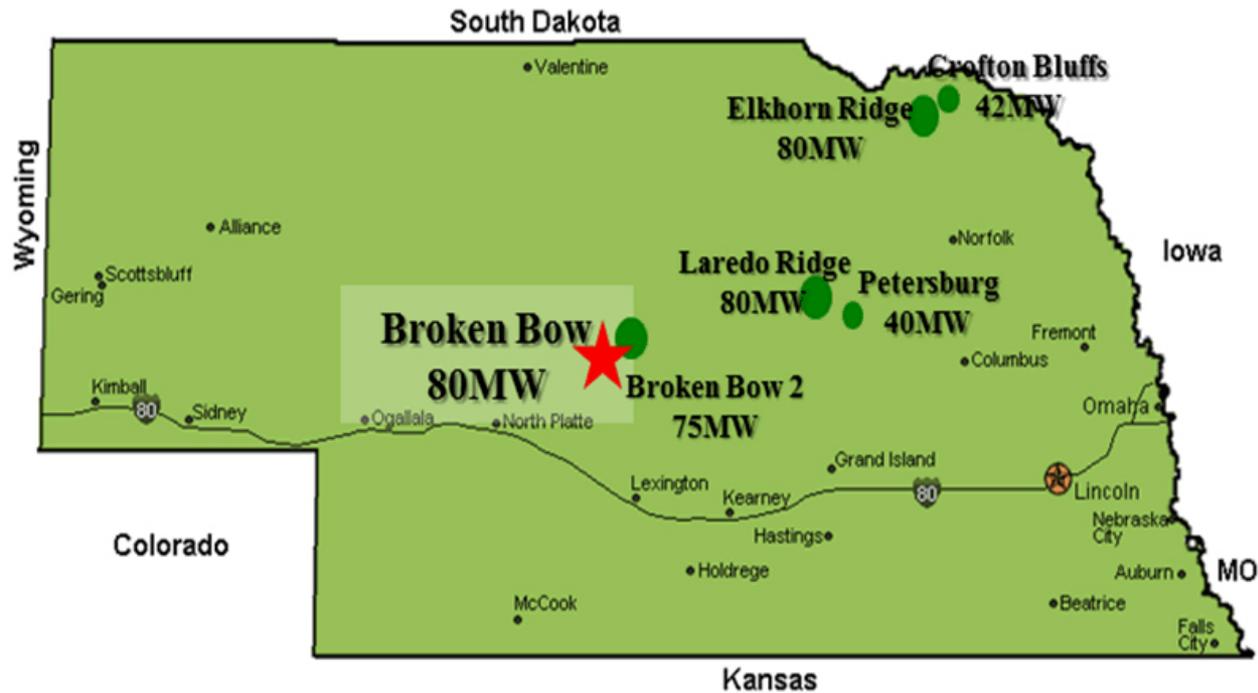


Post-Construction Monitoring and Agency Collaboration on Nebraska Wind Farms

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EME Wind Farms in Nebraska



EME Nebraska Wind Farms

- Laredo Ridge (2009)
 - 81 Megawatts
 - 28,350 homes
- Elkhorn Ridge (2010)
 - 81 Megawatts
 - 28,350 homes
- Broken Bow (2012)
 - 80 Megawatts
 - 28,000 homes
- Crofton Bluffs (2012)
 - 40 Megawatts
 - 14,000 homes



Nebraska-A Great Place to Do Business

- Nebraska Public Power District 20 year Power Purchase Agreement
- Agencies at state and federal level work well together
 - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
 - USFWS
- Support from Governor Dave Heineman



American Wind Wildlife Institute Member

- Great organization with stakeholders from eNGOs, government, industry
- Scientific consortium
- Developing useful tools and information for wind industry



Previous post-construction monitoring

Excellent results at both
Elkhorn Ridge and
Laredo Ridge during
post-construction
monitoring



Post-construction Monitoring at New Sites

- Broken Bow and Crofton Bluffs
- Commences in Spring 2013
- 1 year, with another year if significant biological findings



Post-construction Monitoring: Broken Bow/Crofton

- In accordance with new USFWS Land-based Wind Energy Guidelines
- Monitoring includes spring, summer, and fall monitoring for birds

