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For nearly twenty years, I have been a Boy Scout Troop leader bring youth from the Boston area (Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Revere, East Boston) to camp and hike in New Hampshire. This exposure to the beauty of the natural world is often the first time the scout gets away from the noise, pollution and crowding of the city. They are enchanted by the quiet beauty of nature. It can be a life changing experience.

I join with the Appalachian Mountain club in opposition to the Northern Pas Transmission project. The amount of wilderness in the Northeast is limited, we cannot afford to lose any of it. The experience of being in a wilderness area away from the signs of the modern world, transmission lines and cell towers is the unique opportunity that we can easily lose. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

In the words of the conservationist Aldo Leopold, we must learn to thing like a mountain- viewing the consequences of our actions in a long time frame. The project will supply an immediate need, but at the cost of a permanent loss of wilderness. As we move to other energy sources in the future, our children and their children may find the Northern Pass Transmission project a useless ugly scar in what was a beautiful wilderness.

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