



The El Cabo Wind Farm in New Mexico

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New Mexico Boy Rescues Baby Barn Owls Using Training Funded by Avangrid Renewables

When the Dismuke family in New Mexico found five baby owls in the walls of barn that collapsed in a storm earlier this summer, the chicks were dehydrated, starving and apparently orphaned.

Carson Dismuke, 10, knew exactly what to do. His fourth-grade class was part of a special program called Living with the Landscape taught by Hawks Aloft Inc. a statewide non-profit authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to rescue raptors. Avangrid Renewables and the Avangrid Foundation funds the Living with the Landscape program.

Carson carefully gathered the baby birds, placed them in a box lined with towels and called Hawks Aloft.

"His lessons in the classroom were suddenly put to essential use in this real life situation," said Gail Garber from Hawks Aloft.

Garber said Carson acted just in time. The chicks were just 14 to 21 days old and had not been fed in two to three days.

Amy Parsons, operations wildlife compliance manager for Avangrid Renewables, said they develop relationships with rehabilitation organizations to be able to help birds that may be injured at wind farms.

"Carson had called because he went through this program," Parsons said. "It was real exciting for everybody. It was verification that these efforts, working with Hawks Aloft, community involvement, and education actually work."

Avangrid Renewables developed the nearby El Cabo Wind Farm and is planning additional wind farm projects in New Mexico. **(continued, pg 2)**



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A Hawks Aloft volunteer traveled to the Dismuke's home and brought the orphaned baby owls to a volunteer caretaker. The five owlets will remain with the rehabilitator for the foreseeable future until they are old enough to move to a larger facility, such as the Santa Fe Raptor Center, where they will learn to fly and capture their own food prior to release. For 25 years, Hawks Aloft has provided vital research, education, and rescue and rehabilitation in an effort to conserve New Mexico's populations of raptors. More information about the organization is available online at hawksaloft.org. 🦉

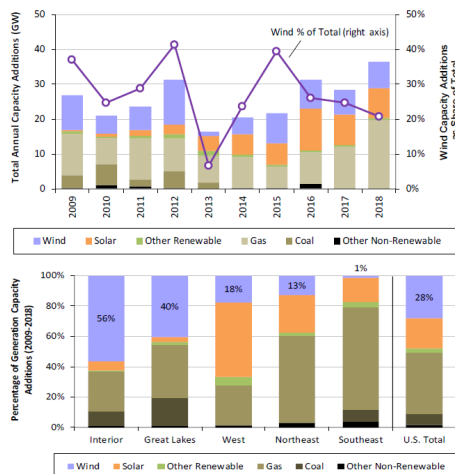
The Wind (Industry) Continued to Pick Up in 2018 – U.S. Dept. of Energy Report

In 2018, growth in wind energy continued at a breakneck pace, providing jobs, supporting communities, and delivering clean electricity to the nation's energy consumers. In August, The U.S. Department of Energy released their Wind Technologies Market Report (WTMR) for 2018 which documents the growth, change and trends in the U.S. wind industry. The 13th WTMR demonstrated the increasing and significant importance of the wind industry to national, state, and local economies across the United States.

Over the past decade, wind represented 28% of total capacity additions nationwide, and a much higher proportion in some regions of the country. In the interior of the United States, wind represents 56% of generation capacity growth since 2009. Wind now supplies more than 10% of total electricity generation in 14 states, and over 30% in three of those. As technology has improved and prices have fallen, wind has become increasingly cost competitive for utilities seeking new options for electric generation. Today, the wind industry is an economic powerhouse. The Department of Energy reports that 114,000 people worked in wind-related jobs nationwide in 2018. And, globally, the United States is a leader in wind energy growth – second only to China in both 2018 additions and total capacity.

The continued growth of the wind industry is great news for everyone, and we are excited that our landowners are a part of the industry's growing success. From the people who build and maintain turbines, to the communities benefiting from new sources of revenue, and to the electricity customers receiving ever more affordable clean electricity, wind is a win-win-win. The Department of Energy report makes it clear that wind is now a major player in the American energy economy and is here to stay. 🌬️

Wind Power Represented 21% of Electric-Generating Capacity Additions in 2018, Behind Solar and Natural Gas



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Community



Avangrid Renewables helps make sure that no child goes hungry in Goldendale, Wash.

The Big Horn and Juniper Canyon Wind Farms, located in Klickitat County, Wash., approximately 30 miles west of Goldendale, recently donated \$6,000 to the Goldendale School District to support the "No Child Goes Hungry" program. The donation establishes a healthy snack center in the office of each school with the goal of ensuring that any student who has missed either breakfast or lunch meal service can be offered a healthy snack. "Students learn best when they are well nourished, and they will benefit from this kind donation from our business and community partner, Avangrid Renewables," said food service director Ruth Faulconer.



Avangrid Renewables staff build playhouses for kids in need in Ore.

Staff from Avangrid Renewables' headquarters in Portland, Ore., partnered with Habitat for Humanity's Playhouse Experience program to build playhouses for special needs children in the greater Portland area. Playhouses assembled



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through this program are donated to families through partner organizations such as United Cerebral Palsy of Oregon & SW Washington. The team from Avangrid Renewables built and decorated playhouses in several themes requested by the receiving families and enjoyed the satisfaction of a job well done when the families came to take delivery of their new playhouses!



Otter Creek construction team builds playground for town of Ransom, Ill.

This past summer, children in the town of Ransom, Ill., got a new playground to enjoy, thanks in part to the efforts of the construction crew at the Otter Creek Wind Farm. Construction crewmembers spent a Saturday in August volunteering with other community members to assemble a new swing set, merry go round, and slide for kids in the community. The town purchased the equipment, but Avangrid Renewables employees and our contractors were happy to go above and beyond by assembling the new equipment so that kids in Ransom have a new, safe place to play. 🌱

Representative Deb Haaland Climbs Avangrid Renewables Turbine at El Cabo Wind Farm

We welcomed Congresswoman Deb Haaland (D-NM) to the El Cabo Wind Farm in August. Rep. Haaland, who represents the district where we operate El Cabo, was led on a tour by plant manager Cody Herring, and at the end of the tour, Rep. Haaland became the first sitting U.S. member of congress to climb one of our wind turbines. That's no small feat – at the tip of the rotating blades, the Siemens Gamesa turbines at El Cabo are 450 feet tall. "Anyone who doesn't want wind energy should come out here and see for themselves how sensible it is. This wind farm is not disrupting the land. It brings good jobs and lots of tax revenue to these communities," said Representative Haaland.



El Cabo is expected to deliver at least \$60.5 million in lease and payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the community over 25 years. Project construction involved spending more than \$15 million locally, and more than 13 local companies were employed in building the project. It's located approximately 90 miles east of Albuquerque, N.M., features 142 turbines and has a capacity of 298 megawatts, or enough to power about 90,000 homes.

Representative Haaland visited El Cabo as a part of American Wind Week in August, an initiative of the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA). The week was a celebration of wind power and its emergence as the leading source of renewable electricity in the United States. Wind power provides 14% of electricity in New Mexico and the El Cabo Wind Farm is the largest wind facility in the state. "I'm committed to helping our nation reduce its carbon output, and one way to do that is to support more renewable energy projects like this one." said Haaland. The El Cabo wind farm began operating at the end of 2017. 🌱

Avangrid Renewables Partners with Berkshire Gas for Day of Action with Cellist Yo Yo Ma

Berkshire Gas and Avangrid Renewables furthered their collaborative efforts by teaming up recently in support of a global initiative headed by internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Berkshire Gas is also a subsidiary of AVANGRID, serving approximately 40,000 customers in a service territory of western Massachusetts adjacent to our Hoosac Wind Farm, which is in the towns of Florida and Monroe.

The initiative, known as a "The Bach Project," is part of Ma's two-year global journey to connect the world through culture and build cooperation and togetherness. The event, which included a volunteer "Day of Action" was held Sunday, August 10 at the Pittsfield Common in Pittsfield, Mass. Ma is a part-time nearby resident. **(continued, pg 4)**

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"There is too much division in the world today, and this is about us coming together," Ma told his audience on the Common.

Ma will give 36 performances of Bach's six suites for solo cello across six continents, coupled with Days of Action seeking to "put culture in action by bringing people and organizations together to address pressing social issues" and "invite us all to think differently about the role of culture in society." To date, Days of Action have taken place in Germany, India, Peru, Chile, Austria, Greece and the United States. Over the next two months, events will be held in Lebanon, South Korea and Australia. The Project concludes in 2020.

In Pittsfield, more than 200 representatives and volunteers from 36 businesses and organizations, including Berkshire Gas and Hoosac Wind Farm staff, participated on teams building tables made from Berkshire ash as the focus of the Pittsfield Day of Action. The event also featured several discussion panels where local social issues were explored. The finished tables, which were signed by each team member and Ma, will be sent to local nonprofit organizations with the hope that the Day of Action's message will live on.

After the table-building and mural-making, Ma shepherded the crowd to a spot on the Common where he planted a tree. After a moment of silence in honor of the victims of substance abuse, gun violence and the harm caused to immigrant communities, Ma sat down beside the freshly planted tree and treated the crowd to a Bach solo. 🌱



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