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Nothing but an eyesore

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Lately there has been a few articles on how well the city of Union is doing in regards to its growth of business and what Union has to offer to tourists and residents. The city has worked hard to get this done, and Sandra Patterson is doing a fine job as city administrator.

When the Telocaset turbines were erected, the destruction of that pristine area could not be missed. We can no longer enjoy the view without seeing these monstrosities (which are very visible from Anthony Lakes) along with power poles, power lines and incessant red blinking lights. Now they want to cover Craig Mountain and surround Union with these monsters.

I can't help but wonder why we in Union did not get much notice about this until it was already far along.

Why did our county commissioners not come to Union and have meetings about this with the people who will be so adversely affected by this? Is it because the "behind closed doors" policy is still going on? Hardly a word in the paper from the county commissioners, yet they're constantly in contact with the wind people.

The city of Union will receive nothing but an eyesore for years to come. The raping of Craig Mountain with turbines, roads and power lines is not worth the destruction of our valley for the few dollars it will bring in.

If the commissioners want the turbines so badly, put them on Mount Emily and the west side of La Grande so they can enjoy them. You could get quite a few behind the hospital.

One last thing. How can they be called "wind farms" when they're really industrial sites? I don't think Craig Mountain is an industrial zone.

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