



The Whitefield Historical Society
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Mr. Timothy W. Drew, Administrator
Public Information and Permitting Unit
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Dear Mr. Drew,

The Whitefield Historical Society was formed in 1981 to bring together people interested in history, and especially the history of Whitefield.

A major part of the history of Whitefield revolves around tourism. Beginning in the mid-1860's with the opening of the Mountain View House, people have come to Whitefield to enjoy the mountain scenery. These views have brought people to Whitefield ever since. Today, the Mountain View Grand, successor to the Mountain View House, attracts numerous visitors throughout the year.

The Northern Pass project as proposed would place steel lattice towers at a height of about 100 feet across the Town. Transmission towers now in the Town are at a height of 45 to 55 feet high, which is lower than the trees on the edges of the right-of-way. The towers for the proposed line would rise above the tree line. The views from the Mountain View Grand could be compromised by the line of towers for Northern Pass.

Presently the lines cross Routes US 3 and NH 116. Under the proposed plan the poles for this transmission line will be replaced by higher poles, and the 100 foot steel lattice towers for Northern Pass will be added. This will provide a congested view at the Route 3 crossing to the many people travelling this part of the highway.

The steel lattice towers will be highly visible in the areas just West of Burns Lake and Forest Lake, important tourist areas in the Town.

The Town of Whitefield has been experiencing difficult economic times with the loss of businesses. The one bright spot has been the renovation of the Mountain View Grand and the number of people who visit there. We do not need anything to impede the visits there.

We ask that you consider the burial of the Northern Pass along the entire route. We would like to have everyone along the route of the Northern Pass be treated in the same manner by burying this line.

Sincerely,

Lise Moran, President