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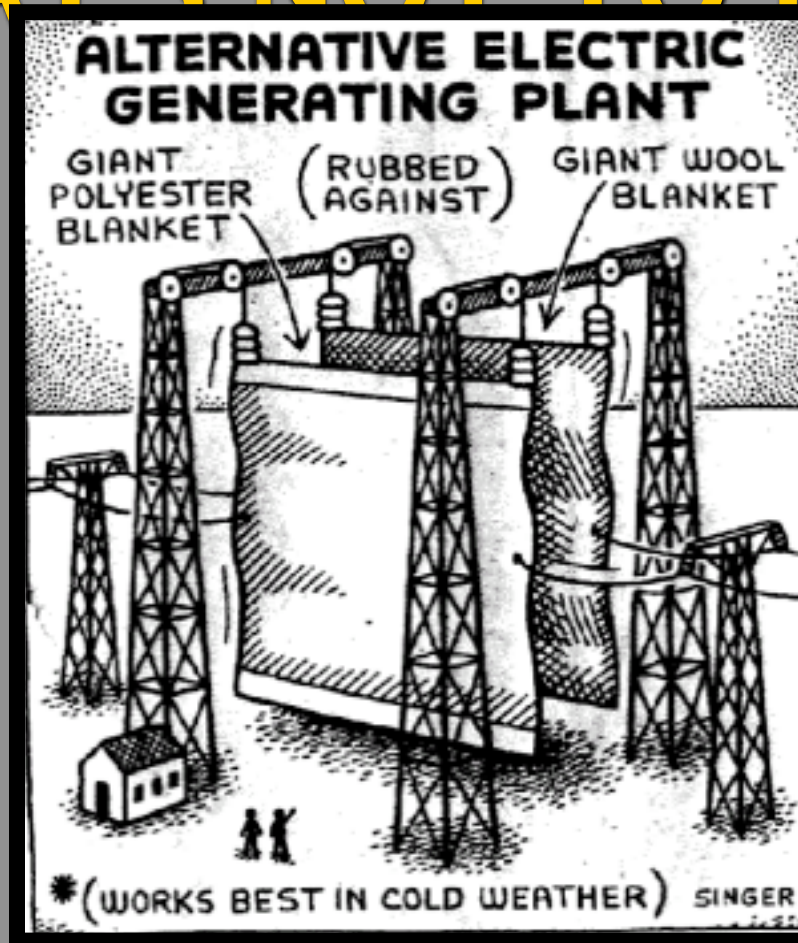
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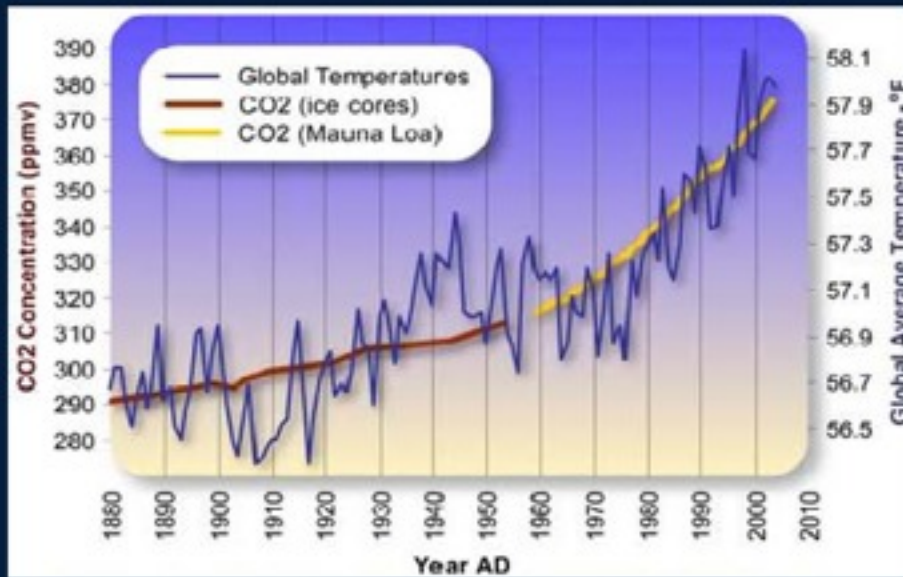


RENEWABLE ENERGY: WHAT'S NOT TO LIKE?



Temperatures Are Rising...

CO2 Concentrations and Temperature Correlation



Morgan Stanley

Source: Woods Hole Research Center

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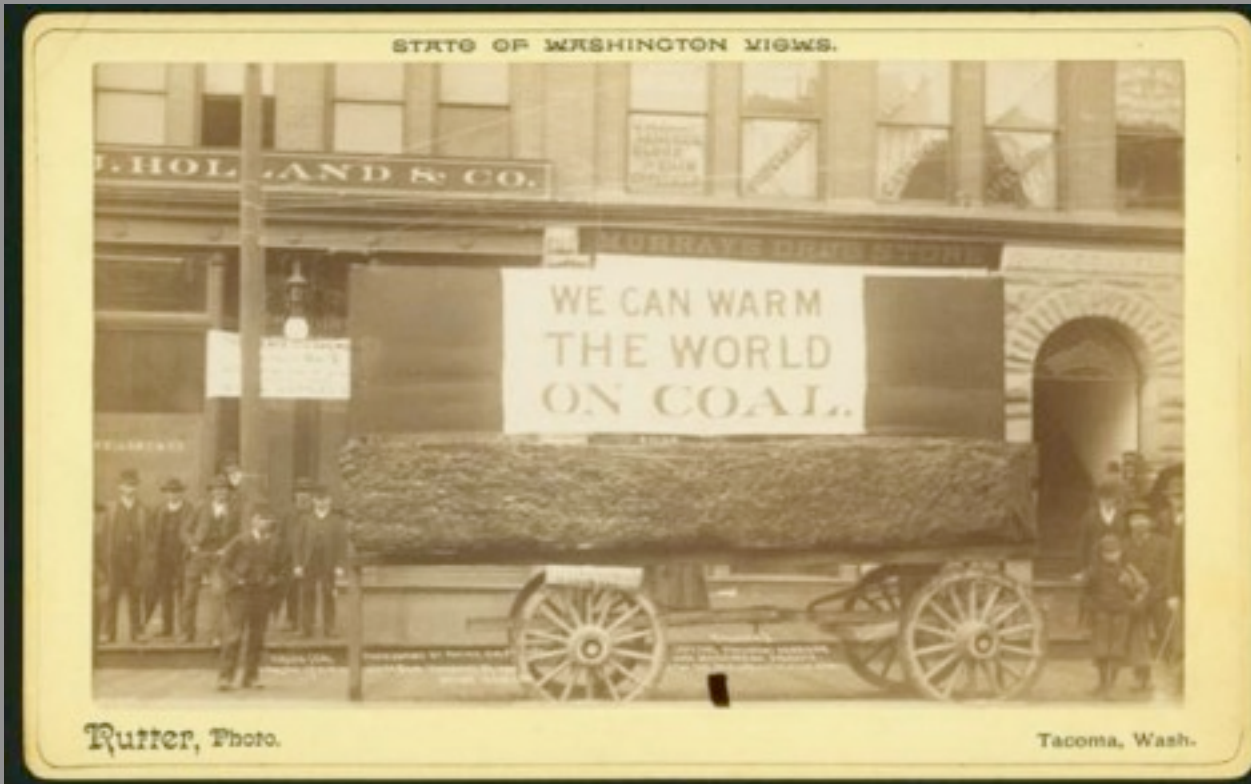
Climate Change



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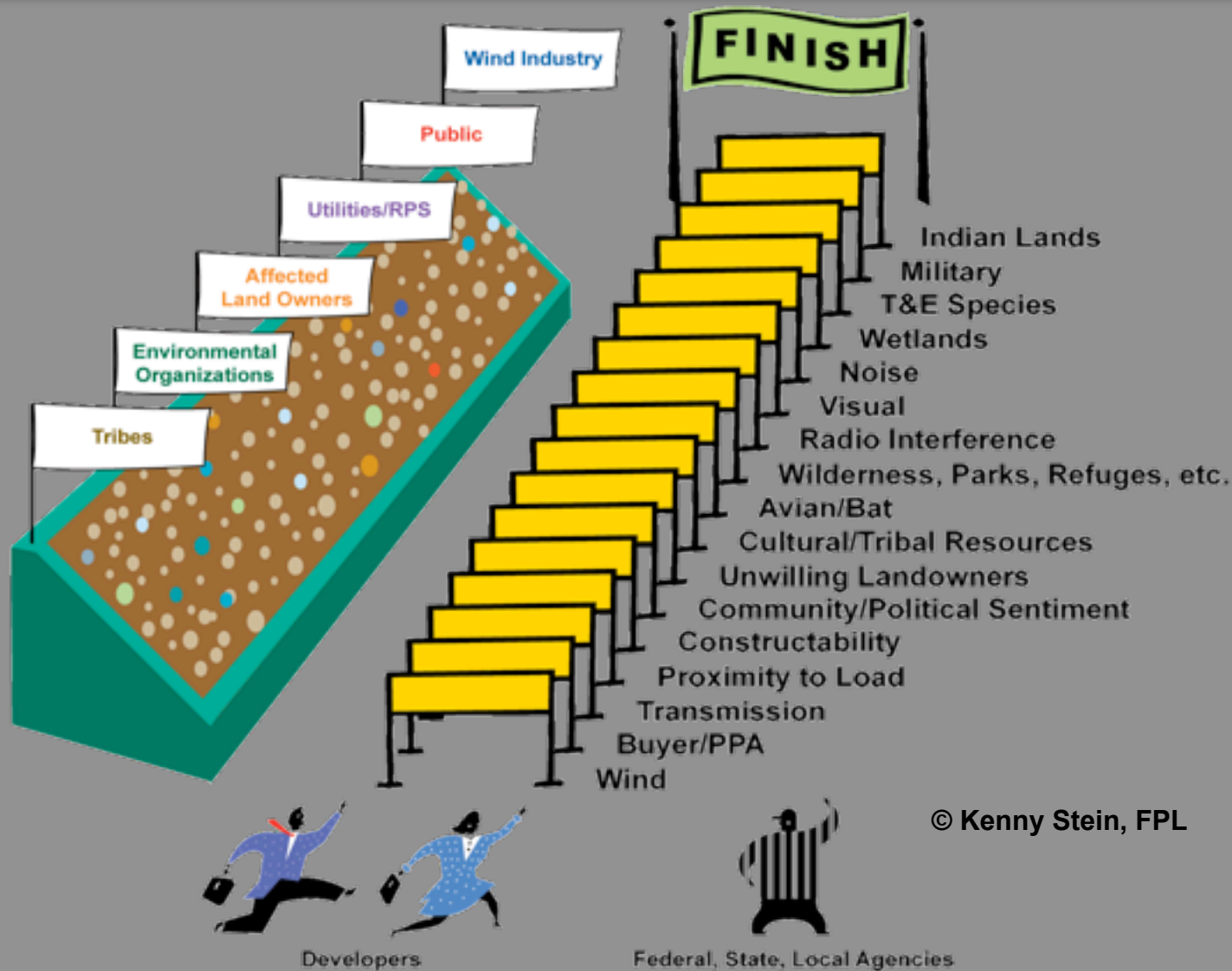


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Wind Project Siting Challenges/Hurdles

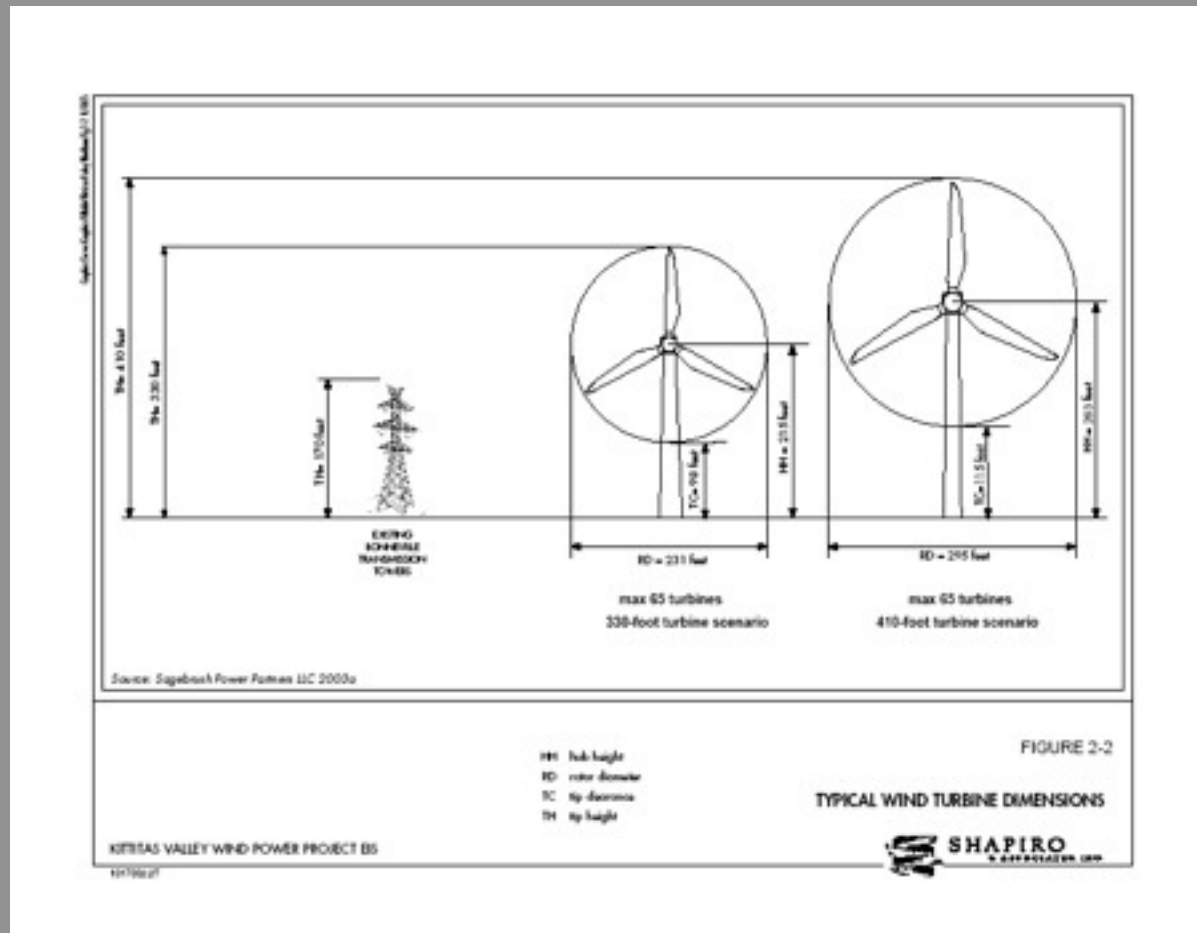


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Visual Impact



Wind Turbines – Big and Visible



Birds



More Birds



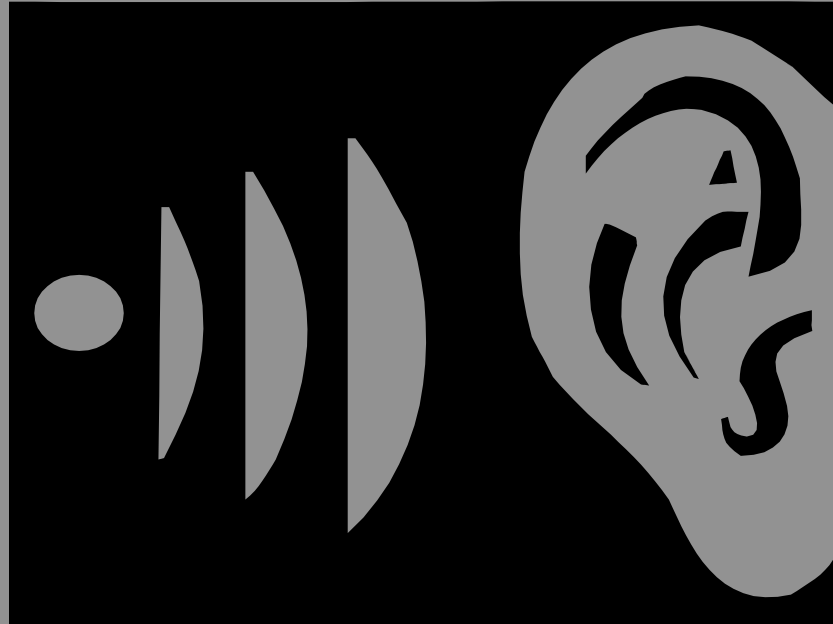
Spotted Owl



Bats



Noise you can't hear



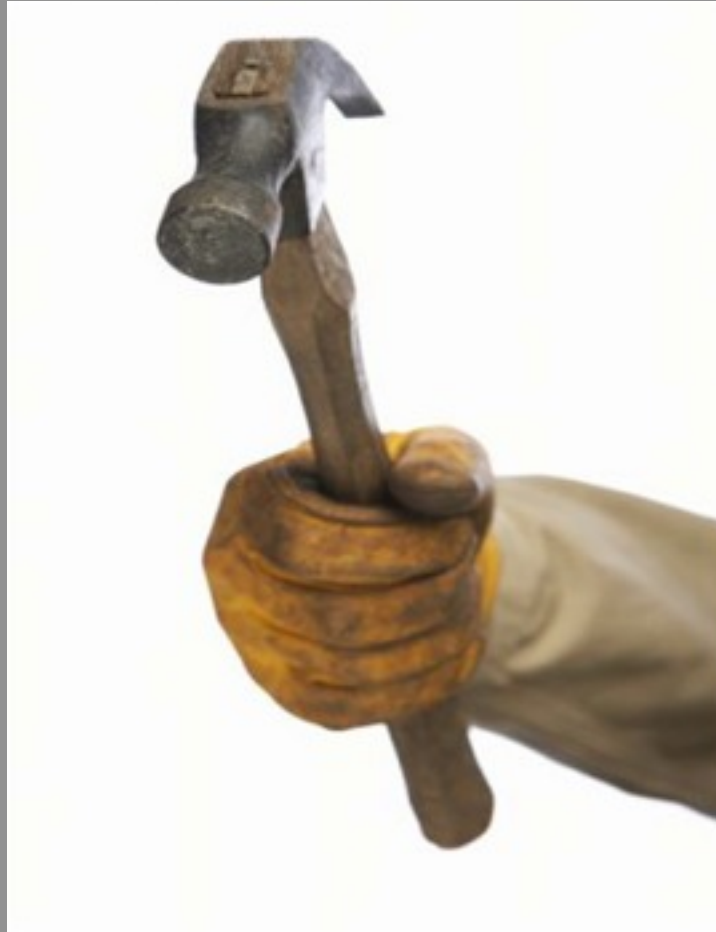
FAA Lights and Shadow Flicker



Agricultural Impact



State Preemption



Washington EFSEC

“Opting in” to State Siting
through the Washington
Energy Facility Site Evaluation
Council

Washington EFSEC (cont)

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- The Preemption Problem and the Conundrum of Local “Consistency”

Washington EFSEC (cont)

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- Washington’s Tradition of Local Control

New Local Consistency Rule

Chapter 463-28 State Preemption

WAC 463-28-060 Adjudicative proceeding.

- (1) Should the council determine under WAC 463-26-110 a site or any portions of a site is inconsistent it will schedule an adjudicative proceeding under chapter 463-30 WAC to consider preemption.
- (2) The proceeding for preemption may be combined or scheduled concurrent with the adjudicative proceeding held under RCW 80.50.090(3).
- (3) The council shall determine whether to recommend to the governor that the state preempt the land use plans, zoning ordinances, or other development regulations for a site or portions of a site for the energy facility or alternative energy resource proposed by the applicant.

Washington – Safe at Any Speed?

