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Project

**Intertribal COUP/Rosebud Sioux Environmental Justice Revitalization
Project Tribal Wind Power Demonstration Project Plan**

They have committed to the utility-scale development of tribal wind resources on the reservations in the northern Great Plains.



Project description

The Intertribal Council On Utility Policy (COUP) and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe through its Tribal Utility Commission are the sponsors of this environmental justice wind power development plan. Since 1995, the Rosebud Sioux and other COUP Tribes have committed to the utility-scale development of tribal wind resources on the reservations in the northern Great Plains, which are estimated to have hundreds of gigawatts of potential. This project includes the integration of large-scale distributed tribal wind generation with the federal transmission grids.

The COUP project team developed the COUP Plan that encourages tribally-owned development of wind power on Indian Reservations as a viable strategy for building sustainable tribal economies. Tens of thousands of tribal members on 20 reservations can benefit directly from new, sustainable jobs brought to their high unemployment communities, and from the power and health benefits from local clean energy generation. Then there are the untold numbers who will benefit from the greenhouse gas mitigation derived from displacing CO₂ intensive fossil generation with clean wind power.



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