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Visual Impact Assessment

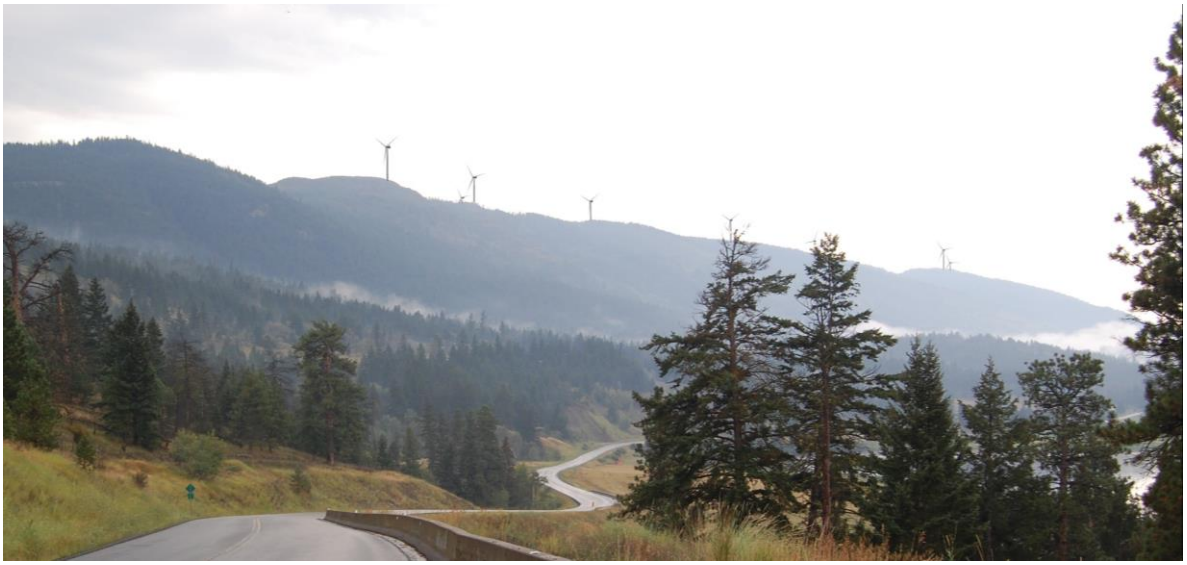
MKI (M. K.Ince and Associates Ltd) is developing three wind energy projects North of Merritt. – Mt. Mabel, Mt. Guichon, and Mamette Lake. The wind turbines themselves are large and tall and not common in BC. Studies have shown that in general, the sight of wind turbines is received positively by the public. However, many people want to know how the turbines will look and if they can even be seen from certain locations.

For these projects it is difficult to find locations were the turbines are highly visible to the general public. All three projects are relatively remote and high in the plateau north of Merritt.

MKI uses sophisticated computer software with actual photographs of the landscape to simulate the appearance of the proposed turbines. The photomontages are presented below and represent what the wind turbines could look like in the lighting conditions and time of day when the actual photographs were taken. For more details about the photomontages or to view the other Newsletters, please visit the MKI web-site.

Mt. Guichon Project - eight 2.0 MW turbines of 150 m total height (5 turbines visible). Photo taken at the Coquihalla Highway and Helmer Rd. interchange at approximately 6 km. away. Looking Northwest.

Mt. Mabel Project - Photo taken approximately 350 metres west of the Coquihalla Highway. Project is approximately 7 km away. Looking to the Southeast.



Mamette Lake Project - eight turbines* viewed from North of the project area on Highway 97C near Mamit Lake. Closest Turbine is approximately 3 km away. Looking South

*All turbines used in visual simulation are Vestas V110-2.0 (95 m hub height, 150 m total, 2.0 MW generating capacity). The turbines are shown at proposed locations. Constructed turbines may be at different locations.

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