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Keep Steens pristine

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I am saddened beyond description at the prospect of wind farms being built on Steens Mountain (Feb. 7). Our family has hiked the summit, fished the Blitzen, camped at Page Springs for many years, and the Steens to us is a respite from the rush of everyday life.

To think that Harney County would jump at 150 temporary construction jobs and then 50 maintenance jobs is unbelievable. I understand the problems everyone has in these days of serious unemployment, but to me, it is terribly shortsighted to ruin a spectacular and pristine landscape for all time and for future generations.

As the editorial of Feb.11 points out, "In simply knowing the mountain provides the vistas and solace and wildlife that it does, we are comforted and the better for it, and so it is ours as well as anyone's."

It would be a terrible loss for anyone who wants to escape life's weariness, either in person or in thought, to have to endure a wind farm on Steens Mountain, an Oregon treasure that surely should be protected.

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