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The draft plan appears too optimistic with respect to conservation and wind resources at the expense of other generating resources. Specifically, there are substantial amounts of coal in southeast Montana ripe for development. But to develop this coal will require adequate high-voltage transmission to move the resource to load centers in the west. If significant amounts of wind resource are developed without adequate analysis of the full impacts on the transmission system then it is likely that the coal in southeast Montana could go undeveloped.

The full impact of wind development will include the need for a significant amount of transmission capacity that is about three times greater than the energy potential of the average wind project. The Northwest has been and is an energy constrained system. While capacity concerns are more important now than in the past it is still true that we build for energy not capacity like in the rest of the United States.

Thank you.

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