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## **PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THE WOLFDEN ZONING PETITION**

### **ZP 779, Pickett Mountain Mine, T6 R6 WELS**

**06/23/2021 through 09/01/2021**

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**Maine Land Use Planning Commission  
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission is accepting public comment on the zoning petition filed by Wolfden Mt. Chase, LLC. to allow for development of the Pickett Mountain Mine in T6 R6 WELS. Public comments will be accepted until 10 days following the close of the public hearing for the petition. The public hearing has not yet been scheduled. A public notice for the hearing will be issued later this year in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice, 01-672 CMR 4.

Written comments received on the Wolfden Zoning Petition for the Pickett Mountain Mine will be posted periodically on the LUPC webpage. Information on changes to the webpage and other notifications to interested persons will be distributed through the Maine GovDelivery system.

For more information on the review process, filing public comments, and signing-up for notifications, visit the LUPC webpage at: [https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wolfden/wolfden\\_rezoning.html](https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wolfden/wolfden_rezoning.html).

**From:** [Nick Jenkins](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Re zoning support  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 1:46:53 PM

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As a small business owner I've seen the effects of a poor economy on local communities. I own Statewide Sprayfoam and we operate out of the Brownville/Milo area. Very similar to Patten, these small towns are dying. The lack of job opportunities and financial capital has crippled our local town governments and schools with the lack of tax revenue. The trickle down effect of a project like this is almost unmeasurable. I am in support of the rezoning efforts to the LUPC for Wolfden. Let's breathe a little life into our small remote communities.

Nick Jenkins  
Brownville Maine

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ryan Stroud](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Lupc  
**Date:** Saturday, June 26, 2021 12:45:58 PM

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I think the LUPC should rezone this for Wolfden as an outdoors enthusiast I have fished all over the United States. This area is beautiful. But I also believe we need development in northern Maine. As long as state agencies do their part, this will have little to no impact

Thank you  
Ryan Stroud  
Sebec Maine

**From:** [Matt Brown](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Patten Rezone  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 1:06:18 PM

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I am in favor of you doing the rezone of the land for Wolfden to do the mining project in Patten. I'm for business and responsible development. Especially in Northern Maine. Thank you for your time.

Matt Brown  
Newport Maine

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***Matthew Brown***  
**Broadcast Director**  
***R.S.U. #19***

**From:** [Chris McGary](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** rezoning  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 8:09:29 AM

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My name is Chris McGary and I live in Dover Foxcroft. I am 100% in favor of the rezoning by the LUPC. I am a construction Superintendent.

I see the need for jobs like this in the Patten and southern Aroostook area. We need these skill sets in the market now more than ever.

Christopher McGary  
Dover Foxcroft Resident

**Chris McGary**  
**Superintendent**



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**From:** [Ethan Moulton](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** T6-R6  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 9:49:00 AM

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I'm not sure why this rezoning is even in question. The state legislature passed the regulations for chapter 200 so that we have the systems in place for our environmental protections. Let's let the systems that are in place do what they are designed to. Pass the rezoning and let the DEP do its job.

Ethan Moulton  
Abbot

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Garth Fugel](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 9:56:33 AM

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The way I look at projects like this, is I refer to the people who live in the area who are going to be the most effected. The surrounding towns, businesses and organizations are all in favor of this. That to me says all I need to know. Let's rezone this property and get to work!

Garth Fugel  
Corinth Maine

**From:** [Charles Costello](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Silver mine project  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 30, 2021 3:21:38 PM

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Please stop this insanity and save our land for our children and grandchildren. So NO to BIG SILVER.

Charles costello, Jonesport Maine

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bobby Ade](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Rezoning  
**Date:** Thursday, July 01, 2021 9:03:58 AM

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To whom it may concern; I am a small business owner here in Piscataquis county. I know what it takes to survive in rural Maine. Covid has devastated so many businesses. I was fortunate. My staff and I worked extremely hard and got very creative. It was a blessing. Many others were not so fortunate. However, when I hear about potential businesses coming to rural Maine I get very excited. I was able to be briefed on this project by a friend of mine and excited for this opportunity for growth and development. This sort of thing doesn't come our way all that often. Let's give this thing a chance. The legislature did a tremendous amount of work to enact the strictest standards anywhere in the United States with the Chapter 200 standards. I'm sure this was thought to be the death of mineral mining in Maine. Well, it seems that Wolfden can meet these standards. Can they? I don't know. I'm not an expert in these sorts of things. But why don't we allow the experts have a chance to demonstrate their skills. The rezoning is just the first step. A step in a positive direction for jobs in rural Maine. That I am an expert in. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Bob Ade

Dover Foxcroft

**From:** [Paul Kiernan](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Correspondence for Wolfden Rezoning Petition  
**Date:** Monday, July 05, 2021 6:46:02 PM

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I write to support Wolfden Resource's petition for rezoning, in regards to the company's attempt to bring up-to-date clean and green mining to Maine - particularly with regard to the Pickett Mountain (former Mount Chase) Project in northern Maine.

The latter seems a perfect opportunity, for the state to set an indelible and lofty precedent, re: small footprint, underground mining in the state. The area is a site well-removed from rivers and bays, and the company is committed to using the latest technology, backed by long-term commitments and funding to ensure any/all water used in the process is returned to the ground through proper safeguards - i.e., that same water is returned as clean or cleaner than it originated. The opportunity for the state of Maine and the company is unrivaled, as I am aware. So, the state and the company can set national, even international, precedent, re: how to build, run, and reclaim a modern-functioning mine. As well, the state reaps revenue, as clean mining helps restore jobs lost due to the erosion of paper companies through digitalization.

Great opportunity lies right before us, to see how technological advancements can contribute to the 'greening' of our economy. Wolfden Resources is poised to reap the very minerals (Nickel, Copper, Silver, Zinc) that allow replacement of carbon-burning fuels. Pickett Mountain allows Wolfden the opportunity to showcase clean mining, while contributing revenue to the state and jobs to its citizens. The state has stated it's open for clean mining; let Wolfden showcase what modern mining methods offer.

Paul Darlington Kiernan, M.D.

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If you wish or need to contact me, I am delighted to further converse. My E-mail is [pddkkiernan@gmail.com](mailto:pddkkiernan@gmail.com), and my cell #: 1-703-507-6106.

**From:** [Riley Richard](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 06, 2021 4:14:03 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am in favor of the rezoning of the property in T6-R6 for Wolfden Resources. This will create good paying jobs for hard working Mainers. I've lived in rural maine all my life and we need jobs like this for the survival of these small communities. With the technology we have today, the benefits for outweigh and risk that is associated. Thank you for your time.

Riley Richard  
Milo Maine

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cailin Seavey](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** LUPC  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 06, 2021 4:45:47 PM

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I am in favor of the application for Wolfden to get the rezone for their property just North of Patten. As the worlds needs for precious metals increases, wouldn't we want this process to be done in a very heavily regulated manner rather than in another place in the world where they do not have the same environmental regulations? We need to set the standards for this type of mining. Isn't that why we have the standards in place?

Cailin Seavey  
Dover Foxcroft Maine

**From:** [Garrett Trask](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Redone  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 1:22:29 PM

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We need to allow the rezone efforts by wolf den. Maine needs labor/ construction jobs. This project would be awesome for young guys like me in the construction industry. Let this rezone go through.

Garrett Trask  
Corinth Maine

**From:** [Matt](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Rezoning  
**Date:** Monday, July 26, 2021 11:30:51 AM

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[Wolfdenrezoning.lupc@maine.gov](mailto:Wolfdenrezoning.lupc@maine.gov)

My name is Matthew Grant and I live in Dover Foxcroft. I am in favor of the LUPC rezoning for Wolfden and here is why.

I have spent my entire life living in rural Maine. I have seen the devastating effects that a lack of opportunity can have on small communities. As a law enforcement officer for over 30 years, I have witnessed what happens to small communities where the prospects for opportunity are void. Our government has pushed forward different programs, such as tax incentives, to try and expand economic growth in these outlying areas. In my opinion these efforts have not produced like those in leadership have hoped for. But what we have here now is a company that wants to bring a project that would bring high paying jobs, produce a skilled labor force and an economic boom to rural Maine in a very sustainable manner. We have the regulations and the standards that place us in the highest regulatory standards in the country. So the questions is why wouldn't we? I believe we should. Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.

Matt Grant

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [jon@jdtsitework.com](mailto:jon@jdtsitework.com)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolden  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 13, 2021 1:18:22 PM

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LUPC

I am in favor of the application for Wolfden to be rezoned. This is crucial for the advancement of our state. The worlds needs for precious will continue to grow. Lets have those things mined here where we have really strict standards.

Thank you!

Jon Trask  
President/CEO  
JDT Sitework Inc.  
[Jon@jdtsitework.com](mailto:Jon@jdtsitework.com)  
(207)717-6182

**From:** [Nick Crocker](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 6:13:02 PM

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I am in favor of the rezoning efforts by wolfden. The economic benefits far exceed the risks. Count me in.

Nick Crocker  
Dover Foxcroft

**Nick Crocker - Owner**



[17 Winter Street](#)

[Dover Foxcroft, ME 04426](#)

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[www.cnsmasonry.com](http://www.cnsmasonry.com)

**From:** [Jordan pomerleau](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Rezone  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 28, 2021 6:14:46 PM

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I work in the construction world. This project would bring much needed jobs to the area I am in favor of doing the rezoning

Jordan Pomerleau  
Dover Foxcroft Me

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [David Lord](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden Rezone  
**Date:** Friday, July 30, 2021 3:27:57 PM

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I am in favor of rezoning for the Wolfden project. I am from central Maine and I have an engineering degree from Maine Maritime. I had to move away to find a good paying job. This project would allow tradesmen and women an opportunity to stay home and support their families. We need more of this in Maine. Count me in!

David Lord

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Colie Brice - ASBURY MEDIA](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden's application for rezoning in Pembroke  
**Date:** Friday, August 06, 2021 9:59:05 AM

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To Whom It Should Absolutely Concern:

Wolfden Resources is a virtually unknown company that has petitioned the Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) to rezone land near Pickett Mountain for metal mining. The company has no actual mining experience, little money, and has not provided accurate or timely information about its plans. Allowing this would be reckless and insane.

As a property owner in Charlotte, Eastport, Pembroke, Perry and Robbinston I implore you to reject Wolfden's application for rezoning and do all you can to preserve the great healthy natural resources of this region and protect the fragile but sustainable ecosystems we have the immense good fortune of preserving here in Washington County Maine.

Best Regards,

Coleman R. Brice

**From:** [yupik@midcoast.com](mailto:yupik@midcoast.com)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Subject:** Wolfden project  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 8:20:28 AM

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**Subject:**Wolfden project  
**Date:**2021-08-17 07:56  
**From:**yupik@midcoast.com  
**To:**melanie.loyzim@maine.gov

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**Subject:**Wolfden project  
**Date:**2021-08-17 07:54  
**From:**yupik@midcoast.com  
**To:**rulecomments.dep@maine.gov

Members of the Maine Land Use Planning Commission

Re: Wolfden Mineral Mining Application

I urge the Land Use Planning Commission to postpone review of Wolfden's rezoning application and recommend the Department of Environmental Protection set a 10-year metallic mining moratorium on all metallic mining in Maine.

Mining will never be "absolutely" safe. On the other hand, over the past 50 years, science, technological development, mining practices, laws and regulations have moved mining from catastrophic environmental and human impacts to just awful. It is essential that Maine delay mineral mining until safer mining is developed.

There will be intense pressure to improve mining practices.

- Low carbon technologies, including solar, are essential to address climate change. Solar is a critically important alternative energy system. Certain minerals are

essential components of solar development including: aluminum, cadmium, copper, gallium, indium, iron, lead, nickel, silica, silver, tellurium, tin and zinc. Many other products used every day by industry and ordinary citizens are made with these minerals.

- Global demand for metallic minerals will increase, including pressure to mine small deposits. Communities and countries that have prohibited mining will be pressured to permit mining and will therefore demand safer mining practices

A 10-year moratorium may not be sufficient but the moratorium can be extended or shortened.

Thank you for your consideration.

Thank you for your professionalism at the department and serving the people of Maine.

Jo Ann Myers

1749 Finntown Road

Waldoboro, Maine 04572

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**From:** [tgadelman@gmail.com](mailto:tgadelman@gmail.com)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#); [manager@washingtoncountymaine.gov](mailto:manager@washingtoncountymaine.gov); [Bolstridge, Karen](#); [Sheppard, Samuel](#)  
**Cc:** [Perry, Anne](#); [Moore, Marianne](#)  
**Subject:** Pickett Mountain Rezoning  
**Date:** Sunday, August 22, 2021 3:20:44 PM

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Dear LUPC Commissioners, Ms. Fitzgerald, Ms. Bolstridge, and Mr. Sheppard:

We are contacting you in regard to the upcoming application by Wolfden Resources, LLC to rezone an area around Pickett Mt. in Aroostock County. We are very concerned that operations by Wolfden at that site will not only damage local water quality there, but will also allow Wolfden or a corporate partner to attempt to prospect and mine at the Big Hill site in Pembroke (Washington County). We are residents of Pembroke and depend upon pure groundwater for all our domestic water needs. Furthermore, we are concerned that groundwater contamination could damage not only the Pembroke aquifer, but also endanger the adjacent Pennamaquan watershed that feeds Cobscook Bay. A groundwater map prepared by the Maine Geological Survey shows how close the mining activity would be to these vital natural resources...*and it notes that groundwater contamination tends to move and is difficult to mitigate.*

We are totally opposed to polymetallic sulfide (PMS) mining operations anywhere in Maine. While the Maine DEP mining regulations were modified in 2017, they did not adequately address how to prevent groundwater contamination from either toxic process water or acid mine drainage away from the mining site. PMS mining uses large amounts of our groundwater to process ore; that water then becomes contaminated with toxic chemicals and winds up back in the ground. It is not economically feasible to remove all toxic solutes, so we can expect them to eventually show up in our wells.

In addition to contaminated process water, acid mine drainage (AMD) results when ground water and air interact with PMS ore to form sulfuric acid; this AMD then can dissolve toxic minerals such as arsenic and further contaminate our aquifers. Putting waste rock and processed ore back underground will not prevent this process from occurring.

We are told that if we use minerals such as silver and zinc, we should be willing to have mining carried out in a regulatory environment superior to those in third world countries. But Maine's regulations have not been demonstrated to be effective, and are unlikely to be, in our opinion. Just consider the history of the Callahan Mine in Brooksville, which after 50 years, still requires \$750,000 per year of taxpayer funding for what appears to be endless mitigation activities. In a coastal environment similar to Pembroke, the end result was contaminated wells and permanently closed clam flats.

We respectfully request that you deny the Wolfden request for rezoning Pickett Mountain.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Adelman  
Catherine Adelman

195 Leighton Point Rd.  
Pembroke ME 04666

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Paul Vambutas](#)  
**To:** [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)  
**Cc:** [Paul Vambutas](#)  
**Subject:** Correspondence for Wolfden Rezoning Petition  
**Date:** Thursday, August 26, 2021 10:24:30 AM  
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Commissioners,

I am writing on behalf of Haymart LLC and Agri-Cal USA. We are a farming, milling and agricultural services business with operations in Patten and Houlton Maine and are taxpayers and employers in both towns.

We are writing in support of Wolfden's Pickett Mountain Project. As an operator of several organic farms and as a partner to many farmers throughout Maine, we care deeply about the environment. That said, we understand that Maine's mining regulations are among the most stringent in the nation and that Wolfden's project would need to comply with them. With those regulations being followed, the substantial metallic reserves at Pickett Mountain should be mined. Such mining could allow increased domestic production of rechargeable zinc batteries — a green and cost-effective alternative to lithium in batteries for electric vehicles and other applications. More importantly, the Pickett Mountain Project promises to bring a stable source of jobs to the Patten area for a decade or longer — which could be very helpful in an area so hard hit by plant closures and decline of the timber industry.

Regards.

Paul Vambutas

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