

Converse County Wind Energy Questionnaire

If you think the County should have zoning regulations to address other types of development, what types of development should be addressed? (250 characters or less)

	Response Count
	132
<i>answered question</i>	132
<i>skipped question</i>	280

Response Text		
1	The county cannot 'take' minerals or oil/gas from an owner of such a resource. Any type of 'recycling' facility should also be regulated.	May 25, 2010 10:21 PM
2	Oil and gas, uranium, coal, noise and pollutions producers such as race tracks, power plants, stock yards	May 26, 2010 2:24 PM
3	Uranium and natural gas	May 26, 2010 2:26 PM
4	any activity that affects neighbors to the activity	May 26, 2010 2:36 PM
5	Appropriate and planned placement. At today's population growth rate, we will be sorry if we don't prepare for our future generations.	May 26, 2010 2:39 PM
6	Oil and gas, mining, industrial plants and mills, gravel pits for roadway projects.	May 26, 2010 5:52 PM
7	Our county needs to address all types of development. We can protect the integrity of our county if development is done responsibly. Which means we, the county, have to decide how we want it done.	May 27, 2010 4:04 PM
8	feedlots, noisy industrial operations, bright lights on car lots, factories	May 27, 2010 7:12 PM
9	The primary purpose of zoning is to segregate uses that are thought to be incompatible. In practice, zoning is used to prevent new development from interfering with existing residents or businesses and to preserve the "character" of a community.	May 27, 2010 8:45 PM
10	High impact industries and business like those mentioned and others such as gravel pits, junk car yards, pipelines and other heavy road use activities.	May 30, 2010 3:36 PM
11	Industrial wind energy development has a much greater impact than the other examples you give. It uses far more land, requires much more extensive infrastructure and/or last for far longer. Let's stay focused on wind right now - the other stuff can wait.	May 30, 2010 8:29 PM
12	Oil and gas certainly. The amount of oil being pulled from the ground is a limited resource. It is in the best interests of the State to place emphasis on other forms of energy, though not wind energy necessarily, the disadvantages of which were addressed in previous questions. If it would require regulations to reduce the amount of oil being mined, I would strongly support those measures.	May 31, 2010 2:29 PM
13	wind, oil, gas, mining. race tracks are fine	Jun 1, 2010 2:22 PM
14	industrial use, trailer parks,	Jun 1, 2010 4:57 PM
15	Zoning is good when it is done right and protects all types of uses.	Jun 1, 2010 7:20 PM
16	Those that would negatively impact the value of adjacent private lands.	Jun 2, 2010 5:01 PM
17	Any development that would have a widespread impact on any area.	Jun 2, 2010 6:37 PM

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18	I think areas sensitive to wild life, agriculture, with historic values should be identified and made off limits to any type of large scale development. What a few people may want for their personal monetary gain should be weighed against the public good, and things like wildlife, historic value etc. must be considered as a benefit equal to purely monetary considerations.	Jun 2, 2010 6:53 PM
19	There should be restriction on industrial development that will visually or physically impact neighbors or citizens of the county.	Jun 3, 2010 12:58 AM
20	Keep any and all developments out of the mountains.	Jun 3, 2010 1:57 AM
21	All development. But i think most other types of development are addressed by permits.	Jun 3, 2010 3:25 PM
22	The answer is if they impact the environment/site in the same way as this wind project, then it should be regulated in the manner	Jun 3, 2010 6:46 PM
23	none	Jun 4, 2010 2:59 AM
24	Better regulations to protect our wildlife. Also, decommissioning regulations to protect the plant life and wildlife, so once a company leaves the land is in good or better shape than when they arrived.	Jun 4, 2010 5:54 AM
25	I would like to see the county be able to restrict any large development that impacts significant portions of the county (geographically or financially), without bringing a correspondingly large benefit to the county as a whole.	Jun 4, 2010 1:55 PM
26	any industrialization of our mountain lands	Jun 4, 2010 2:53 PM
27	any Industrialization of our Mountain Lands. This state is the best of State in the United states. Dont let them ruin our state they have ruined theirs.	Jun 4, 2010 4:04 PM
28	If you are to impliment zoning it has to be legal and fair for all industrial development or you will stenthen the distinction between the haves and the have nots. Viewsheds have no legal rights!	Jun 5, 2010 3:44 AM
29	If the County wants to implement any zoning regulations for industrial development, ALL industrial development should be addressed. If wind turbines are regulated on private property, should gravel pits be regulated on private property - I may not want to look at a gravel pit on my neighbors property?	Jun 5, 2010 4:08 AM
30	RACE TRACKS, RV PARKS, transmission CONNECTER LINES	Jun 5, 2010 1:17 PM
31	The state already has industrial siting regs that companies have to adhere to. They are very in-depth.	Jun 5, 2010 11:34 PM
32	All industrial/commercial facilities should require zoning.	Jun 7, 2010 11:40 AM
33	Again, don't limit rights before you know what the issue is.....and then address the issues with the Companies.....we are an energy state and need to remain openminded.	Jun 7, 2010 4:58 PM
34	Oil drilling, mining	Jun 7, 2010 5:43 PM
35	zoning does not apply to oil, gas or mining if you need to limit start by limiting growth of government at all levels and its intrusion into private property and the peoples lives.	Jun 9, 2010 3:06 AM
36	Industrial emitter of air, water & ground water pollution including the oil and gas industry	Jun 9, 2010 3:55 PM
37	The zoning in Converse county could use some updating and restrictions to improve the over all developement of the county.	Jun 10, 2010 3:16 AM
38	I am not generally in favor of zoning because it is often politically motivated. It also opens the door to other more stringent regulation. Imagine the impact if tough water quality standards were applied to our surface streams-what impact would that have on the livestock industry, for instance?	Jun 11, 2010 3:57 AM

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39	Any type of development that involves fossil fuel extraction, especially coal. The environmental impact and visual degradation of a facility like a coal mine are far more destructive to the Wyoming landscape than any wind energy facility could be. The fact that many citizens are in favor of an expansion of fossil fuel facilities but not wind energy turbines baffles me. If the people are really worried about the protection of the environment they would be opposing fossil fuel extraction and supporting the clean production of wind energy.	Jun 11, 2010 2:57 PM
40	Transmission line developement	Jun 13, 2010 7:05 PM
41	Zoning seems to be a nasty word. I would rather that each project be evaluated in terms of its impact on where it will happen, its negative impacts that may be forseen now or in the future.	Jun 13, 2010 7:15 PM
42	If we put zoning in for wind it should be in place for any other develepment be it recreation housing energy etc. I dont think absentee land owners should be running our business.	Jun 13, 2010 8:00 PM
43	All energy extractive or producing industries.	Jun 14, 2010 2:57 PM
44	If zoning takes place it should be done equally to ALL industry not just wind.	Jun 14, 2010 3:01 PM
45	Locations	Jun 14, 2010 4:48 PM
46	Anything that has severe impacts on the land. Wind development does not have severe impacts on the land.	Jun 14, 2010 6:10 PM
47	Junkyards, hazardous materials, sub-divisions/developments that are costly to maintain(roads).	Jun 14, 2010 11:30 PM
48	Residential, Commercial, Industrial	Jun 16, 2010 8:41 PM
49	The present system of freedom in Converse has existed for over a hundred years and "ain't broke so why fix it?"	Jun 17, 2010 1:51 AM
50	Race Tracks	Jun 17, 2010 1:37 PM
51	Industrial uses.	Jun 17, 2010 1:54 PM
52	This doesn't relate to the question, but this survey is garbage. A scientific survey doesn't require you to state that you have concerns about wind energy as this one does on page 2 of the survey. The questions are leading, and it appears the survey was written with an agenda.	Jun 17, 2010 2:38 PM
53	those that would require more non renewable natural resources to be used or abused during during the life of the developement--surface mining coal, drilling for oil and natural gas, developing lage power plants that use tremendous amount of water.	Jun 18, 2010 11:08 PM
54	energy development, mining	Jun 21, 2010 3:30 PM
55	The only reason I am saying no to #12 is that the industries are already zoned, regulated and monitored like no others. They have rules they must abide by...wind energy does not! Make it fair and similar for ALL development!	Jun 22, 2010 2:31 PM
56	Wyoming has had oil & gas mining for so many years and it has made Wyoming what it is today! A great place to live! But it doesn't distract from the scenic views of mountains, towns, etc. like the ugly wind turbines!	Jun 22, 2010 3:17 PM
57	Anything that is detrimental to the health and well-being of the area. Consider the residents' requests and concerns.	Jun 22, 2010 4:10 PM
58	Leave the mountains alone and as they are, no high-impact development or industrial use development permitted.....	Jun 23, 2010 1:40 PM
59	I thought the county already had regulations addressing oil, gas and uranium.	Jun 23, 2010 9:20 PM
60	wind, oil mud gas exportation, uranium, mining, quarries and heavy industrial locations	Jun 25, 2010 8:45 PM
61	We need the energy resources as a state, but we need to be selective of where we develop.	Jun 25, 2010 8:45 PM
62	coal, gas oil, in mountains shouldn't happen.	Jun 25, 2010 10:44 PM

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63	The oil gas and uranium fields are already heavily regulated. These wind turbines are an eye soar, they stick out and can be seen from miles away. Even the oil companies have to parht their facilities to blend in with the surrounding environment. As the turbines should be!	Jun 25, 2010 10:53 PM
64	oil, gas, pig and cattle lots	Jun 25, 2010 10:57 PM
65	Wind, oil and gas, uranium and housing developments all need regulations to match other counties to best protect what Mother Nature has gifted us.	Jun 27, 2010 2:39 AM
66	A) Businesses, especially ones including manufacturing, should be kept separate from residential areas, including recreational residences. B) All mineral extraction activities should be kept separate from residential areas, including recreational residences.	Jun 28, 2010 2:36 PM
67	all and any	Jun 28, 2010 2:46 PM
68	We desperately need zoning and building or construction rules, over junk yards, cluttered home areas, businesses and properties.	Jun 28, 2010 2:53 PM
69	I think this issues is a conflict with at least one of the commissioners as i'm a former planning and zoning chair i'm well aware of some issues. You will not be treated kindly but sometimes its necessary.	Jun 28, 2010 3:05 PM
70	Distance from residential because of sound and sight.	Jun 28, 2010 3:12 PM
71	wind, uranium	Jun 28, 2010 3:15 PM
72	We will never move forward until we quit living in the past, we need new ideas.	Jun 28, 2010 3:21 PM
73	all of it	Jun 28, 2010 3:36 PM
74	Keep our mountains beautiful. Do not allow oil, gas, uranium, or industry such as these in our mountains.	Jun 28, 2010 3:51 PM
75	Wind should definetly be addressed due to the large structures and transmission.	Jun 28, 2010 4:06 PM
76	Anything that would have a negative impact on our mountains	Jun 28, 2010 4:39 PM
77	Not sure!! not enough information!	Jun 28, 2010 4:51 PM
78	All of the m should be looked at.	Jun 28, 2010 5:00 PM
79	Industrial of all sorts including trailer camps, mines, oil exploration, road placement, junk collection	Jun 28, 2010 5:11 PM
80	Oil-gas and Uranium reclaim the land when project is done	Jun 28, 2010 7:05 PM
81	Wyoming is one of the last most beautiful places on earth. We don't need big companies taking that away from us!	Jun 28, 2010 7:10 PM
82	race tracks, uranium developments	Jun 28, 2010 7:17 PM
83	Lets start with industrial development many more to come	Jun 28, 2010 7:35 PM
84	Those that will permanently change the landscape or impact citizens adversely with pollution of any type- chemical, odor, noise.	Jun 29, 2010 11:28 AM
85	Large residential, commercial and industrial developments, expansion of utility grids into sensitive landscapes, and heavy water users, not ranchers or small residences.	Jun 29, 2010 1:57 PM
86	yes a general zoning plan but allowing for some individual rights	Jun 29, 2010 5:01 PM
87	Any that has some kind of impact on Converse County	Jun 29, 2010 5:03 PM
88	see #12 above	Jun 29, 2010 5:06 PM
89	Use some sense!! look ahead 50/100 years to what you will or will not have	Jun 29, 2010 5:38 PM
90	Race tracks?! - has nothing to do with energy development	Jun 29, 2010 6:05 PM
91	All major industrial or energy instillations.	Jun 29, 2010 7:55 PM
92	Housing development in the county without the maintenance cost figured in	Jun 29, 2010 7:59 PM
93	I think all should be regulated to keep the citizens happy in Converse County	Jun 29, 2010 8:10 PM
94	Please don't let these things just happen willy-nilly without a plan. take control - lead our county into this the right way. It is cheaper better and more politically sound to prevent a problem from occurring rather than correcting it later.	Jun 29, 2010 8:31 PM

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95	Yes- some kind of zoning would help to clean up some of the junk on certain places common sense needed for zoning	Jun 29, 2010 8:44 PM
96	A good zoning law that is enforced would be great to limit trashey stuff people collect on their property. Thus our county would look better, it tells outsiders that we take pride in the looks of our county.	Jun 29, 2010 8:50 PM
97	Those development that would industrialize the area south of I-25	Jun 29, 2010 8:54 PM
98	no	Jun 29, 2010 9:02 PM
99	in the mountains, high impact high dollar	Jun 29, 2010 9:13 PM
100	Large scale industrial zoning is all that is called for	Jun 29, 2010 9:24 PM
101	Our big concerns are the big power lines and the greed that those who are selling the wind mills and the property owners who are only thinking of the money they will make and never mind the citizens who are concerned about the higher taxes not to mention ruining the beautiful country side and as stated before the impact on the wildlife.	Jun 30, 2010 1:40 AM
102	I think that zoning limits our personal property rights and is a terrible thing to get started.	Jul 1, 2010 3:29 AM
103	I think all industrial development should be kept out of the mountains. Wildlife are a large part of Wyoming and impact to this habitat should be limited at all costs	Jul 12, 2010 3:34 PM
104	all.	Jul 12, 2010 3:36 PM
105	Wind energy regulations is the most urgent issue at this time	Jul 12, 2010 3:54 PM
106	Noise control near towns. Things with visual or odor impact not near towns.	Jul 12, 2010 4:12 PM
107	Oil, gas, uranium	Jul 12, 2010 4:31 PM
108	I think any types of development that have not direct benefit to WY should be addressed	Jul 12, 2010 4:36 PM
109	all of the above	Jul 12, 2010 4:49 PM
110	oil, gas, coal, an uranium development should be restricted in favor of wind development!	Jul 12, 2010 4:59 PM
111	Need way to keep track of what its are doing	Jul 12, 2010 5:02 PM
112	right now the zoning regulations for wind energy are the most urgent.	Jul 12, 2010 5:22 PM
113	All large scale industry that affects the environment	Jul 12, 2010 6:15 PM
114	ugly things should be built out of sight (we have the empty spaces)	Jul 12, 2010 6:30 PM
115	All types of development	Jul 12, 2010 7:08 PM
116	Any development of any size that changes the occupation or land use	Jul 12, 2010 7:14 PM
117	Mining and drilling	Jul 12, 2010 7:43 PM
118	All proposed development should be reviewed and brought to the attention of the tax payers of the county - to wait and make discussions and proposed plans public until the "horse has left the barn" is totally wrong!	Jul 12, 2010 8:02 PM
119	I think zoning should be moderate but struct concerning abandonment and reclamation of land.	Jul 12, 2010 8:11 PM
120	all	Jul 12, 2010 8:25 PM
121	Keep it out of mountains	Jul 12, 2010 8:27 PM
122	only if voted on by the residents. we need oil and gass perhaps uranium and entntamment.	Jul 12, 2010 8:34 PM
123	I have mixed emotions. I don't want the government telling me what I can and cannot do on my land but I know there has to be some regulations. Good luck on making everyone happy.	Jul 12, 2010 8:41 PM
124	Zoning is another government rule - we don't need more government controls on our freedom!!	Jul 12, 2010 8:48 PM
125	Only those that are not initiated by the land owner. We can do what we want with our property.	Jul 12, 2010 8:53 PM

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126	any and all	Jul 12, 2010 9:14 PM
127	Don't build up in the mountains.	Jul 12, 2010 9:16 PM
128	mining	Jul 12, 2010 9:20 PM
129	Subdivisions - my subdivision in particular (Plainview estates on County rd 52) a lot of trailers going in on same small acreage. We need some good county zoning laws.	Jul 12, 2010 9:26 PM
130	I also would not ever like to see oil wells or other unsightly things in the mountains	Jul 12, 2010 9:39 PM
131	All types of industrial development should be considered to help avoid another situation like this one. It will greatly classify property use to save many people time and money.	Jul 12, 2010 9:59 PM
132	I think our concern needs to first be on the areas at which we want to protect and then on the types of development. Uranium mines cannot produce everywhere same as oil production cannot be from everywhere.	Jul 12, 2010 10:07 PM