



**1. Why did you write *Saving Paradise*?**

To help save what's left of this paradise – this magnificent earth we are destroying. As a Colorado environmentalist this is very significant to me. And specifically to expose the huge fraud of industrial wind power. That it is not “green” or “renewable”. It's an environmental, social and financial disaster, and a political-corporate scam.

**2. Why did you write it as an eco-thriller, rather than non-fiction?**

Because it makes reading about environment and politics enjoyable and easier to learn about.

**3. If wind power is a catastrophe, why do some environmentalists approve it?**

More and more environmentalists do not. Many are becoming aware that wind power is a greater danger to birds than DDT, that it is wiping out whole species, including many rare and endangered birds and bats. Great Britain has just cancelled all future wind projects, the Environmental Minister stating that wind projects cause more environmental impacts than climate change. This is becoming a common awareness.

**4. In *Saving Paradise* you say that wind power doesn't reduce greenhouse gases or fossil fuel use – why is that?**

Because wind is so erratic, fossil fuel plants have to back up wind projects in order to keep a level amount of power flowing into the grid. In many cases they burn more fuel, and create more CO<sub>2</sub>, than if the wind project didn't exist. That is why nearly all countries worldwide are halting wind projects.

**5. You add that wind power is a political-corporate fraud – how?**

It is well-known in Washington that wind projects don't reduce greenhouse gases or fossil fuel use, but Congress, as part of the fiscal cliff legislation, has just passed a \$12 billion subsidy that pays up to 80% of the costs of wind projects. This despite nearly a million letters, petition signatures and emails from people opposing wind power because of its social

and environmental impacts. With the national debt at \$16 trillion, this money can never be repaid. We'll be paying interest on it forever.

**6. Why would Congress do this?**

Because it was heavily lobbied by Big Oil and the foreign energy companies that own or build most U.S. wind projects. British Petroleum – who gave us the Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill – has many U.S. wind projects. Siemens, Iberdrola, Sempra, Statoil – the big wind power players, are all foreign companies. For them, wind power is corporate welfare; they get U.S. taxpayer subsidies and loan guarantees, billion-dollar profits, and risk nothing.

**7. In *Saving Paradise*, you discuss the “slimy symbiosis between corporations and politicians” – isn't this a bit strange for an eco-thriller?**

It takes millions of dollars today to buy a Senate or Congressional seat, so most Senators and Congress members are fully owned by the lobbyists and corporation that fund their campaigns. And essential things like education, health, infrastructure, national defense and environmental protection are underfunded while the politicians pay off their corporate contributors with subsidies like wind power.

**8. The hero of *Saving Paradise* is a Special Forces Afghanistan veteran – why did you pick him?**

Because of my own involvement in the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars, and my disgust about how they were fought and why. And because I wanted to emphasize the plight of our veterans today. We ask them to risk their lives and maybe die, but when they come home we ignore them, or give them a minimal allowance if they're injured for life, while our corporate-political elite ships their jobs to China.

**9. As a long-time environmental activist with many environmental victories, and a former Sierra Club writer, you oppose the Sierra Club – why?**

The Sierra Club recently admitted they've taken \$28 million from the natural gas lobby for not opposing fracking. Now they're taking donations from the industrial wind companies for backing wind subsidies, even though they know that wind power is a huge fraud and environmental disaster. The Sierra Club has become the ally of corporations against the environment. John Muir and Dave Brower would be disgusted.

**10. So wind power is not the answer to climate change – what is?**

We need to install solar on every rooftop in America. It's cheap and getting cheaper. That would cut our daytime electricity use to nearly nothing. Colorado is perfect for solar, but the utilities don't want it because they depend on the captive customer to pay for their huge infrastructure and for their billions in debt, their corporate bonuses and stock options. We have to replace centralized generation with rooftop solar. That's Colorado's future.