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Request for Project Review

TO: Bill Butler, DEP; Dave Waddell, DEP; John Hopek, DEP; Steve Walker, IFW; Kathy Eickenburg, BPL; Robin Reed, MHPC; Mark McCollough, USFWS; Jay Clement, ACOE

FROM: Erle Townsend, Project Manager **DATE:** **January 23, 2009**

This constitutes a request for your agency's review of the project identified below and your submission of comments in accordance with our Memorandum of Agreement on Project Reviews. Questions may be directed to the DEP Project Manager, Erle Townsend, Bureau of Land & Water Quality, at 991-8078/ erle.townsend@maine.gov .

The deadline for agency comments is **March 1, 2009** or *ASAP*. All recipients should have received application materials directly from the applicant. The application can be seen in its entirety on line at www.maine.gov/dep/ftp/WindPowerProjectFiles/CantonMountainWind/

Project		Applicant	
Number:	L-25557-24-A-N & L-25558-TB-B-N	Name:	Canton Mountain Wind LLC
Name:	Canton Mountain Wind Project	Contact:	Kathleen Miller Tetra Tech EC Inc.
Location:	Canton	Tel #:	207-409-9738

Note to Reviewer: The Department has received and is processing this application. Please let me know if you have not yet received a copy, or if you have any questions or comments. Thank you!

After a thorough review of the above project, as presented to us, and consideration of our agency's standards, programs and responsibilities, the following comments are submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection.

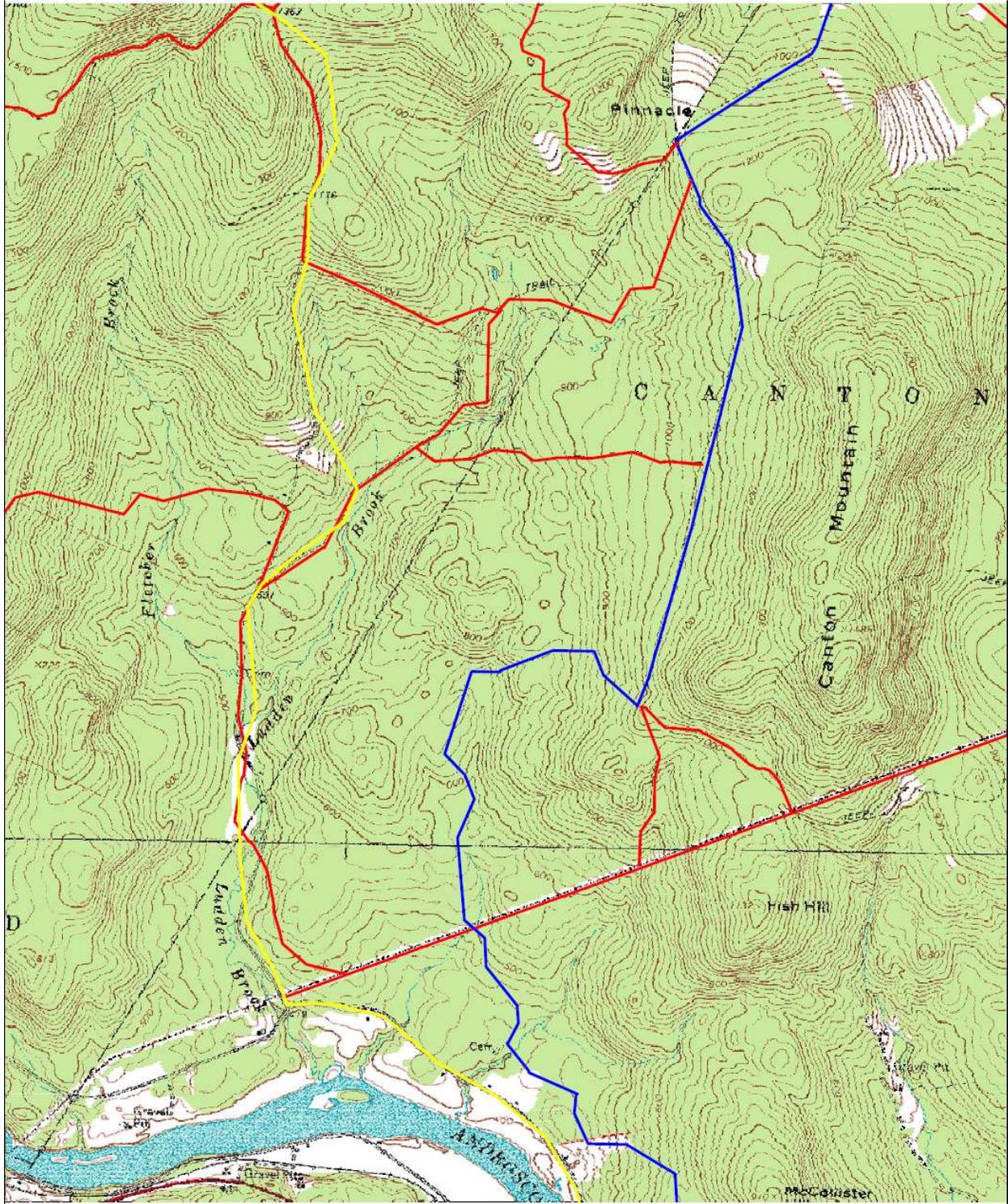
The Bureau of Parks and Lands has reviewed the application and notes that there may be a conflict with existing recreational trails using the road proposed for access.

As shown on the two attached maps, the proposed access road is currently used as an ATV and snowmobile trail. (The ATV trail is yellow on the map and the snowmobile trail is red and the ITS snowmobile trail is blue). Note that the ITS trail crosses the road in question as well and it is closer to the actual location of the proposed wind turbines.

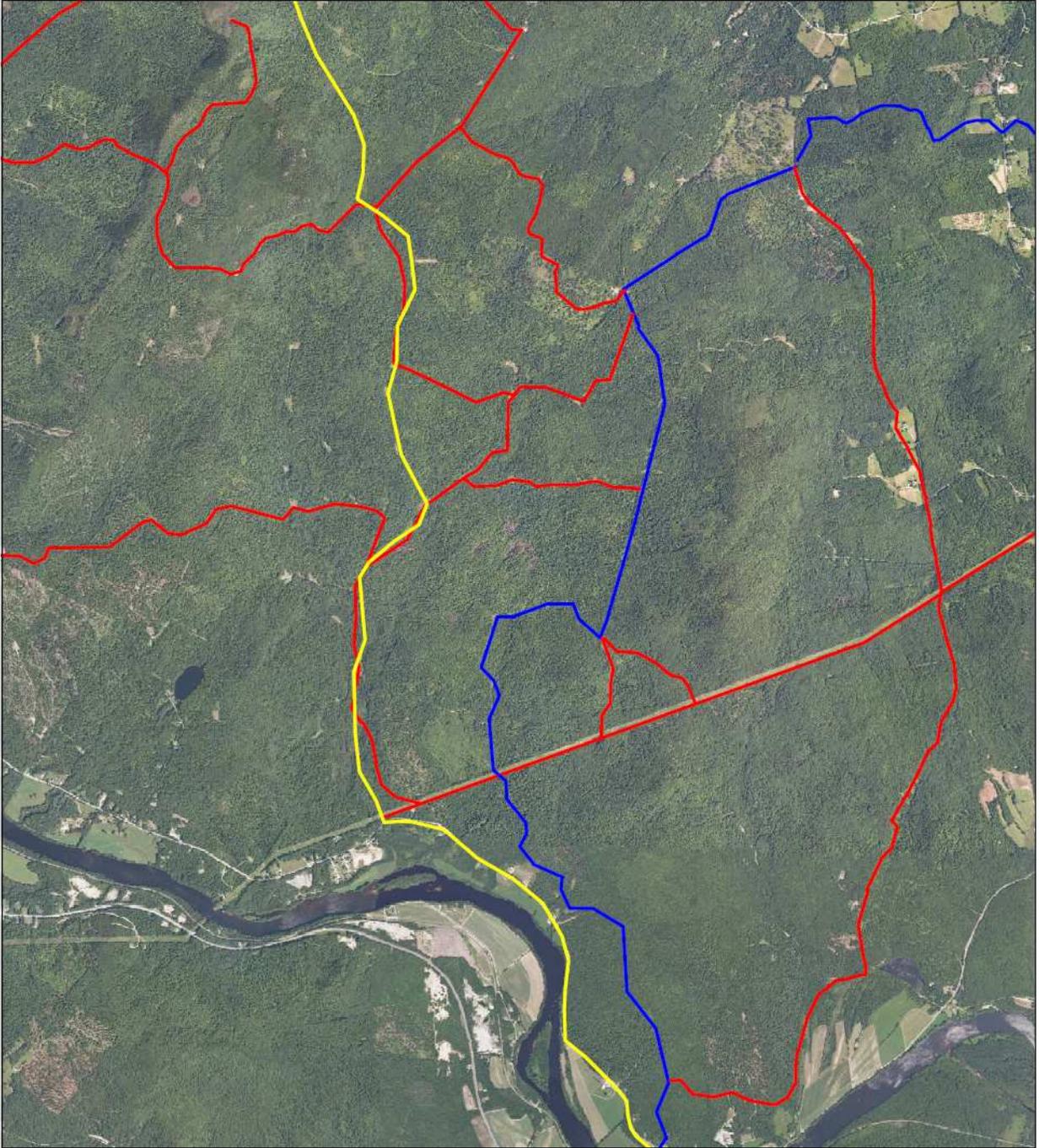
Our Off-Road Vehicle staff believe that the finished project could accommodate ATVs and snowmobiles either on the road or on the transmission line, with planning. The closure during the construction process may be an issue for ATVs since this is the only connection to a network of trails between Livermore and the Andover-Byron area (see attached trail map of the larger region). This assumes snowmobiles would be able to continue to use the ITS location during the entire process.

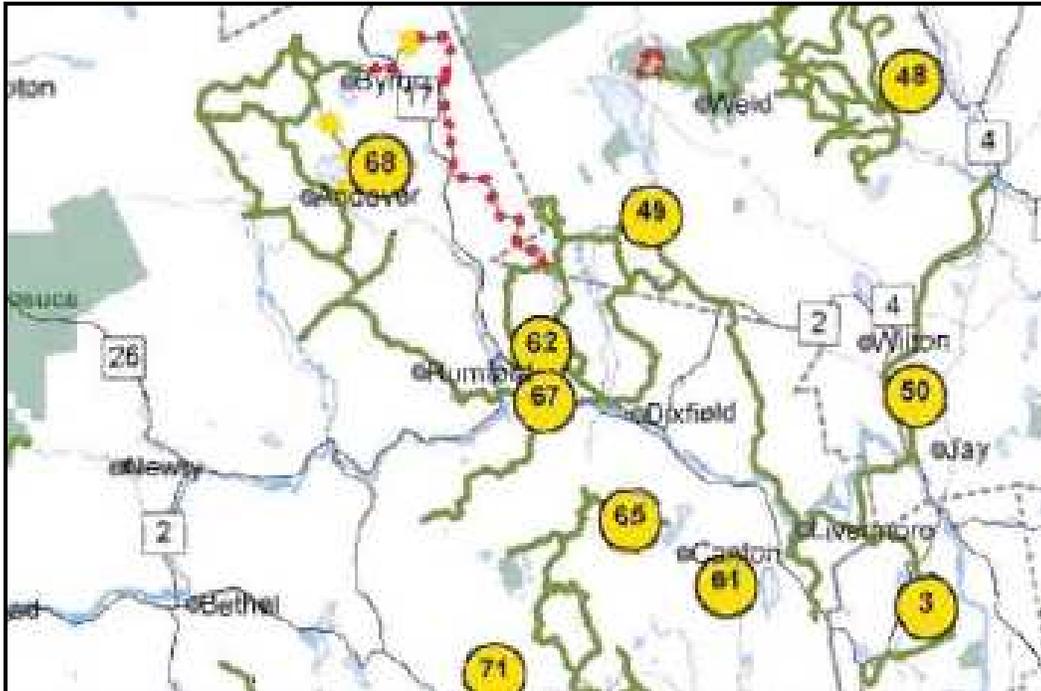
These trails are maintained by the Canton ATV Club and Canton High Riders snowmobile club. Not all of these trails are GPS'd. The Bureau is working with these clubs to get more accurate data. For example,

where the ATV and snowmobile trails appear to be separate but close together they are actually in the same location (one trail).



Yellow = ATV Trail
Red = Club snowmobile trail
Blue = ITS snowmobile trail





The Bureau has no other comments on this project.

Check if requesting copy of draft Findings of Fact and Order.
(Comments must be signed and dated in order to be accepted by this Department)(if additional space is needed, please attach another sheet).

SIGNATURE *Kathy Eickenberg*

DATE: *2-29-12*

Sent electronically – hard copy original with signature to follow.