

Dear Mr. Burack and Mr. Roth:

Here is my letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers regarding my thoughts about the proposed wind project in Coos County, NH. Thank you for taking the time to read it.

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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
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Attn: Richard Roach
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RE: File #NAE-2008-410
Proposed Coos County, NH wind energy facility

Dear Mr. Roach:

I was dismayed to read about the request of Granite Reliable Power/Noble Environmental Power for a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fill in 14 acres of waters and wetlands in conjunction with the development of a proposed wind energy facility in Coos County, NH. The area to be filled would affect many tributaries of the Androscoggin and Upper Ammonoosuc Rivers in several New Hampshire towns.

I personally am not against wind power but I feel strongly that great care should be taken to site such facilities where the least amount of harm to wildlife habitat would take place. I have taken many vacations in northern New Hampshire and it is a beautiful unspoiled area that should be protected from industrial development. Most of the people visiting the area do so because of its natural beauty and they enjoy fishing, snowmobiling, hunting, moose watching, photography, hiking, etc. The building and presence of an industrial wind facility would be detrimental to many of those activities. I fear a project of this magnitude would cripple the tourist trade in an area that is depending on it for survival.

The proposed project will irreparably harm several endangered species of birds and mammals. The filling of wetlands will jeopardize the health of wetlands, creeks and rivers far downstream from the actual site. The massive wind turbines will be an eyesore on the beautiful ridgelines in the midst of a pristine forested area full of wildlife.

I feel that if 14 acres of wetlands need to be filled to allow an industrial project to proceed, then that is obviously not the best site for such a project both from an economic standpoint and an environmental standpoint. There are no other sites in northern New Hampshire that would be less harmful to the environment and more cost effective to build turbines??

For the above reasons, I feel that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers should deny a permit to Granite Reliable Power/Noble Environmental Power to fill waters and wetlands in Coos County for their proposed wind facility. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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