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Since I am unable to attend the hearings in Farmington I wanted to submit my testimony in writing re: CMP Corridor Plan to Me. DEP & LUPC .

1- There are multiple 'recreational' & "scenic beauty" sites areas along the corridor that I have visited/camped in/skied/snowshoed/hiked/paddled over my 65years of living in Maine. *The CMP corridor would impact the outdoor experience of these areas dramatically.* Roughly more than 3/4 of the proposed corridor occurs in areas that Natives & paying tourist consider significant special places that cannot be experienced in other parts of the Northeast. Nor can they be easily reproduced after the impact is done.

2- Many of the areas include or are or very adjacent to *Maine State Public Lands* acquired & run off our taxes. And here is a proposal that disregards the impact on these areas.

3- Beauty aside, the *environmental impact* of building & maintaining the infrastructure of the corridor would significantly be *contrary* to the State's attempt to mitigate climate change and carbon foot print impacts.

- the erosion caused by disrupting these fragile natural areas- the many wet lands, watersheds draining down from mountainous and hilly regions would destroy fish and plant habitats all along it's descent to the sea hundreds of miles away
- one of the common impacts of climate change is increased "heavy rain & wind" which leads to increased erosion; I have experienced this first hand in helping to maintain hiking trails that now need constant erosion attention; think of the many roads that will have to be maintained all 4 seasons & the environmental impact of this.
- pesticide use all along the corridor compounding toxicity issues for those people, plants, and animals sensitive; additionally running into the runoff into the fragile wetlands & watersheds.

4- Add to your *carbon foot imprint* the sequestration of all the trees and shrubs and plants all along the corridor that will be destroy and maintaine done to keep the thorofare open all the way from Canada to the sea...

This proposal is not good for the Maine people who are intrinsically woven into its woods, watersheds, wildlife, and mountains for both their livelihoods and recreation.

Thank you for your consideration of these perspectives.
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