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Rich and Mags,

I received the comments below on the Paynesville and Black Oak projects. If you read down toward the middle of the e-mail, there is mention of the eagle nest recently located near Black Oak. It states that some logging was to take place in the area. This fits somewhat with my understanding from Geronimo Wind that the land owner might have been planning to log the area. However, the land owner has now reported the bald eagle location to the DNR as we passed on to you recently and is comfortable with someone accessing the site for verification. Though I am not sure, I am assuming no logging is now going to take place, but wanted to pass this information on in case you are receiving similar comments from Paynesville residents. I should note that DNR employees will not plan on verifying this location due to workload management. Patrick Smith from Geronimo told me that he is working with you to facilitate either the company or USFWS verifying this location. Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
 Jamie

**From:** COLLEEN MUELLER [mailto:cmueller@wildblue.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2011 5:47 PM  
**To:** Schrenzel, Jamie (DNR)  
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Hi Jamie-I sent this to your boss-as soon as I get it figured out-I have more pictures for you from Sunday-must have been at least 150 or little better-same spot-few a little east too-Paynesville Press was going to take couple pics for us too-will forward them to you too-Cookie

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**From:** COLLEEN MUELLER <cmueller@wildblue.net>  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 5, 2011 at 5:39 PM  
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From: COLLEEN MUELLER <[cmueller@wildblue.net](mailto:cmueller@wildblue.net)>

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To: [lisa.joyal@dnr.state.mn.usj](mailto:lisa.joyal@dnr.state.mn.usj)

Dear Ms. Joyal, I'm sorry to meet you online with such a stressful situation. I am EXTREMELY UPSET WITH THE DNRdnr APPROACH TO PROTECTING OUR WILD LIFE, AS WELL AS THE BLACK OAK PROJECT WILDLIFE. To say upset is a mild understatement. Our taxdollars support not only your livelihood- but also allowed these wildlife acres to be taken out of our tax base. The wind developement here involves approx 3306 ACRES of wildlife production-both DNR,USFW production protected areas and concervancy, and the like- the Black Oak project-and areas with in a 10 mi area consists of approx 9622.2 acres- now start adding these together and be mindfull this developer has at least 2 other similar-bigger projects, and Getty Wind LLC is right butted up to this one. When our wildlife,avian, etc continue to decrease rapidly-so will the necessity to have employees to manage them. Both DNR and USFW must demand (HCP) -demanded -not recommended-ITP Incidental Take Permit-prepared and submitted-(demanded)-not recommendedt-Both DNR and USFW-demand surveys done by qualified federal or state employees who have no conflicts in the area. What this means-NO HDR.INC. or anyone even remotely connected with wind developers. If you haven't gotten it by now -why do all the surveys or studies seem "similar" or "near" or detection equipment was malfunctioning so distorted studies result-or disc's are corrupt. In the Paynesville project there is very high bat activity in July and Aug., however these numbers weren't gathered, due to about 1/3 to 1/4 of the time-you guessed itp-data wasn't collected-seemed equipment failure is always accepted as an excuse. Not to mention we have primarily grasslands-but these comparisons were compared to forested areas. Wonder where in the United States that data was compiled from. Probably "similar": or nearly the same" or some other ridiculous statement- If the DNR and USFW is as lame at Black Oak as they have been in Paynesville-You had better all start looking for new jobs- these poor recommendations either need to be REQUIRED before construction-not after dead bird counts and bat need to be done-That was the other executive summary-recommend post-construction- that would be special!!-- Pretty hard to bring dead birds and bats back to life. This is a major migratory and resting corridor for trumpeters,tundra swans-over the past week I have seen over 200 in Zion township-just across the gravel road from the Lake Henry wildlife, and across the road-north of Bauman -this is located right in the middle of Paynesville Project. I have submitted some pictures to Jamie Schrenzel, I have more to send-as well as some eagle pictures-as we have quite a few here now. The swans-whether tundra, or trumpeter are either protected or threatened-therefore that is a National; protection as well as local issue-Both agencies MUST PROTECT the habitat, so everyone can enjoy, keep a continuing ecological balance--I'm sure you have heard it before-if the animals leave-so will the people) I was also involved in hearing about a conversation which involved someone being instructed to go up to the Sauk Centre Black Oak area and cut down a tree that had a bald eagles nest in it. When the person got there and saw it-they refused to do it- but some other person may come along and thinkj"no big deal"- Who would have hired someone to do this? Who would

stand to gain the most from this being done?- If the developer stands to gain 60MILLION DOLLARS CASH HERE--IT'S PROBABLY ANOTHER 20MILLION or so-CASH for Black Oak-sounds like motive and incentive to me.--These people don't care about you,me, and certainly not our wildlife!. Today I happened on Stearns County Wetland Conservation Act resolution to repeal 2008 and implement some different control,etc. It is my firm belief the intent is to permit these access roads to go right across DNR, wetlands-or anyway closest from point A to point B- Our lands mean nothing to them- and I have been told by an employee at Environmental Services that if anyone says something-their job is in jeopardy. Something is so very very wrong with this picture. Now i SUPPOSE AFTER i'VE GONE ON AND ON THAT i MUST SURELY BE AGAINST GREEN ENERGY. I AM IF THE RISKS FAR OUTWEIGHT THE BENEFITS, that isn't to say that responsible green energy-when proven could work-but we MUST be very responsible-we can't assume any longer- It makes me think of the I think homing pigeons-when in the late 1800 were thought to be so many they would always be here- by 1914 (pretty sure about this date) the last known died in a zoo- that was only 30 short years--we mustn't forget about our eagles,swans,gotwits,upland sandpipers-american kestrels,northern harrier-I know if we have them-Black Oak does too.Perhaps the DNR and USFW should plan on attending the 4/7/2011 meeting in Sauk Centre-that way you can listen to all the lies for yourself. It's at 6:00 or 7:00p.m.-As one final thought-Ms. Schrenzel recommended no permit be built in August at the Administrative Law hearing in August 2010.aAt that time DNR hadn't received required information to make recommendations- the comment period closed on 9/8/2010- then in Nov.2010 Geronimo, OES/DOE, HDR, DNR and USFW met-DNR and USFW offered our wildlife little to nothing- There was no public input on those .--T.nt oOn ^:mnthe last oetghe benefii os tovTu.vmillion ang-lcc protectoyudesrisbver a.recov uieBbJrejk ,arwuhy nsnot uor nmke permits-submitted ftajF lituyma yh