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NH Site Evaluation Committee
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RE: Northern Pass, Comment on behalf of Colebrook Fire Department

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to relay the concerns of the Colebrook Fire Department with regard to the possible future construction and operation of the Northern Pass project. The Colebrook Fire Dept. does not take a position for or against the project, but does have the following concerns if the project moves forward, and will insist upon mitigation of these concerns within its jurisdiction. Colebrook Fire Dept. is responsible for a large geographic area within the scope of the Northern Pass project, and the department's responsibility to protect and serve is not diminished but would be greatly affected by the presence of such a project.

-- Construction truck traffic will pose a hazard and obstacle to any response of the Colebrook Fire Dept during the phase of construction. Frequent communication between the CFD, the local dispatch center, and the supervision of the construction project will be paramount, especially if there are to be detours, road closures, etc. Response times will be affected, as will routes of travel that are not the norm.

-- If individual driveways and/or sections of road have been blocked or are dug out, steel crossing plates of adequate width and strength need to be available and laid down so that emergency apparatus can get across and access any residence or area.

-- Frequent and ongoing communication between the project supervisors and the CFD and dispatch center cannot be stressed enough. All other concerns can be lessened by proper and good communication if the project moves forward.

Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (603) 237-5504.

Sincerely,

Brett A. Brooks
Chief of Department

cc: Town of Colebrook