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To: SEC, 29 Hazen Drive  
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Dear Site Evaluation Committee,

Please do not erect wind towers in Coos County. This region is the finest landmass in the state, and arguably all of New England. I have personally traversed nearly every square mile of this county on my mountain bike--solo. I can attest to the uniqueness of New Hampshire's last dead end valley, Phillips Brook backcountry. I have been on all of the mountains that you propose to construct 410 foot towers, have pedaled all of the dirt roads and snow trails, and know physically and spiritually just how important this wilderness is to citizens of New Hampshire, to the animals, and, to the tourists.

This project will ruin the entire pureness which exists hardly anywhere else today. Everybody who visits New England does so because they know and feel the lure of our great Whites and the surrounding natural forests and waterways. I have survived many near death experiences while adventuring in Coos and do not sleep a night without the dreams of those intangible, sights sounds, and emotions of the high country, remote wilderness, which have pulled me through time and again--when death seemed like a sure thing.

These lands in Dixville, Dummer, Millsfield, Odell, Stark and the connected peaks, ponds and streams are special...and represent a last vestige of the Northern Forest, untouched beyond logging interests and the outdoor enjoyment. The value of having wildness kept for our children and the grands is far too important to lose for the sketchy benefits that may come from the proposed project. In fact, Coos County could very well end up with a net loss in revenue because of the damaging effects that this proposal could have on the overall economy--long term.

Finally, I will say as a teacher and writer that I will never, never, forgive the state if this mistake is made and it becomes the beginning of the end of New Hampshire's last wild territory. I implore you to reconsider. Thank you for hearing my position.

Respectfully,



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