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Newsletter

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MOVING RENEWABLE ENERGY ACROSS NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

LUCKY CORRIDOR OPEN HOUSE IN TAOS DEMONSTRATES AN APPROACH

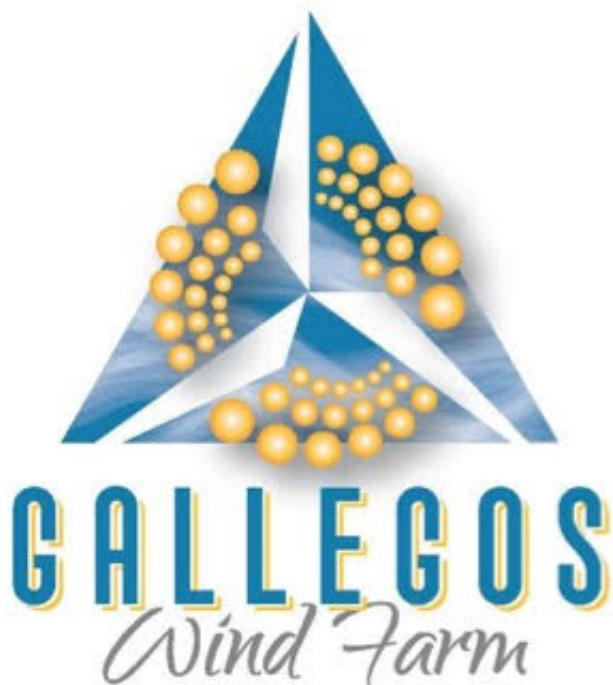
New Mexico has vast wind and solar resources that are now being developed on the high plains east of our Sangre de Cristo Mountains. **The Coalition of Renewable Energy Landowner Associations (CRELA)** says the wind resource alone is about 11,500 megawatts (MW).

Gallegos Wind Farm, LLC currently is planning for 700 megawatts (MW) of wind power on 50,000 acres of New Mexico State and private lands. The company also has plans for solar power development on these lands in the near future.

Accessing these resources would allow our Taos area and all of northern New Mexico to operate on renewable energy most or all the time, and move away from relying on fossil fuels.

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**IN TERMS OF COST, SOLAR
ENERGY IS ECLIPSING
FOSSIL FUEL AND NUCLEAR
ENERGY SOURCES ACROSS
OUR PLANET**



Gallegos Wind Farm, LLC is invested in about 50,000 acres of land with prime solar and wind resources in northeastern New Mexico.

Lucky Corridor, LLC for several years has been developing plans for building the infrastructure to move wind and solar energy across northern New Mexico. On August 2, 2017, company representatives invited Taoseños to review and comment on their work and plans.

Company reps provided maps, reports, graphics, corridor analysis, corridor visualizations, and comment forms for visitors. The event, held at the Sagebrush Inn in Taos, was attended by local citizens, representatives of local businesses and NGOs, Renewable Taos members, and principals from Kit Carson Electric Co-op and Guzman Energy.

A key focus of the event was soliciting local comments on the Lucky Corridor Project for analysis by the U.S. Forest Service. The transmission project is designed to pass through **Carson National Forest** within an **existing transmission corridor on the north side of Taos Canyon**.

The existing corridor now contains a high voltage transmission line built by Plains Generation and Transmission Cooperative Inc. in the early 1960s. This line — that passes through the south part of Taos along Cruz Alta Road — was turned over to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. ownership in 2000.

Lucky Corridor LLC hopes to replace the existing wooden power poles with modern fire-resistant steel structures, while upgrading the entire line to



KEEP TABS ON WHAT IS HAPPENING BY JOINING RENEWABLE TAOS TODAY

THE COALITION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY LANDOWNER ASSOCIATIONS (CRELA) CLAIMS A DEVELOPABLE WIND RESOURCE OF 11,500 MEGAWATTS (MW) IN EASTERN NEW MEXICO



CLICK HERE FOR CRELA's OVERVIEW OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES TO DEVELOPING THIS RESOURCE

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA REACH IS GROWING FAST



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modern safety and communications standards.

Lucky Corridor, LLC will host additional open houses in our region. Renewable Taos will post notices of these meetings as they are scheduled.

Renewable Taos is researching options for renewable energy transmission and infrastructure upgrades for our clean energy future. We want input from all our members and other citizens of our region.

Please contact us if you need information about our regional electrical transmission grid and local electricity distribution systems. We will appreciate your input on how our modern energy infrastructure should look.

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TAOS COMMITS TO ENVIRONMENTAL CARE

NEW RESOLUTION HAS STRONG TARGETS FOR CLEAN ENERGY

The Town of Taos, NM recently passed a landmark resolution on environmental care. The Town Council passed [Resolution 17-42 - Statement on The Environment](#) at its August 8, 2017 Regular Meeting.

In its justifications at the outset, the Resolution reads:

"WHEREAS, there is currently a denial of the science and evidence of global climate change, as well as a lack of clear direction and leadership at the national level, to recognize, coordinate an effective response, and to act on an issue that is so important to all of us and all our future generations, leaving local government to take the initiative..."

Resolution 17-42 goes on to specify actions and time frames for environmental care for land, water, open space and habitat preservation, renewable energy, energy conservation, environmental protection and climate change. The Resolution supports and encourages its own and others' collaboration for a substantial list of regional, national and international initiatives and commitments for energy and climate issues and policy.

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STRONG AT HEART

Town of Taos Resolution 17-42 sets an agenda for Environmental Responsibility and a Commitment to Action. Resolution 17-42 contains substantial commitments to energy studies, energy conservation and efficiency, and renewable energy. See Town Council Meeting Agenda and Minutes, Agenda Item 8-C for August 8, 2017 (Tue) to download the full text.

Renewable Taos, Inc. asks that you read and support Resolution 17-42, and compliment our Town of Taos government officials for its passage.

We also urge you to appeal to our Taos County Commissioners and other local governments to enact the same or similar resolutions.

RENEWABLE TAOS STRATEGIC PLANNING

Renewable Taos continues to focus on creating our transition to renewable energy for all energy services and energy efficiency for north central New Mexico. This places us squarely among the actions of energy, infrastructure and vehicular transport vital to our future and responsible planetary care.



We do not, however, see any of these necessary actions happening quickly enough or broadly enough to send planet-changing greenhouse gases emissions into steep decline.

With these thoughts in mind, Renewable Taos, Inc. is building its overall strategy for work we must do for the next few years.

Please come to our meetings and/or contact us

SOLAR ENERGY HAS NEVER BEEN CHEAPER



A LOCAL SOLAR SYSTEM INSTALLER CAN SHOW YOU THE NUMBERS

ALBUQUERQUE IS REPLACING ITS OLD BUSES (LEFT) WITH NEW ELECTRIC BUSES (RIGHT)



ITS TIME TO TRADE IN YOUR OLD BUS FOR A CLEANER RIDE AS WELL

by email or telephone with your thoughts about the best directions for Renewable Taos.

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OUR MISSION

Renewable Taos is dedicated to promoting and facilitating a full transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency in Taos County and our surrounding region.

We advocate for local generation of renewable energy with an emphasis on local ownership.

We build community partnerships to facilitate the transition to renewables, and propose and support projects.

We recognize that energy efficiency is integral to the transition to renewable energy.

We also work with other organizations to change the political climate in the state and country to facilitate the transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

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