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This exemplary scenic area is situated all around Pisgah Mountain and includes neighboring towns of Otis, Eddington, Mariaville, Amherst, Dedham, and Holden, and is beloved by many recreational users, visitors and landowners. The scenic area so rich in natural resources includes two municipal water supplies: Hatcase Pond provides for Brewer and is approximately three miles from the proposed site and Floods Pond supplies Bangor and is only 1.4 miles from the project. Silver Maple is partially within the watershed of Floods Pond, which has a larger tributary brook at the western edge of the project site.

Check the statement(s) you agree with:

- Wind projects should not be sited and/or expanded in the exemplary scenic environment surrounding Pisgah Mountain.
- Five 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 or hear (even within permitted sound levels) the towers from my home, and I find that distressing.
- I believe studies that show proximity to wind towers lowers property values.
- I believe that the unnatural noise levels in this rural, scenic setting present far reaching health hazards to humans and wildlife.
- I believe that the Silver Maple developers have not taken adequate steps to protect bats and birds.

Circle one or more: Own land (circled), Rock climb (circled), Stargaze (circled), Live (circled), Fish (circled), Hunt (circled), Work (circled), Swim (circled), Camp (circled), Visit (circled), Boat (circled), Other: _____, Hike (circled), Enjoy scenic beauty with no visual pollution (circled), Bird Watch (circled), Use public landings (circled)

Circle the scenic feature(s) you enjoy: Burnt Pond - Floods Pond - Hatcase Pond - Hopkins Pond - Mountainy Pond - Holbrook Pond - Graham Lake - Green Lake - the West Branch of the Union River - Eagles Bluff - Parks Pond Bluff - Peaked Mountain (locally Big Chick) - Little Peaked Mountain (locally Little Chick Hill)

Additional comments: (write additional comments on back)

Jim & Jean Taylor are my parents and I love spending time w/ my daughter, Sophia Taylor at camp on Hopkins Pk. We are going for a quiet kayak ride and gazing at the loons, ducks and other wildlife on our boat journey.

Mail or eMail Comments

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*My husband Tim Saylor just brought me to Hopkins Pond
eagerly in our marriage and have been coming since
the early 1970's. Enjoy having guests visit with us
and they all are amazed with the
beauty of Hopkins Pond.*

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my family has been coming to Hopkins Pond since 1910. I enjoy the tranquility of being in there. would like to leave my property to my kids + grandkids.

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