Montana's Energy Resource: The Wind

- **Boost to Local Economy – New Jobs, More Business, Expand Tax Base, & Increase Tourism**
- **State Land Lease at Judith Gap will add $750,000 to $1,350,000 of Revenue to the State School Trust Fund**
- **Montana's Wind Energy Projects Compete with Other States and call for Property Tax Equalization**
- **Proposed Legislation: New Tax Class 14 at 1.5% tax rate and Impact Fee up to 1.5% of capital investment paid over 3 years**
- **New or Expanding Industry Abatement (MCA 15-24-1402) unchanged**

Wheatland County Property Tax on 150 Megawatts of Comparative Energy Projects	10 Year Total	20 Year Total	Average (¢/kWh)
Natural Gas	$5,988,625	$10,760,354	0.08¢
Coal	$3,663,000	$16,785,254	0.08¢
Wind	$24,042,639	$42,143,393	0.46¢
Wind Proposed Legislation	$8,485,660	$13,010,848	0.14¢

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