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I am against RES mandates. RES's are subsidized habitat destruction! I have included a study link of what is happening in Minnesota and other areas that host industrial wind turbines.

Bob Rosenquist

Here is the study. [http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw\\_gtr863.pdf](http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/pubs/pnw_gtr863.pdf)

At the Buffalo Ridge wind site in Minnesota, lower songbird densities observed in areas with turbines were thought to result from avoidance of turbines, although exact mechanisms are unclear page 15

Several studies have discussed habitat avoidance after wind energy facility establishment. **A wind energy facility in an agricultural area of the Midwest showed a 47 percent decrease in raptor abundance after establishment of a facility** (Garvin et al. 2011). In Norway, researchers found that vacant territories near wind turbines led to decreased breeding success for white-tailed eagles (*Haliaeetus albicilla*) (Dahl et al. 2012). Researchers were not able to differentiate vacancies caused by disturbance or mortality, but showed that vacant territories remained over a 10-year study period (i.e., territories were not recolonized), suggesting that wind turbine operation led to habitat loss. Page 16