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Hello,

I am an avid hiker, outdoors person, and AMC member, who comes to NH among the White Mountains, the seacoast, southern NH, and surrounding areas with my children and grandchildren all the time. I am writing in opposition to the proposed Northern Pass project, and in support of the AMC and 31 other communities who have spoken out against the proposed Northern Pass project that will erect towers up to 160 feet tall from northern Coos County to Deerfield, NH.

As someone who visits almost every county that will be affected by this project several times a year, and as someone who comes here with her grown children and grandchildren to these areas to enjoy the experiences I have had, there are several reasons why I am NOT in support of Northern Pass.

1) This 192 mile project will affect not only the land which is clear cut, but the wildlife and citizens of these spaces as well. This will disturb the scenic and cultural values of New Hampshire's landscape.

2) Clear-cutting 40 new miles of right-of-way in Coos County, and building more than 1100 new steel lattice or monopole towers up to 160 feet high on existing right of way through 132 miles of New Hampshire will affect tourism in the area. Most (including myself) come to NH to experience (and enjoy) the outdoors. Destroying 192 miles of largely wild land will greatly change the undeveloped and remote character that we come to enjoy, and therefore will impact tourism and visitors coming to New Hampshire.

3) The failure of the applicant to consider alternatives that would avoid or minimize impacts to New Hampshire, such as burying all 192 miles within already disturbed transportation corridors. This solution, while not perfect, would help preserve so much of what we love about New Hampshire and the places tourists frequent.

Thank you for your time and consideration on opposing the Northern Pass project in its current form,
Iris Quinones