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Economic Study On Possibility of Wind Over Coal

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An environmental group presented a "check" to Raleigh County commissioners.

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BECKLEY- -- Community organizers with the Coal River Mountain Wind Project now have the results of an economic study that was conducted this past summer.

Tuesday, those results were presented to the Raleigh County Commission. Downstream Strategies out of Morgantown did the study, they found that wind development is a better economic option than mountaintop removal.

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The organizers propose the commission support a wind farm on Coal River Mountain rather than mountaintop removal.

The organizers say the county would bring in nearly \$2 million in tax revenue from the wind farm every year, as opposed to \$36,000 in coal severance taxes.

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