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I am totally against the. Northern Pass project anywhere in NH.

I live in the fourth house from the current power lines as they come thru Turtle Town Pond on Oak Hill Rd. I have never received any abutter notices in the mail.

Last year, replacement of a few poles for maintenance purposes was done in the Pond area and that was very disruptive during the process. Several huge trucks lumbering up my road past my house shook the ground. They sped through the narrow winding road with hills and knolls and limited vision for any other approaching vehicles. The marshland vegetation was covered with boarding similar to railroad ties. This was a long process of unloading the ties with a cherry picker type truck, moving them into line with multiple layers to absorb the heavy equipment that needed to drive over them to get to the necessary pole locations. The road was one lane for quite a time which impacts during this process. Residents beyond the pond don't have an alternative route to Concord and elsewhere without major detours. We can't just go down another street.

I currently enjoy walking up Oak Hill Road to the boat access ramp, Appleton Street, the Batchelder Mill Trails and the Broken Ground Trails. They all have brooks and waterways that will be impacted by further disruptive of the vegetation and water at Turtle Town Pond. That temporary path that mashed down the vegetation is still visible.

I also understand that a wider path will be necessary to be cleared of vegetation which destroys and disrupts habitation for wildlife, big and small, and water life i.e fish, turtles etc. I have seen a Blanding's Turtle which is an endangered species cross the road from the pond to the wetlands in the opposite side.

The current power line poles were here when I moved into my house 30+ years ago. With tree growth behind me I no longer see any of them but it would definitely change if the Northern Pass was allowed to come through on taller poles. It would also reduce the value of my home for resale and reduce the interested buyer circle.

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