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Excellent article. The wind scam is just another way for the 1% to put the screws to the 99%. For those that believe in this industry and continue to embrace the "GREEN LIE" you are the gullible saps the 1% are counting on.

The industry has always been and still is being propped up by a foundation of fraud. This is very disheartening because the current worldwide environmental problems can never be solved if the experts are creating bogus studies and deliberately designing their methodology for a desired result. I call it rigging and I see this in virtually every study I read from the wind industry. The industry wide bird mortality cover-up has now been going on for 28 years and still to this day not a single mortality study has been properly conducted at a wind farm. Because of this, only a small fraction of the bird deaths from wind turbines is being reported.

As for the "noble cause" about greenhouse gas reduction goals, which corporate America conveniently considers to be a much larger threat to bird and all other species— Let's put the climate change blame exactly where it really belongs —Deforestation. Forests help stabilize air temperatures and keep the sun's rays from heating up soils. The loss of forests is causing micro climates all over the world to change. It adds up. The deforestation problem is now being made even worse from the installation of wind farms and accompanying infrastructure.

If you dislike the wind industry now just wait to see how you feel in another ten years. Very few have any idea what the wind industry has in store for America. You would not believe what the California Energy Commission is planning in California. I happen to know because I've seen the figures. In the next decade the wind energy footprint will increase by more than 20 times across the state. One project at a time, the industry armed with their tailor made Renewable Portfolio Standard, will literally transform thousands of square miles of pristine rural landscapes with their wind farms and infrastructure.

Bird mortality will skyrocket to the point of population crashes and the great outdoors will look like an industrial wasteland. The raptor species because of their hunting habits, will be the hardest hit. I know for a fact that the CA Department of Energy has been warned of all this because I have the document. The public is not being told this information and the masses are purposely being seduced one project at a time to minimize the outcry.

So down the road in a few short years, after hundreds of thousands of square miles of precious ecosystem habitat have been chewed up and raptor populations all over the world are crashing species, the public will still not hear about the damage done by the turbines because hand picked experts will blame climate change, lead poisoning, or some

disease for their demise. The reason for this comes down to one simple fact, the industry must lie to survive.

The entire wind industry knows very well that there is no way to ever make the propeller style wind turbine safe for birds and bats. That is why laws were changed and their industry was built with virtually no regulations or accountability. It was done this way so the truth could be hidden. They know that if the public were to ever see the magnitude and true suffering to eagles, swans and other birds caused by this industry change would be forced upon them from the outrage. The images of birds with body parts missing then wandering around for days before dying would quickly change this industry.

According to an unpublicized California Energy Commission report, the most common injury to a raptor hit by a wind turbine is a severed wing. Not long ago golden eagles and other raptors mated for life and were meant to live 20-35 years. Not any more. A nest that was being watched by a photographer I know saw a female golden eagle lose her mate four years in a row before the nest was abandoned. This nest was located near Altamont pass.

As a wildlife biologist, an expert on birds of prey, and expert on bogus wind industry studies, I know what happens at wind farms. When I see a wind turbine I see a tombstone for an eagle. I also know mortality is far greater than what is being reported. I could prove it is at least 5-10 times greater across America with a proper study. Even the highly studied mortality at Altamont Pass would double or triple with a proper study. The public would also then learn about the bodies of the rarest species being killed by the turbines because they would not be culled from the studies or reports.

The reason there have never been any proper mortality studies conducted under wind turbines is because of the deliberate interference by the wind industry. They knew how bad the mortality problem was decades ago right after they started installing thousands of turbines on the ridge lines of CA. They have been rigging reports ever since.

I hope my comments make it obvious that I despise this industry. It is because I know what this industry has in store for this world.