BLACK RIDGE
RENEWABLE PROJECT

FACT SHEET

Investing in the Future of Apache County

The Black Ridge project is a proposed 1,150 MW renewable energy development near the city of St. Johns in Apache County. The project will include wind turbines, solar generators and a battery energy storage facility, located on private, state and federal land.

The Black Ridge project is an investment in the future of Apache County, creating new opportunities while continuing the community's legacy of hosting energy plants. Black Ridge will interconnect to the transmission system at the Springerville substation, utilizing existing electrical infrastructure.

Each wind turbine uses an acre or less, which enables landowners to continue grazing livestock around them, preserving the county's tradition of ranching and grazing.

Triple Oak Power is dedicated to responsible project siting and development. We engage with community stakeholders early and throughout this process while gathering feedback to make adjustments where appropriate.

BENEFITS

Jobs and Opportunities

Black Ridge will create hundreds of construction jobs, as well as 12–15 permanent operations & maintenance jobs. We are committed to working with local partners like economic development organization REAL AZ to develop job training opportunities to help the county meet its goals of prioritizing sustainability and creating jobs. The construction of a renewable energy project, expected to last 12–24 months, also generates economic opportunities for area service industries, such as hotels, grocery stores and restaurants.

Local Schools

Black Ridge is working with local leaders to ensure revenues from the project will directly benefit the Apache County school districts. By committing to direct payments, Black Ridge can ensure new revenue stays in Apache County to support the community's students and educators.

Public Safety Services

The Black Ridge team is in discussions with Vernon and Concho rural fire districts on the best way to fund additional staff, equipment and training to expand local service capabilities. Adding crucial public safety resources will help provide even better services throughout the county, benefiting all residents.

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WHAT'S BEEN DONE SO FAR?

- The Black Ridge team has worked since 2021 with local landowners, county and community leaders and the state and federal government on the early stages of the project.
- Since late 2021 we have been measuring the wind and solar resource for the project. In 2022, we also began bird and eagle surveys, as well as other environmental studies. Our studies to date indicate the project area is appropriate for renewable generation.
- Black Ridge sponsors the St. Johns High School football team as well as the Apache County Fair and 4H.
- We have received permits for initial testing and monitoring from both the Bureau of Land Management and the Arizona State Lands Department. We will work towards permits and authorizations project rights of way from both agencies.
- We hired lifelong and second-generation St. Johns resident Malena Hannah in 2024 to support the project locally as a community liaison.
- Black Ridge has joined REAL AZ, the economic development organization for Northeast Arizona, and supports their work to bring other new employers to the area as well.
- We have reached out to regional tribes to introduce Triple Oak and the Black Ridge Project. Formal tribal consultation will be part of the federal NEPA process, led by the Bureau of Land Management.

WHAT'S NEXT?

In 2025, Black Ridge will fund restoration of a historic building owned by the Apache County Historical Society Museum. Black Ridge has leased a portion of the building for the project.

Extensive project studies and permitting work continue. The federal, state and county processes are expected to take 2–3 years, with construction anticipated in late 2027. The results of these studies will be made public as part of this process and Black Ridge's commitment to transparency.

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ABOUT TRIPLE OAK

Triple Oak's mission is to develop sustainable energy plants. With decades of wind development and power market experience among its leadership and team, Triple Oak develops wind power and other clean energy technologies. Driven by core values of transparency, experience and diversity, Triple Oak is committed to building a more equitable power system for customers while investing in communities.

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