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I have just learned that the US DOE has overridden the people of the State of NH, in approving a "presidential permit" for Northern Pass. The DOE itself had previously stated that the power lines would:

1. Cause adverse impacts to tourism and recreation.
2. Negatively affect the historic context of architectural resources.
3. Cause impacts to vegetated habitats and land disturbance, impacting archeological resources and wildlife, including protected species.
4. Result in long-term wetlands impacts as compared to the other action alternatives.

The Site Evaluation committee still has witnesses scheduled to testify! Clearly, they have not yet completed their review, and the issuance of this presidential permit is premature.

There is strong public opposition to Northern Pass in New Hampshire. This project, if allowed to go forward, would have an irretrievable negative impact on the landscape of NH, will NOT provide long term jobs in the numbers that have been touted, and the power generated does not even benefit NH residents. The farmers and people living in Coos County will be the worst affected by this, at least in the short term, and it is beyond comprehension how this is to be ignored. Coos County is the poorest, most rural of NH's counties, and the farmers there should not be subjected to the degradation of their land, which they value more than anything.

This appears to be yet another bullying effort by those in power to ram something down the throats of those who oppose it. This is NOT how democracy is supposed to work, and is an outrageous overstepping of (so-called) authority. This project is NOT in the "public interest" but rather, it's in the interest of the monied class.

NH is a lovely, primarily rural State, and to be defiled by huge power lines running the length of the State is a travesty. This power line does NH no good, and in fact, does incalculable harm to the landscape so many of us love and hold dear.