

Hi Pamela,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Northern Pass project as proposed. My husband and I are landowners in Stark where we have owned a summer home since 1991. It is a 3 1/2 hour drive from Massachusetts but we feel it is so worth it when we arrive there. We drive up almost every week from Spring through Fall.

We chose this area for the beautiful views, wilderness, wildlife, and lack of development. I was horrified to see that the proposed route would bring these enormous, ugly, imposing towers along scenic route 110. Any person involved in deciding the outcome of this project should be required to take a drive along the route to see the unfortunate impact these towers would have on the area. They would drive along the Upper Amonusc River through the quaint town of Stark with its historic covered bridge, steepled church and the imposing Percy peaks in the background. I believe this is also considered a scenic byway: the lovely vistas would be decimated and overwhelmed by the proposed looming towers. Already the wind towers in Dummer and Millsfield along the Androscoggin River have erased the sense of pure beauty and wilderness the area used to have. The ugly turbines mar the landscape where we have seen bald eagles and osprey nesting, not to mention the many deer and moose in the area. Now we are constantly reminded of civilization with its unquenchable need for energy.

We came to the North country for the beauty and wildness of the area and have sadly seen its slow degradation. Unfortunately, it's as if the big corporations and developers see this regional "expendable" We had planned to retire there but if this debacle goes through as planned, we would definitely change our plans. I think it would also lower property values in the area, and there also would go our contributions to the already depressed economy there. I also plan to notify my fellow camp owners in the area to strongly object.

I urge you to say no to Northern Pass as planned. I guess the second option would be to bury the entire line but that would also be such a disruption to the area.

Please don't let them shove this disaster down our throats just because they consider us (and this region) not important enough to listen to.

Thank you advance for listening.

Sincerely,

Concerned property owners

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