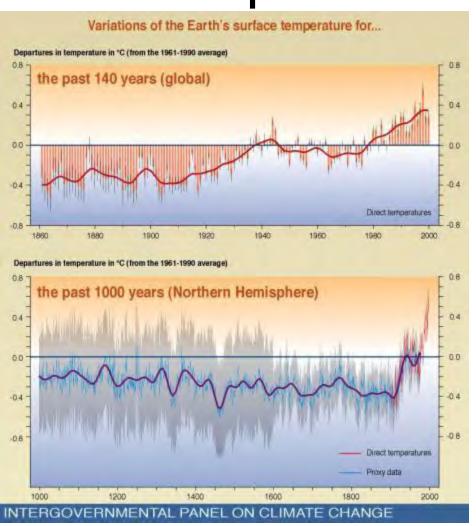
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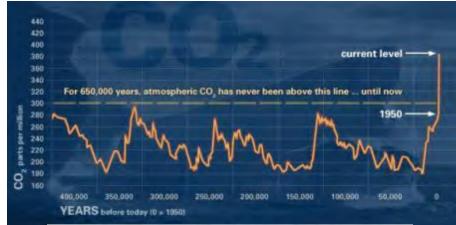
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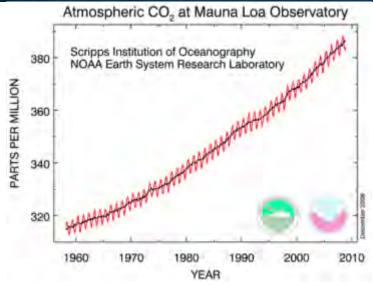
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## Atmospheric Carbon vs. Temp





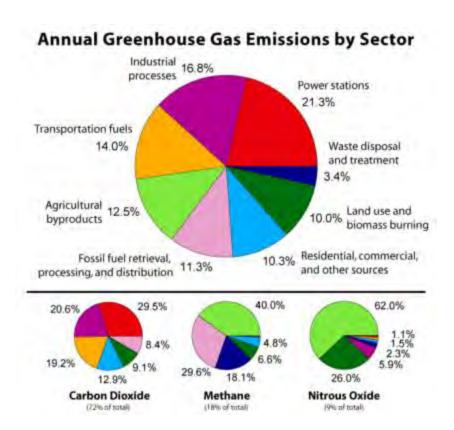


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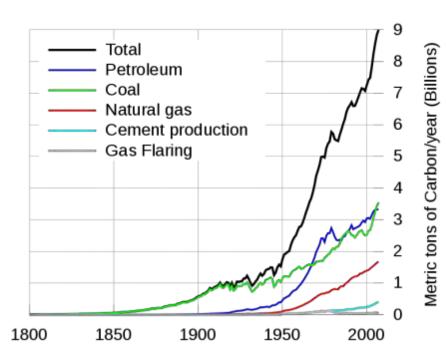


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### Where does the Carbon Come From

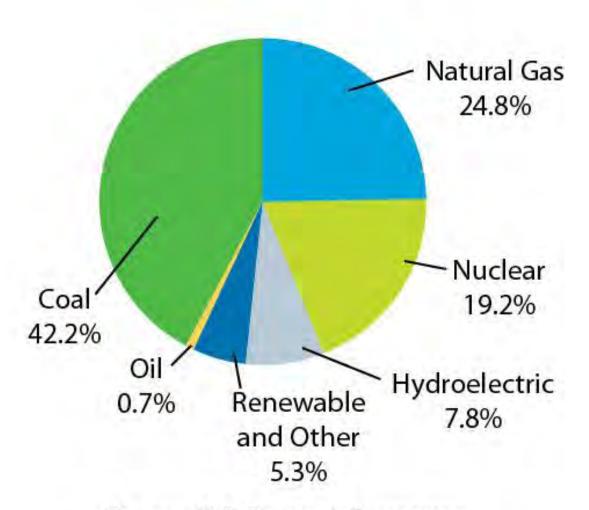


This figure shows the relative fraction of manmade <u>greenhouse gases</u> coming from each of eight categories of sources, as estimated by the <u>Emission</u> <u>Database for Global Atmospheric Research</u> version 3.2.



Global annual <u>fossil fuel carbon dioxide</u> emissions through year 2004, in million <u>metric tons</u> of <u>carbon</u>, as reported by the <u>Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center</u>

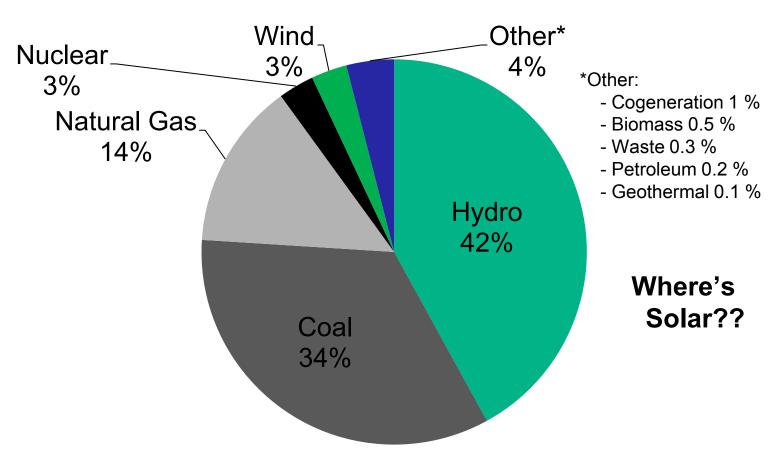
#### U.S. Electricity Generation Fuel Shares 2011



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

## Oregon's Energy Mix, 2011

(Investor-Owned Utilities)

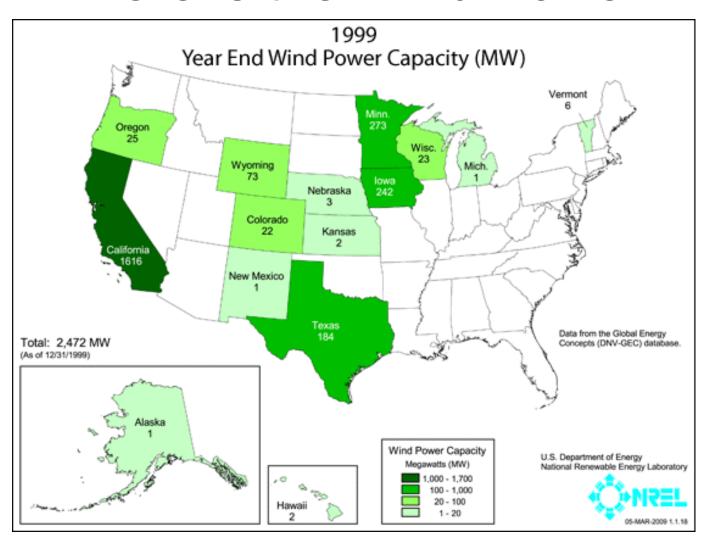


\*\*Credit: www.oregon.gov/ENERGY/Oregons\_Electric\_Power\_Mix.shtml

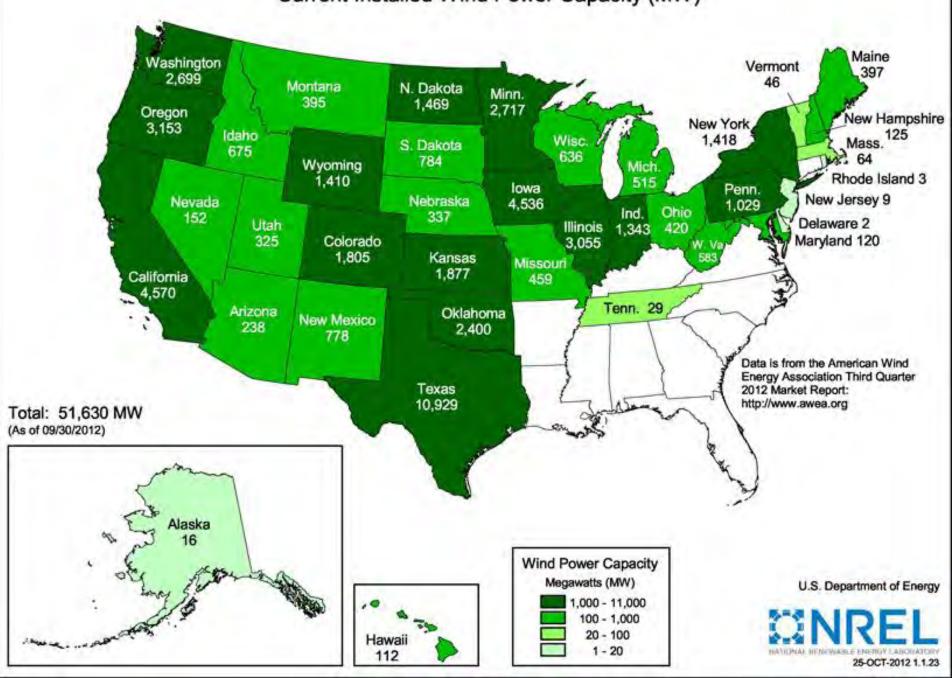
## Why Clean Energy Science in K-12?

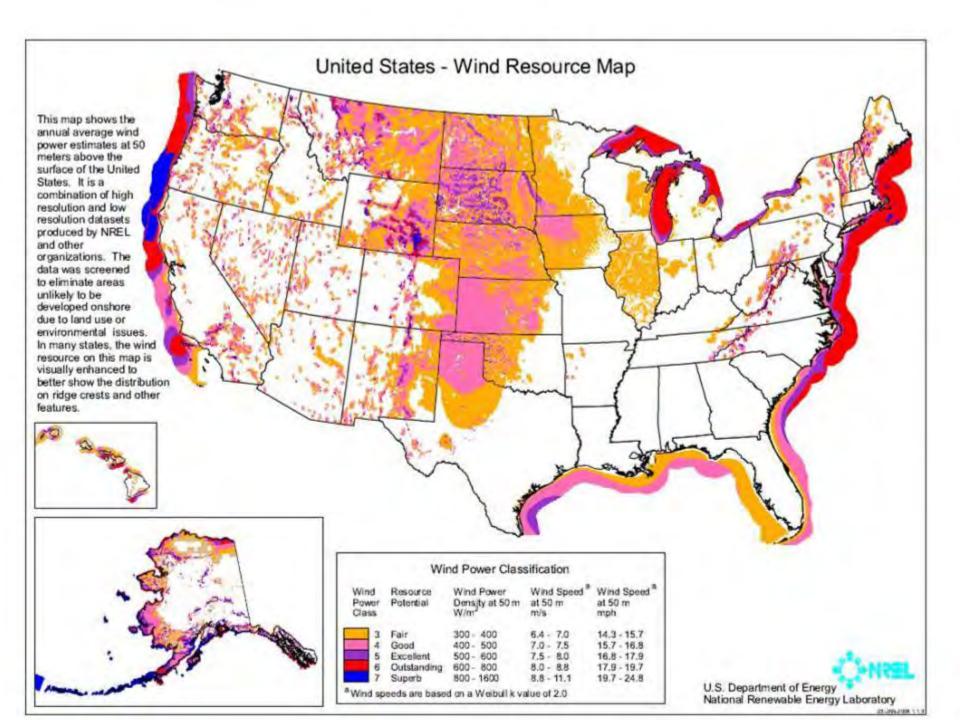
- Students learn science/math standards
  - Lessons are completely scalable from elementary through college level
- Addresses myths and misconceptions regarding renewable energy
- Encourages higher interest in Science and Math
  - Science/Math activities with "larger social purpose"
- Students learn about jobs/careers in renewable energy industry, as well as opportunities for further training
- Educate the next generation of leaders and decision makers to make more informed choices

### Where is the Wind Power?



#### Current Installed Wind Power Capacity (MW)





## Why such growth...costs!

1979: 40 cents/kWh

2000: 4 - 6 cents/kWh

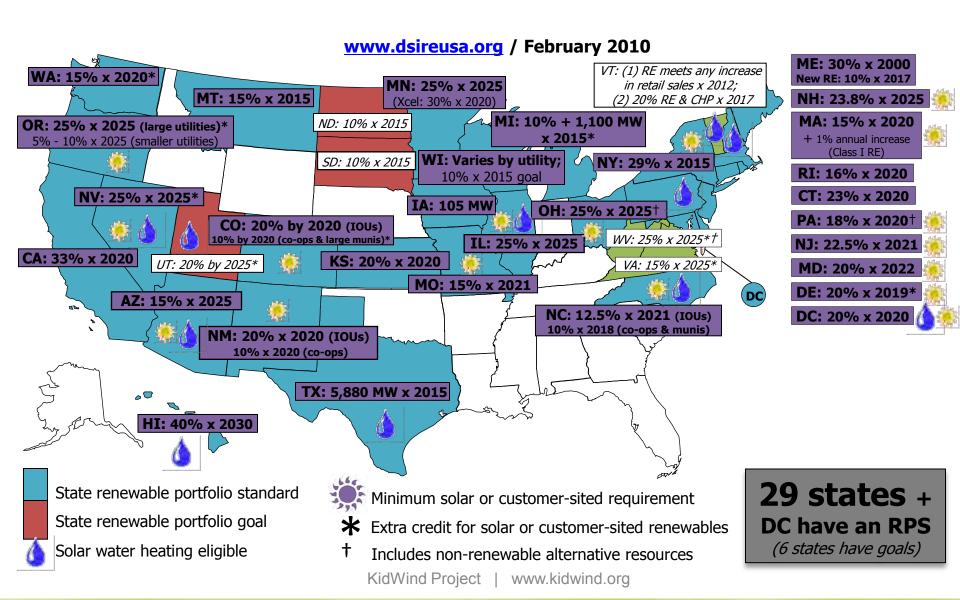
- Increased
   Turbine Size
- R&D Advances
- Manufacturing Improvements



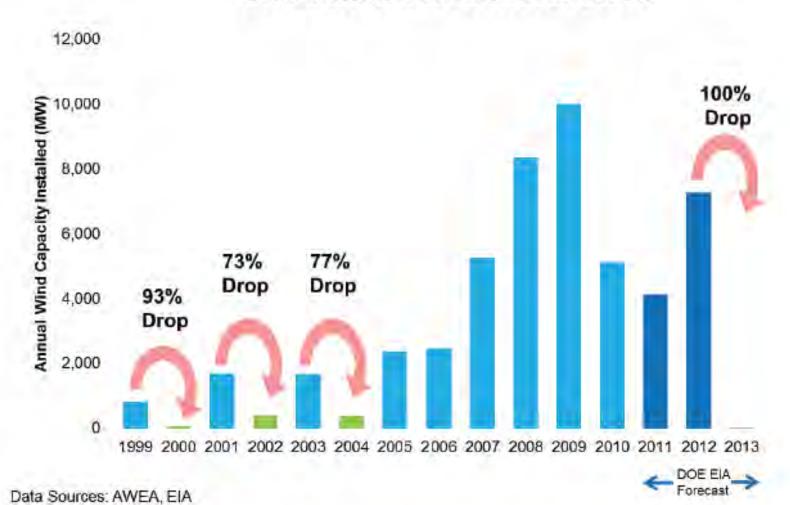
NSP 107 MW Lake Benton wind farm 4 cents/kWh (unsubsidized)

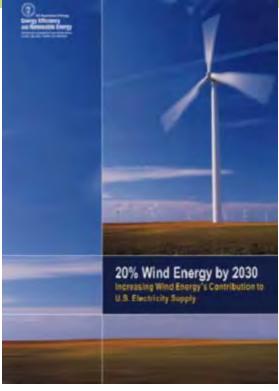
2011: 4-5 cents/kWh

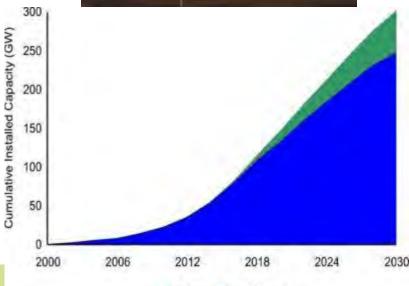
#### Renewable Portfolio Standards



#### Historic Impact of PTC Expiration on Annual Wind Installation







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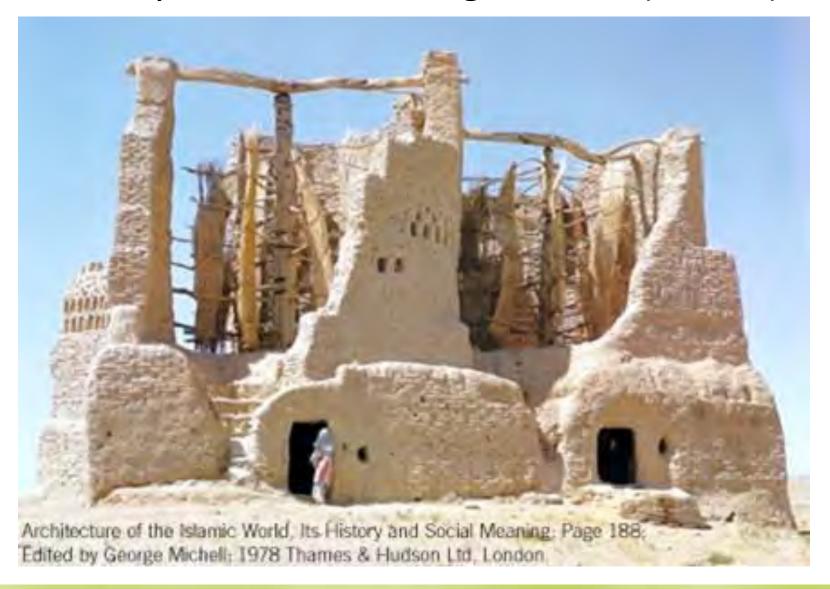
### 20% Wind by 2030

- Requires 300 GW (300,000 MW) of wind generation
- Report shows that affordable, accessible wind resources are available across the nation
- Wind Industry would support 500,000 jobs
- Major Challenges:
  - Transmission
  - Technology improvements
  - Project Siting

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### Early "Windmill" in Afghanistan (900AD)







#### Jacobs Turbine — 1920 - 1960

#### WinCharger – 1930s – 40s





Smith-Putnam Turbine
Vermont, 1940's
1.25 MW

### Modern Windmills



### **Rotor Orientation**





### **Vertical Axis Turbines**

#### **Advantages**

- Components can be mounted at ground level
  - Ease of service
  - Lighter weight towers
- Can theoretically use less materials to capture the same amount of wind

#### **Disadvantages**

- Rotors generally near ground where wind is poorer
- Centrifugal force stresses blades
- Poor self-starting capabilities
- Requires support at top of turbine rotor
- Requires entire rotor to be removed to replace bearings
- ½ of rotor travels upwind
- Have never been commercially successful
- Cost per kilowatt-hour
- Overall poor performance and reliability





# Horizontal Axis Wind Turbines

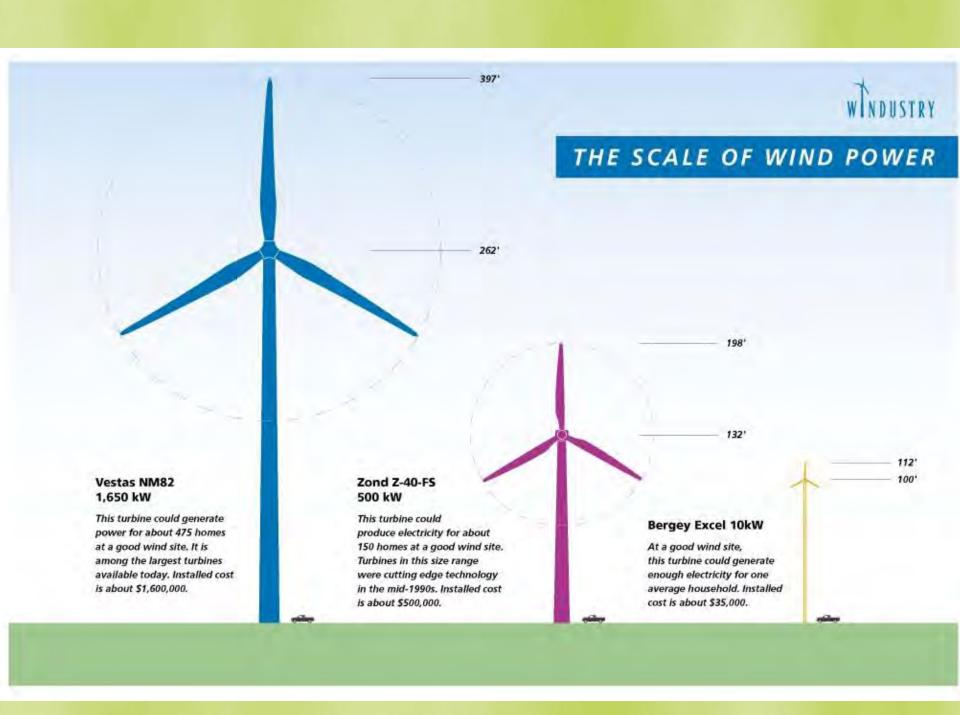
- Rotors are usually Up-wind of tower
- Some machines have down-wind rotors, but only commercially available ones are small turbines
- Proven, viable technology

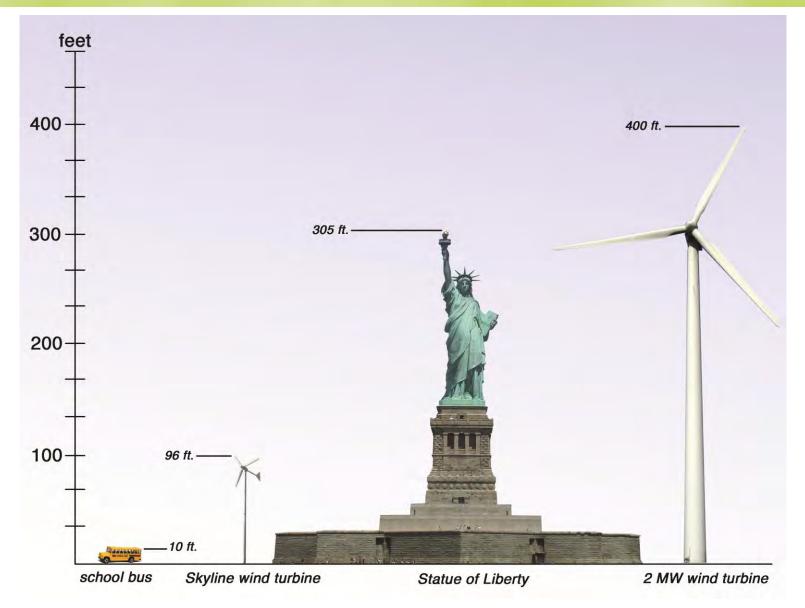








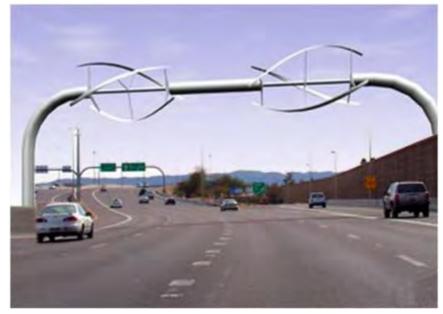




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## Wacky Designs out there...

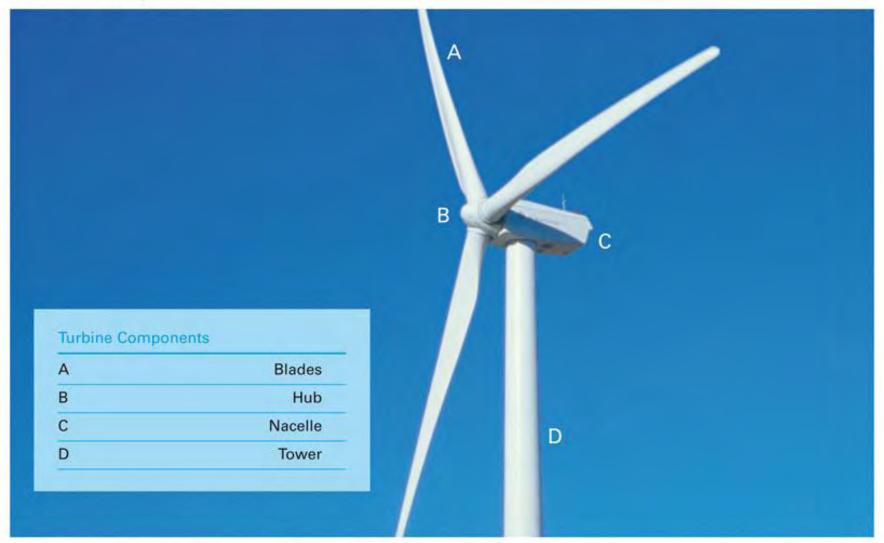


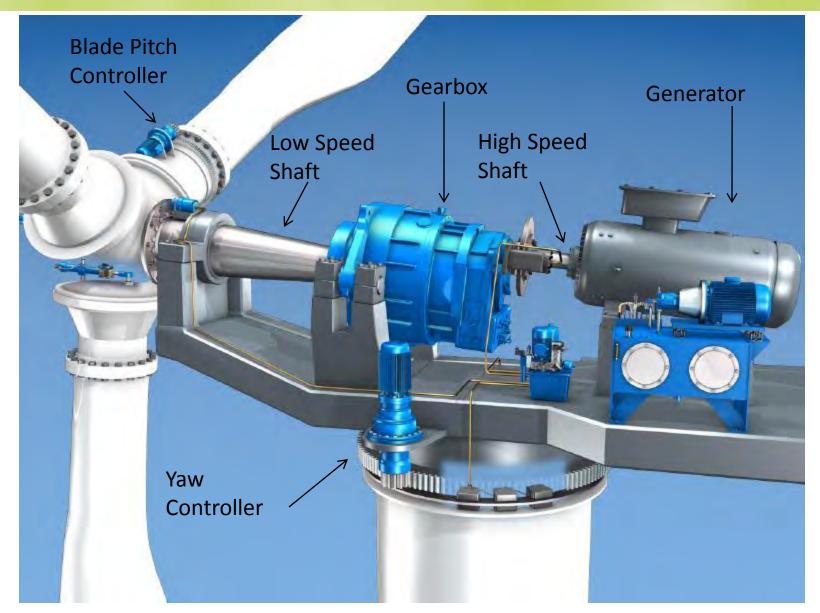




## Large Wind Turbines

Wind turbine components





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### **Over-Speed Protection**



Blade Pitch Regulation

- Modern industrial scale turbines are shut down at wind speeds of 25 m/s (55 mph).
- This is done by pitching the blades flat so the rotor will not turn.
- A mechanical brake can also be applied to the driveshaft.

## Maintenance



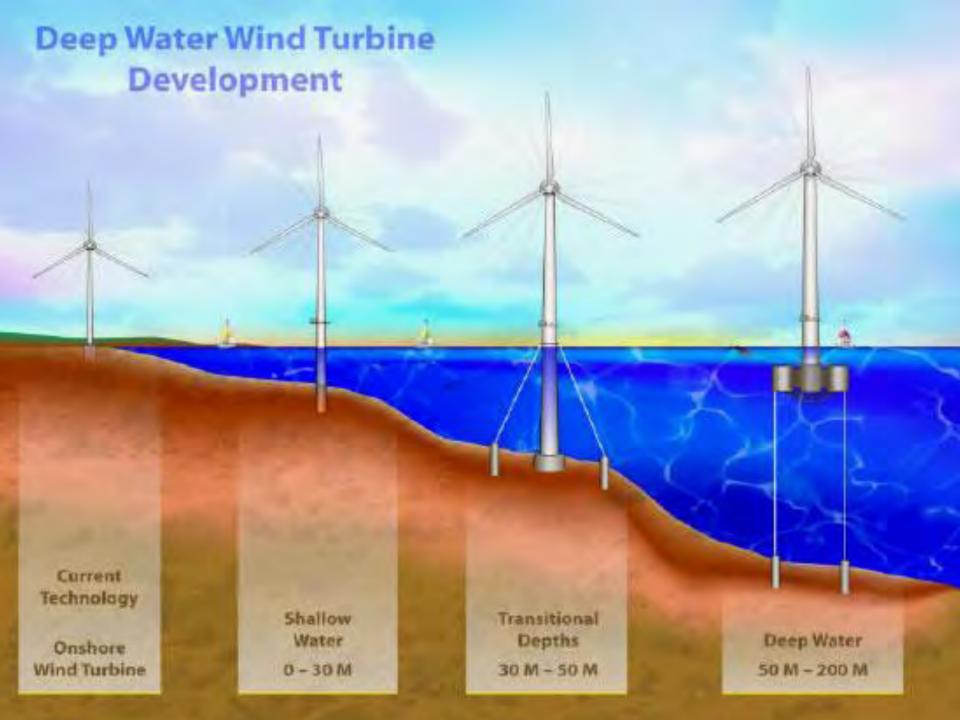




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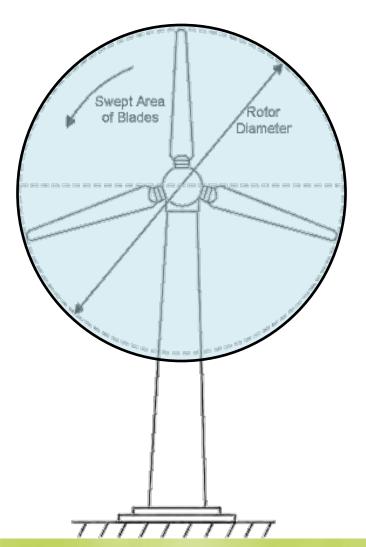


### Site Assessment Rule #1

Keep in mind what we're after...

## Power in the wind

- -Air density, ρ
- -Swept area, A
- -Wind speed, V



Power = 
$$\frac{1}{2}$$
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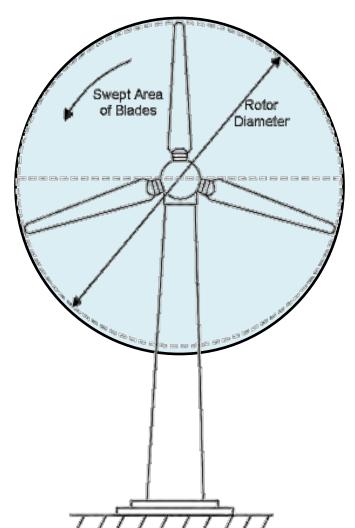
-Air density, ρ

We can't do much about this...density is what it is.

Power = 
$$\frac{1}{2} \rho A$$

- –Air density, ρ
- -Swept area, A

We could select a bigger rotor...



Power = 
$$\frac{1}{2} \rho A \times V$$

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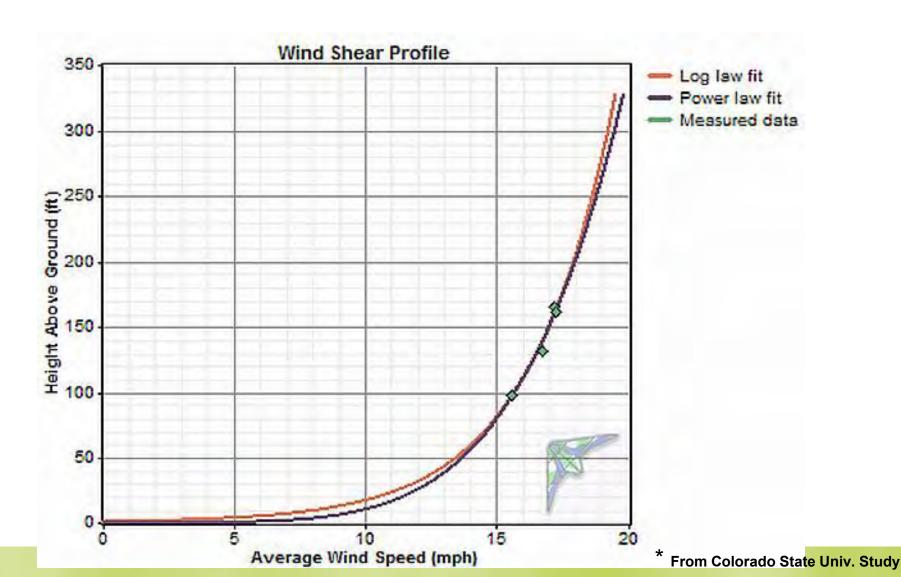
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# Power = $\frac{1}{2} \rho AV^3$

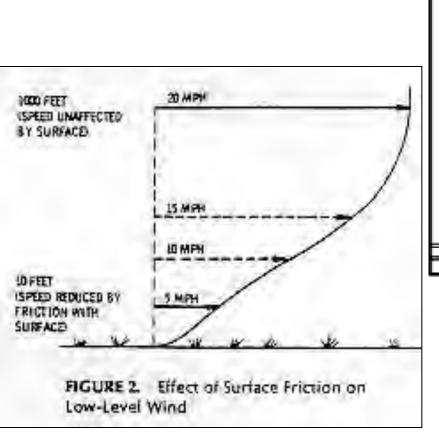
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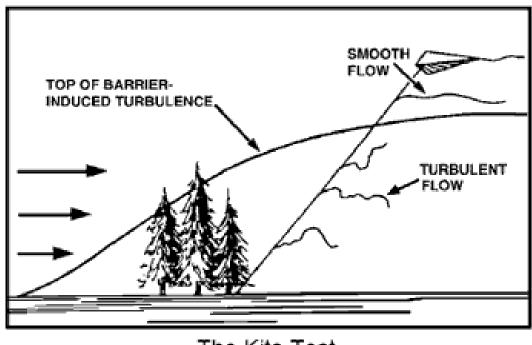
Q: How do we get a higher wind speed?

## More Tower, More Power



#### Why do wind speeds climb with elevation??

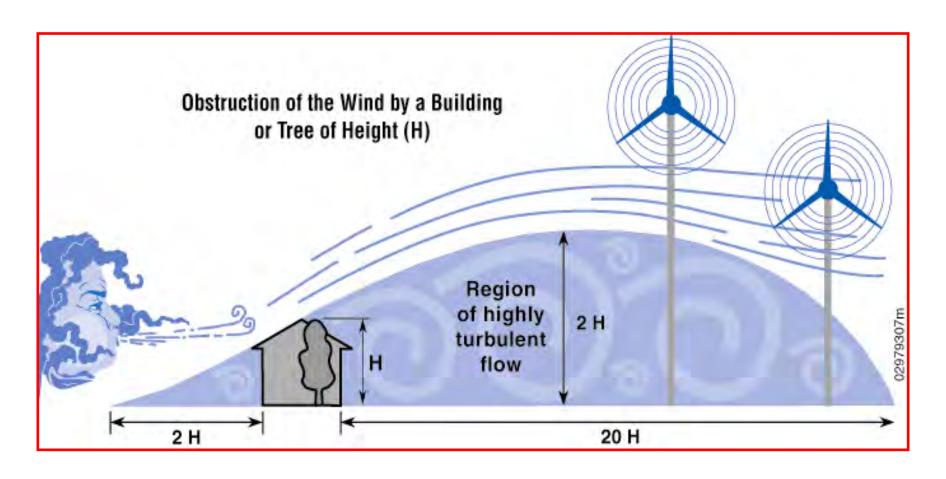




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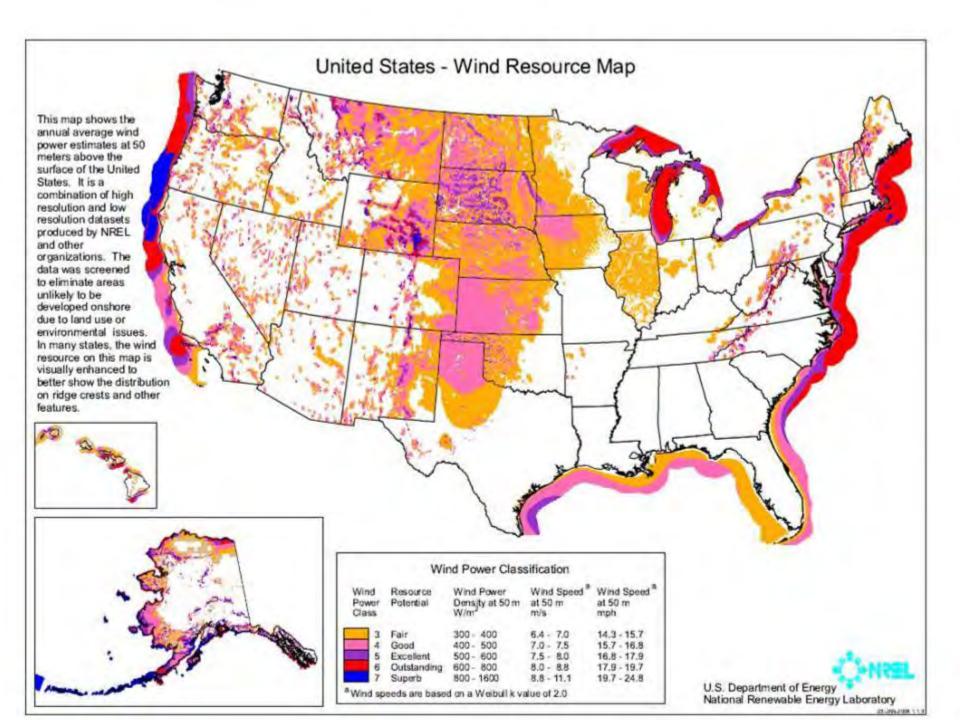
...Think of a comparison to flowing water

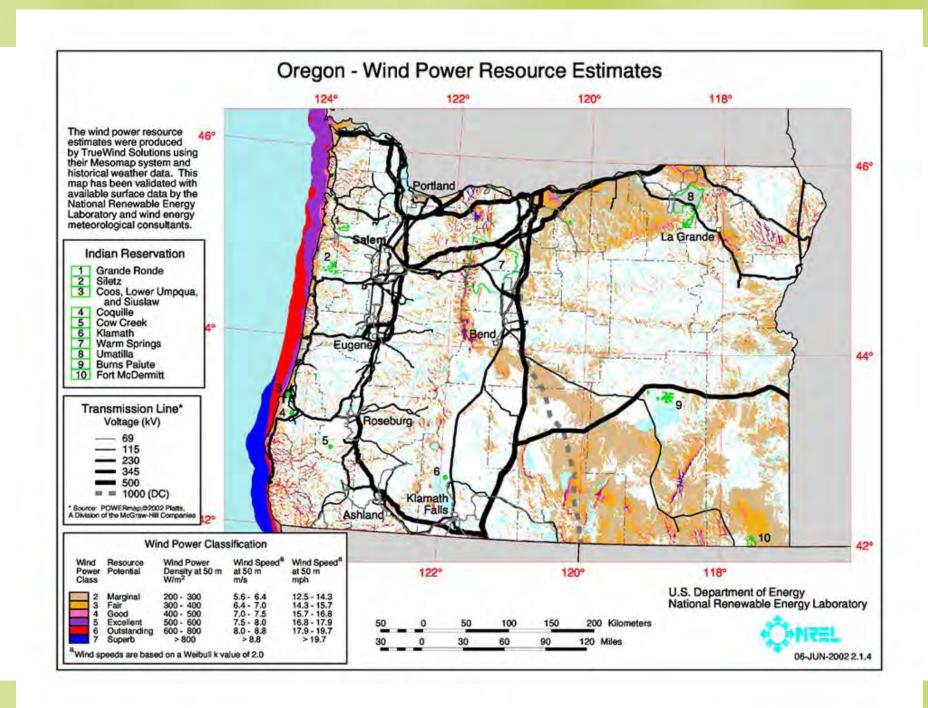
#### Turbulent wind is bad wind



Again...think of a comparison to water



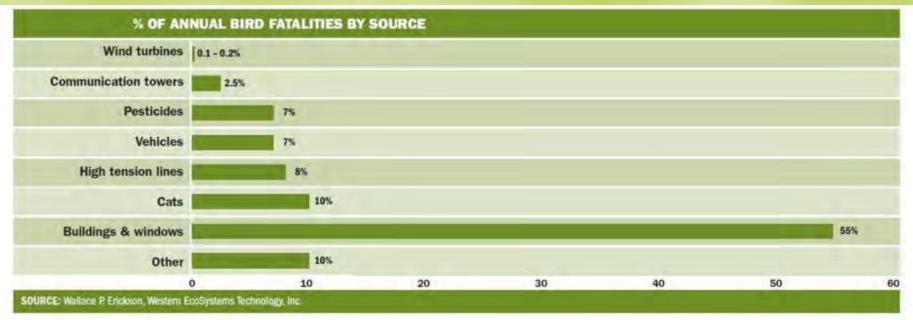




#### **Positive Impacts**

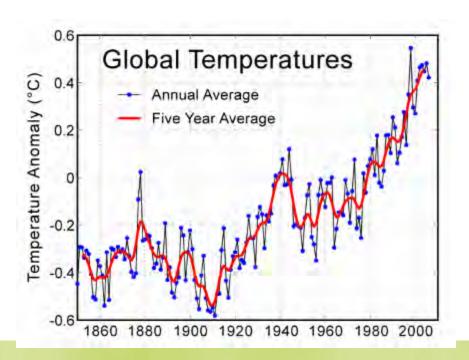
- No air pollution or greenhouse gas emissions
  - CO2, NOx, SOx, Mercury...
- No water consumption or pollution
- Diversifies national energy portfolio
- Economic Benefits
  - Jobs
  - Cost of energy
  - Landowner revenue
  - Contribution to local taxes







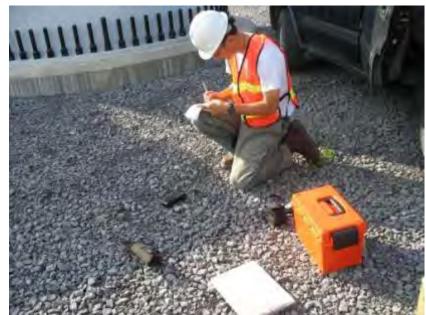
 In the November-December Audubon Magazine, John Flicker, President of National Audubon Society, wrote a column stating that Audubon "strongly supports wind power as a clean alternative energy source," pointing to the link between global warming and the birds and other wildlife that scientist say it will kill.



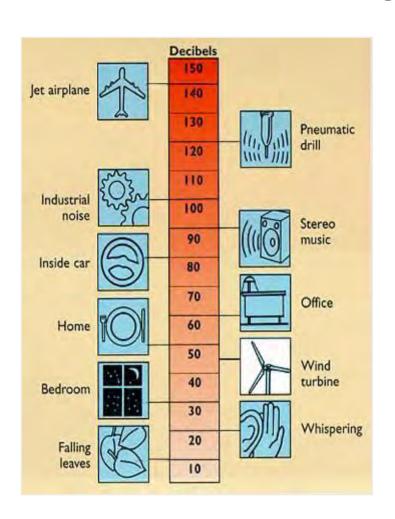


## **Bat Impacts**





# Impacts of Wind Power: Sound



- Modern turbines are relatively quiet
- Rule of thumb stay about 3x hub-height away from houses
- Annoyance is subjective
- VERY CONTROVERSIAL

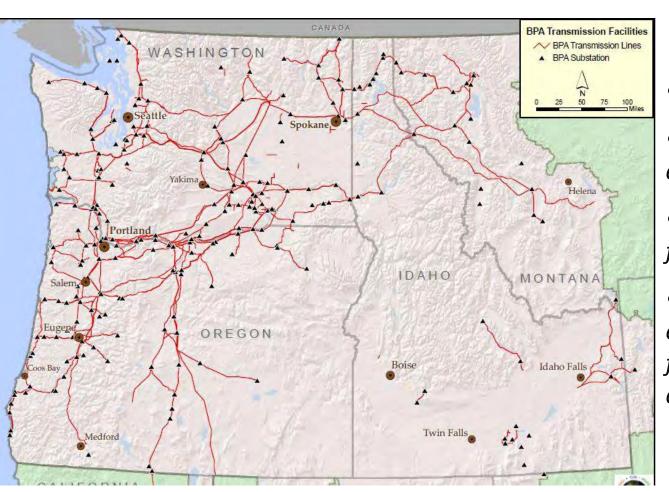
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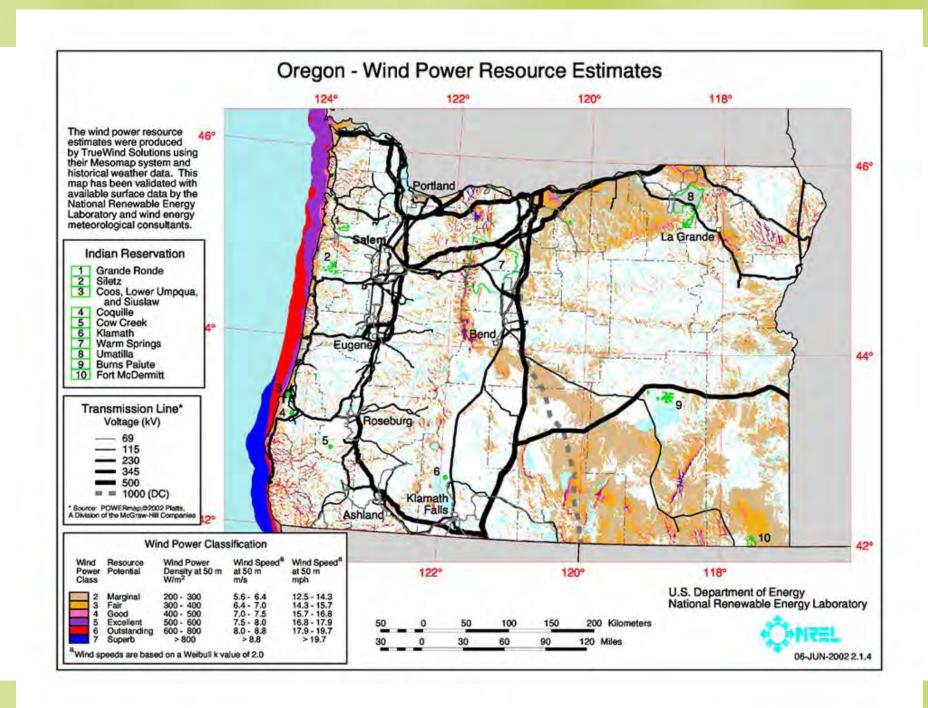
### **Siting and NIMBY**



#### **Transmission Problems**



- Where is the wind?
- Where are the population centers?
- Where are the wind farms?
- •How do we get wind energy from the wind farms to the population centers?



## Wind Energy in the Classroom



### Standards/Skills

- Scientific Inquiry (Collecting & Presenting Data, Performing Experiments, Repeating Trials, Using Models)
- Use of Simple Tools & Equipment
- Motions and Forces
- Transfer of Energy (Forms of Energy)
- Science and Technology in Society
- Populations, resources, and environments
- Circuits/Electricity/Magnetism
- Weather Patterns
- Renewable Non Renewable Energy
- ... much more in STEM



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#### Circuits, Wind Farms, Battery Charging, and Hybrid Systems







# How Does A Windmill Work? WindWise Lesson 8

- Know the fundamental parts of a windmill
- Be able to use the scientific method to isolate and adjust variables in a model windmill
- Understand energy conversion/transfers and how a windmill converts moving air into mechanical energy

# Which Blades Are Best? WindWise Lesson 10

- Understand how wind energy is converted to electricity
- Know the process of scientific inquiry to test blade design variables
- Be able to collect, evaluate, and present data to determine which blade design is best
- Understand the engineering design process

## **Key Concepts**

#### How do windmills spin?

- Force of the wind
  - Deflection
  - Equal & opposite reaction

#### **Rotor**

Wind Speed – Power in the Wind

#### **Torque (turning force)**

a.k.a. leverage

#### **Driveshaft**

- Pulley ratio (simple machines)
- Friction

#### **Rotor Variables**

- Blade pitch
- Blade shape
- Blade size
- # of blades
- Solidity

# Extensions (Advanced Concepts)

**ENERGY (J)** = Mass (kg) x Acceleration of Gravity (9.8 m/s $^2$ ) x Height (m)

**POWER (W)** = Energy (J) / Time (s)

**Economics:** Each item you use has a dollar value attributed to it. What was the cost of your windmill? Cost of energy?