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We are writing to go on record as being opposed to the Silver Maple Wind Project proposed for Pisgah Mountain located off Route 180 in Clifton, Maine for the following reasons:

1. Eagle Bluff is a treasured hiking destination for all camp families on Mountainy Pond. The visual impact on Eagle Bluff would be HIGH according to the Silver Maple Wind Farm Visual Impact Assessment 11/18/2019. It would also be highly visible from Big Hill. The visual impact assessment was based on a hub height turbine model of 105 to 117 meters, but the full height of the of the turbines will be 173 to 185 meters which will make an even greater visual impact than stated not only on Eagle Bluff and Big Hill, but also throughout the assessment area.
2. There is no justification to destroying and degrading one of Maine's Finest Scenic Lake Areas by The Silver Maple Wind Project which would provide NO TANGIBLE BENEFITS for the surrounding Maine residents and area visitors.
3. The Silver Maple Wind Project would provide a number of negative impacts. The Project would add significant light and noise pollution. The construction of the turbines and the accompanying needed infrastructure and additional buildings will lead to large areas of cleared forest and impervious surfaces leading to a degradation of the natural ecosystems, the wildlife habitat and the natural beauty of the area.