Why this Location?: The proposed project site has among the best winds in Idaho and Nevada. There is good access to the site, limited impacts on area residences and the environment, and existing transmission facilities; all of which will ensure a cost-effective wind project.

How will Idaho and Nevada Benefit?:
- The construction and operation of a wind farm requires a large capital investment, some of which will be spent locally on contractors (based on qualifications) and services, primarily during the construction period.
- Twin Falls County taxing districts are expected to receive $33.4 million in tax revenues and Elko County taxing districts are expected to receive $13.6 million in tax revenues.
- The State of Idaho is expected to receive $8.6 million in tax revenues and $7.5 million in lease revenues.
- The State of Nevada is expected to receive $7.6 million in tax revenues.
- The project is estimated to create 396 to 749 full- and part-time temporary jobs during construction and 24 to 46 full- and part-time jobs for the operation phase of the project.

How Much Energy will the China Mountain Wind Project Supply?:
The project will consist of up to 200 wind turbines producing up to 400 megawatts of electricity, depending upon final choice of turbine equipment. It will generate enough renewable energy to power more than 100,000 homes. (American Wind Energy Association estimates 225-300 homes powered per 1MW)

How will the China Mountain Wind Project Benefit the Environment?:
Wind produces clean, renewable electricity without emitting pollutants into our air or creating hazardous wastes. The China Mountain Wind Project will reduce air pollution because the wind energy displaces power from fossil fuel plants in the region. The amount of air pollution reduction as a result of the project’s operation is the same as taking approximately 100,000 cars off the road every year.

Will the China Mountain Wind Project Impact Sage-Grouse?:
We will institute a comprehensive conservation plan designed specifically to protect the Sage-Grouse from any potential negative impacts associated with the China Mountain Wind Project.

This multi-million dollar plan provides a framework for evaluation of impacts, assessment of habitat quality, and identification of appropriate on-site and off-site mitigation measures. The conservation plan also will provide on-site restoration activities and avoidance and minimization efforts to protect existing habitat.

In 2011, the Sage Grouse Research Collaborative, supported by the National Wind Coordinating Collaborative Grassland Shrub Steppe Species Subgroup, awarded funding for three sage grouse research projects to examine the potential impacts of wind energy development on sage grouse. One of the three projects is Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) pre-and post-construction research to monitor the potential impacts of the China Mountain Wind Project on sage grouse. China Mountain Wind, LLC and NV Energy partnered with IDFG to submit the proposal and are funding the research along with the Collaborative and IDFG.
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How will the China Mountain Wind Project Impact Cultural Resources?:
The project area is located within the northern Great Basin cultural area. Given obsidian resource in this region and the historic and contemporaneous use of the area by American Indian tribes, an extensive field survey and ethnographic studies of the project area have been conducted to identify locations of archaeological sites, cultural resources used by contemporary tribal members, and traditional cultural properties. The majority of archaeological sites in the project area are covered by lithic material. A field inventory will be completed for the project and inventory, identification and evaluation of procedures will be in place prior to construction. In addition, the BLM and the tribes will develop a Programmatic Agreement and related Treatment Plan to identify any impacts to cultural resources and a process for consultation (already in place), review and historic preservation compliance. We have committed to work in partnership with local tribes to monitor and mitigate any impacts to cultural resources during development, construction and operation of the project. Activities include, but are not limited to, hiring qualified cultural resource monitors to conduct on-site resource monitoring, cultural resources awareness training for construction workers, recovery and proper curation of any significant data, wildlife impact monitoring, wildlife habitat mitigation and developing/installing an educational kiosk for the general public regarding tribal and cultural resources in the area.

How will the Wind Turbines Affect the View?:
Turbines associated with this project will have minimal visual and audio impacts. Some turbines will be visible from the HWY 93 corridor between Twin Falls and Jackpot, while others will be further to the west and not visible from the highway. Exact placements will take potential visibility into account, and visual simulation analysis is being conducted from key view points to present what the turbines will look like once erected.

Community Support:
There is strong support for the project from the public, elected officials, and a wide variety of business, educational, environmental, recreational and tribal organizations.
Supporters include:
- **Chambers of Commerce**: Twin Falls, Elko, and Wells Areas
- **Tribes**: Shoshone-Paiute Tribes
- **County/Local Leaders**: Elko County Commissioners, Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization, Twin Falls City Council, Elko County Economic Diversification Authority, and Region IV Economic Development Association.
- **State Officials**: All of Idaho’s District 23 and 24 Legislators (Representatives Block, Hartgen, Smith, and Patrick, and Senators Brackett and Heider) support the project.
- **Media**: Elko Daily Free Press and the Twin Falls Times News have published editorials in support of the project

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