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Why I say NO to CMP/Hydro-Quebec Transmission Line

**Thousands of acres of forest land clearcut - through 53 miles in intact forest** and the widening of 92 miles of corridor

How will it be kept clear of vegetation? Will it require large applications of herbicides to maintain. Likely use of glyphosate based Round-up which is a known carcinogen and implicated in Parkinson's disease -**banned in Europe**

Construction of hundreds of miles of new access roads - opens up route for first half of proposed E-W Highway proposal.

**Transmission line will potentially alter and cross 263 wetlands and 115 streams**

**Destroys vernal pools**

**Brook Trout habitat damage** due to vegetation clearing and subsequent water temperature increases.

**Deer wintering grounds destroyed**

**Fragmentation of forest** results in reduced biodiversity

**Negative visual impact all along corridor** - 100 foot plus towers

**Kennebec River Gorge Crossing** - a major recreational gem

**Crossing of the Appalachian trail** - undermines Maine's unique AT wilderness character.

**Overall damage to scenic beauty** reduces economic benefit from outdoor recreation

Destroying forests and wetlands reduces natural carbon sequestration

Supports further destruction of northern Quebec and Labrador forests as a result of new landscape hydro power projects.

Transmission and consumption of Quebec Hydro "Dirty" power makes Maine complicit in Canada's massive ecological disaster - landscape flooding of boreal forest increases greenhouse gas emissions.

All to bring power to Massachusetts! With CMP already under fire from their widespread billing problems, why would anyone think that this project would make a difference in the cost of our electricity?

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