

Kirkland, April

From: Sally Kwan & Duane Hanson <hug3trees@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:27 PM
To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: CMP NECEC

Hello Mr. Beyer,

Here is our letter of opposition to the CMP NECEC project.

Thank you, Duane and Sally Hanson

To whom it may concern:

My name is Duane Hanson. My wife Sally and I are the only year round residents of T5 R7 BKP WKR, where the proposed CMP NECEC power line corridor will come within 1500 feet of our home. I am a Maine Outdoorsman! I have lived, hunted, fished, and trapped here since 1980. Raised 3 sons who are avid sportsmen. We live off-the grid with two solar panels for house lights, grow a big garden for food, and hunt and fish for meat. We have camped, hiked, and canoed much of this remote area which currently has no power lines and many would label "pristine wilderness." Once the power lines appear, this area will become an extension of civilization and be less attractive for tourism, hunting, and fishing. Less visitors could result in reduced business income for towns from Jackman down to Freeport.

The corridor would have a very bad effect on the Native Brook Trout.

Starting from the Quebec border in Beattie Township, it would go west to east, cross hundreds of streams, even the south branch of the Moose River, before hitting Route 201. It would be a permanent clearcut 300+ feet wide and sprayed with herbicide regularly. Many of the sandy bottom streams are breeder brooks and habitat for some of the last native brook trout. They are the first to die when water gets too warm, less oxygen, or contaminated. Many of the affected streams flow into the Moose River, Moosehead Lake, Spencer Lake, Spencer Stream, Rock Pond, Dead River, and Kennebec River. All popular destinations for many anglers, hunters, trappers, campers, canoeists/paddlers, and white-water rafters.

The corridor would destroy existing habitat for deer, moose, bear, beaver, bald eagles, golden eagles, ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, Canadian lynx, fisher, pine marten, loons, ducks, and Canadian geese.

The herbicides and high voltage wires will have negative health effects on fish, wildlife, trees, plants, and humans.

Visible from the Old Canada Road Scenic Byway along Route 201, many come to this beautiful remote mountainous area to escape from their hectic lives and civilization. This area has been popular with hunters and anglers since the late 1800's. The popular film "Dead River Rough Cut" documented two men who trapped this area of Maine.

We need to protect this wilderness from destruction. Say "NO to NECEC."

Signed,

Duane Hanson

T5 R7 BKP WKR

Here are links our photos and videos on Facebook taken from this area by my wife Sally Kwan.

View from No. 5 Mountain, photo

https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=687490151619543&set=a.355579474810614&type=3&__xts__%5B0%5D=68.ARD4fZVTkF099mLIByBQ-2kqvRaXmIYj_BDsLOFk92d5EjucV60XpnmngdgQMKaP_k8-yZTP2S9FYIXMzBlmv4-EJUOxeS4WvHyXz2aX1pFgf3oycYEXuEsZfXgQtQiEvdjHUQhqpnyclZaOQ3lnuARMqXh9-nCGD8PBIFGNcCQaXUqe8Hv&__tn__=EHH-R

No. 5 Mountain from Whipple Pond, photo

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=672086203159938&set=a.672083993160159&type=3&size=2000%2C1332>

Cow Moose on Whipple Pond, photo

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=308144212887474&l=399f3cae02>

Spruce Grouse, photo

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=319852481716647&l=1f5603b98b>

Wood Turtle at Bitter Brook, photos

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=686162295085662&set=a.355579474810614&type=3&size=1944%2C1458>

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<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=686162265085665&set=a.355579474810614&type=3&size=1944%2C1458>

Duane holding a Brook Trout, photo

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=589651064736786&l=85266c8261>

Barrett Brook with Duane and Sally, photo

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=134366546931909&l=a6f6f07811>

Canadian Lynx on Spencer Rips Road, video

<https://www.facebook.com/hanson.kwan.129/videos/vb.100010756939482/300849346950294/?type=3>

Bald Eagle eating a duck on ice at Whipple Pond, video

<https://www.facebook.com/hanson.kwan.129/videos/vb.100010756939482/197499910618572/?type=3>