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In 1988 with 6,062 of the turbines branded in the media, as being so deadly to raptors, **the USFWS reported 29 eagle carcasses killed by Altamont turbines.**

RESOURCE AREA									
Altamont									
1st Quarter	671,600	17,200	86,378,826	71	6	67*	6,782	162	
2nd Quarter	635,090	1,200	294,968,833	63	22	241*	6,613	12	
3rd Quarter	652,225	15,800	397,657,941	78	29	311*	6,356	156	
4th Quarter	623,400	17,500	135,169,195	115	10	106*	6,062	175	
1988 Totals	623,400	51,700	914,174,795	75	17	725*	6,062	505	

2013- 2014 eagle carcass numbers given to Jim Wiegand by the USFWS in Oct 2015, 33 and 37 an increase of 20 percent. Keep in mind these eagle fatality numbers are with the new "bird friendlier turbines" that have been installed and large sections of Altamont out of service during this time due to construction.

As quoted from USFWS....."Below is a monthly break-down for Altamont dating back to 2013 regarding eagle fatalities. I can not guarantee these numbers are exact, but I am confident that they are certainly close. I hi-lited the highest count (June 2014). If Jim W has a particularly month of interest, or identifies a possible shorted count, it is possible we have an independent record further accounted for in a specific INV."

February 2013: 4
March 2013: 3
April 2013: 3
May 2013: 1
June 2013: 3
July 2013: 2
August 2013: 5
September 2013: 5
October 2013: 6
November 2013: 1
December 2013: 0

January 2014: 1
February 2014: 0
March 2014: 4
April 2014: 3
May 2014: 5
June 2014: 8
July 2014: 3
August 2014: 2
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The windmills in the Altamont
 re killing eagles and other rap-
 rs by the dozens.
 Twenty-nine golden eagles

were reportedly found dead as
 the result of collisions with the
 Altamont's windmills last year.
 Since the killing of these birds

is punishable under federal law,
 the wind power companies face
 possible penalties.
 But in an attempt to find a

long-range solution to the pro-
 blem, the California Energy
 Commission has launched a two-
 year study.
 The study, which began in

All raptors, not just eagles, are flying into the windmills, said Peters.

"But the eagles are of special concern," he observed. "There just aren't that many around."

The figure of the 29 golden eagles killed in 1988 is reportedly part of a mortality count by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The statistics were shared at a recent meeting of the technical advisory committee.

Stanley Pruszenski of U.S. Fish and Wildlife indicated that his agency regards the problem as an extremely serious one. "We're looking on the study as a criminal investigation," he asserted.

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