

PLEASE SAVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

DEP Comment Form

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To DEP: Please deny the application for the Silver Maple Wind Project on Pisgah Mountain in Clifton, Maine. I want to go on record as being opposed to this project and feel the environmental damage is too great in this particular scenic area.

1. Check any statements you agree with:

Wind projects should not be sited in the broad area around Pisgah Mountain as it is an area rich in scenic resources, including many Scenic Resources of State or National Significance (SRSNS), and is one of only three areas noted for exemplary scenic beauty in Maine's Finest Lakes Study in the organized towns throughout the entire state, along with the Moosehead Lake Region and lakes on Mount Desert Island.

Additional wind towers on Pisgah Mountain will negatively impact scenic resources of local and state significance, and further detract from my enjoyment of the surrounding area.

I will see and/or hear (even within permitted sound levels) towers from my home or property and I find that distressing for aesthetic reasons and possible health hazards.

I believe studies that show proximity to wind towers lowers property values.

I believe that the unnatural noise levels from wind turbines in this rural, scenic setting present far reaching health hazards to humans and wildlife. We need to study infrasound more thoroughly, as recommended in the Maine Wind Energy Advisory Commission's Report dated January 2, 2018.

I believe that the Silver Maple Wind Project developers have not taken adequate steps to protect wildlife, especially bats and birds.

I believe that radar-activated aviation lighting should be required on all Maine wind projects, past and present.

2. Circle all the scenic resources you enjoy:

Scenic Resources of State or National Significance or features listed in Clifton's Comprehensive Plan:

Burnt Pond - Floods Pond - Hatcase Pond - Hopkins Pond - Mountain Pond - Second Pond - Graham Lake

West Branch Union River between Rt. 9 and Graham Lake - Eagles Bluff - Parks Pond Bluff - Peaked Mountain (Chick Hill) - Little Peaked Mt. (Little Chick) - Woodchuck Hill

Other Scenic Resources within 8 Miles of the Project: Beech Hill Pond - Chemo Pond - Davis Pond -

Goose Pond - Green Lake - Holbrook Pond - Little Burnt Pond - Rocky Pond - Springy Pond - Other???

3. Circle all activities you enjoy on the scenic resources in this area:

Own land - Live - Work - Visit - Hike - Star gaze - Enjoy scenic beauty with no visual pollution

Rock climb - Fish - Swim - Boat - Bird watch - Hunt - Camp - Use public boat landings

Enjoy scenic beauty with no noise pollution - Other??

4. Please add any additional comments about how you enjoy scenic resources, which ones, and why you do not want

DEP to allow 5 more wind towers to be built on top of Pisgah Mountain:

Mountain Pond + Hatcase pond are among Maine's most scenic lakes. The views from Eagle's bluff + the surrounding hills are spectacular. Burnt pond + floods pond are hidden undeveloped gems. I'm in favor of wind power but not projects without adequate planning or evaluation of the scenic + ecological impacts. This power will mean benefit ~~mainly~~ the surrounding communities. The impact on bird populations + the scenic beauty of these remote ponds is too great. we need a comprehensive plan about where wind + solar power will go in Maine to benefit Maine residents.

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