



The Tree Fell, Only They Forgot to Tell You

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For nature lovers who care about the environment (and it should be all of us), why haven't we stopped and asked ourselves; why we will go out of our way to protect a single plover nesting in the sand (as we should) and ignore the hundreds of thousands of birds killed every year by windmills?

The best estimates are that over 350,000 birds are killed every year by windmills. These kills include birds on our protected list, golden and bald eagles, falcons, kites, and hawks. Can it be that while we care, we've handed over the issue to others to do our thinking for us? They tell us what is and isn't important, what the political issues of the day should be.

Have we delegated too much power to others to do our thinking for us? A plover nesting in the sand might stop an oil and gas project, but a windmill is a renewable, so how can that be bad? How can you be opposed to that? When you read an article in the media, you are rarely told about the number of bird kills, which will grow dramatically with the growth in windmills.

At a minimum, shouldn't the costs (negative externalities) be incorporated in the economics of the project? They are in others.

Where is the equity in that?