

The Pathfinder story

Pioneers of responsible wind energy development

Pathfinder Renewable Wind Energy, LLC is a unique and ground-breaking wind development project that leads the way in responsible natural resource development. Ranchers from across southeastern Wyoming are united in an effort to harness some of the best wind resources in the country to help decrease the environmental impact of energy usage across southwestern U.S. population centers. Their plans to develop this renewable resource hinges on guiding principles to protect wildlife, recreational opportunities, cultural and historic treasures and scenic view sheds.

A community approach

Pathfinder wind developers have partnered with a trailblazing group of landowners and landowner associations who have combined their land resources to support a wind energy project that will span more than 150,000 acres and produce more than 3,000 megawatts of clean, renewable wind energy. Pathfinder's visionary approach has engaged ranchers, state and local officials, federal land managers, conservation groups and wildlife experts. Recognizing that Wyoming wind is very robust – blowing on average 50 percent of the time – these landowners are committed to sharing their natural resource to improve energy usage efforts in other portions of the southwestern U.S. This inclusive attitude has resulted in excellent representation and stakeholder buy-in and impressive local support for the development, with 93 percent of Wyoming residents and 87 percent of residents in one of the counties where a large portion of the wind project would be sited expressing support for wind energy development.

Environmentally responsible development

The Pathfinder Wind development is situated in a consolidated area that includes high elevations where the winds blow best, which has less impact than scattering many smaller wind farms across a wider landscape. The environment is important to the participating landowners. These pioneers serve as a model for other natural resource undertakings throughout the country. Pathfinder developers and landowners recognize that Wyoming's environment is an invaluable resource to locals and visitors alike, and to account for this, have instituted a "no net loss" policy for wildlife. They have created a plan that will mitigate any loss of wildlife or habitat through the creation of a mitigation bank. A mitigation bank is an area of land that improves and provides habitat for wildlife on potentially valuable habitat that can be further improved or restored. The goal is to provide a positive change to the ecosystem for restoration activities.

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