Officials to tour site

MONTEREY — The McBride family, which owns Highland New Wind Development, LLC, has agreed to allow county officials to tour the site where the company proposes to construct a 20-turbine wind generating facility.

A tour of the property — Tamarack and Red Oak Knob on Allegheny Mountain — has been scheduled for supervisors and planning commission members on Tuesday, Sept. 21. This tour constitutes a continued meeting of both boards, and is therefore open to the public.

The McBrides have agreed to the date, and asked that those who wish to join the tour sign up three days in advance. If too many people sign up, the family will ask the tour be confined to an area closer to their home from which the sites for wind turbines will be visible, for safety purposes.

The officials' joint meeting will also include a visit to neighboring landowners Pendleton Goodall and Tom Brody, who also live on Allegheny Mountain.

Supervisors and planners will depart from Monterey at 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Anyone who wishes to go may meet at the county courthouse at that time; four-wheel-drive vehicles are recommended.

County administrator Roberta Lambert says those interested in attending must sign up at her office no later than 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 (today). To sign up, call her office at (540) 468-2347, or e-mail: hcboard@htcnet.org, or sign up in person. "Please include your name, address, and telephone number," she says, and call her for more information.

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