Economic Development Impacts from Wind Power in the Western Governors’ Association States

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Impacts to the Western U.S. from new wind power

- Rural economic development
- Increased tax base for schools, roads and county services
- Royalty revenue for landowners
- Water savings in drought regions
- Emissions reductions

Wind Energy’s Economic impacts

On-site direct, off-site direct, indirect, induced

Direct Impacts
Drills
Construction workers
Management
Administrative support

On-site direct “ripple effect”

Off-site Direct
Boom truck & management, gas and gas station workers, blades and towers & workers
Hardware store purchases and workers, spare parts and their suppliers

Induced Impacts
These are jobs in and payments made to supporting businesses, such as bankers financing the construction, contractors, manufacturers and equipment suppliers.

Induced Impacts
These jobs and earnings result from the spending by people directly and indirectly supported by the project, including benefits to grocery store clerks, retail salespeople and child care providers.

Induced Impacts

No discount or inflation rate used. No depreciation schedule used.

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