

Take a lesson from Wyoming

[James Bruggers covered coal's decline and the development of wind and solar](#). He could have mentioned Wyoming where coal is

failing, but wind resources and improvements in wind turbines allow Wyoming to become a powerhouse of wind electricity.

Wyoming's Republican governor, a CPP opponent, wants Wyoming to benefit from economic opportunities inherent in wind. I was impressed: a Republican Governor who opposes CPP regulations nonetheless sees the economic sense in encouraging Wyoming's endlessly plentiful wind resource.

Also, Wyoming's biggest land owner, a conservative Republican, is a major donor to conservative causes. He's developing a Wyoming wind farm to produce enough electricity for about 1 million homes, and a power line to Las Vegas and California. Political allegiance doesn't keep him from making sound financial decisions.

We're solving design issues with affordable car and house batteries to store electricity from renewables. But storing renewable electricity for large utility power purposes is still problematic. Engineers suggested that old coal mines could be turned into giant-sized ideal batteries.

Perhaps a financially astute conservative investor will work with your governor to convert old coal mines into giant batteries.

The times are changing. Sometimes, we can dodge change, but sometimes we're better off going with the flow.

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