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From: Darryl Wood <darryl@leapcommunity.org>
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To: DEP, NECEC
Subject: opposed to CMP corridor

Good Morning Jim,

My name is Darryl Wood. I am a Registered Maine Guide and I run a non-profit organization in Farmington Maine. I also am a fan of the big remote, and one of my truest satisfactions in life is enjoying the woods and waters of Maine, particularly the rare remaining vistas unspoiled by large structures, like windmills and powerlines. I am not alone in these passions. Even in Maine, these vistas are becoming increasingly rare. In other eastern states they may be practically non-existent. These locations are precious to those of us who love them, they are a reason people come to the region to hunt, fish, bike snowmobile, swim, hike etc. While economically valuable now, imagine in 100 years what the value to the region will be to provide that experience to an increasingly developed and crowded world.

Just myself, I am impacted by this potential project in several ways. I love to snowmobile from my camp at Spring Lake to Parlin Pond and Coburn Mountain; I have property in Lexington Plantation with elevated views and my organization has a trail system in Farmington that the existing powerline already cuts through. That being said, I am less concerned with the existing line expansions than I am with the new 55 clear-cut and pole development in the remote regions of this proposed project.

Of course there is also the exposure (warming) to the many streams the lines will cross, the spraying that will occur in areas of native brook trout reproduction and the large area converted from woods to exfoliated land.

So, I am writing in opposition of the proposed 145 mile CPM corridor. I truly hope the environmental impacts of this project and long range vision of the region will be taken into consideration equally to the tradeoffs and buyoffs already occurring as if this was a done deal.

Best Regards,

Darryl Wood
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