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Land Use Planning Commission

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WOLFDEN'S PROPOSED PICKETT MOUNTAIN MINE PROJECT IN T6 R6 WELS, PENOBSCOT COUNTY, ZP779A

PURPOSE: Pursuant to Chapter 12, Section 4,A of the Commission's rules, the Land Use Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing and seeking public comment on Wolfden Mount Chase LLC's (20 Main Street, Patten, ME 04765) application for a zone change for the proposed Pickett Mountain Mine Project (ZP779A). Wolfden proposes to rezone approximately 374 acres of land it owns in T6 R6 WELS from the General Management and Protection Subdistricts to a Planned Development Subdistrict (D-PD). The purpose of the proposed D-PD subdistrict is to develop and operate a metallic mineral mine.

The purpose of the hearing is to allow the applicant and members of the public the opportunity to present testimony and evidence as to whether the applicant's proposal meets the statutory criteria for approval under the provisions of 12 M.R.S. § 685-A(8-A); Sections 10.08 and 10.21,H of the Commission's Chapter 10 rules, *Land Use Districts and Standards*; and Section 4,B of the Commission's Chapter 12 rules, *Mining and Level C Mineral Exploration Activities*.

TIME AND PLACE: Hearing dates and locations, once set, will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the region of the Project and available on the Commission's website at www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/. Tentatively, the hearing is expected to occur in person during the fall of 2023. The hearing will be governed by the Maine Administrative Procedure Act (5 M.R.S. Chapter 375) and Chapter 5 of the Commission's rules, *Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings*.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: All interested persons are invited to attend and offer testimony relevant to the Commission's review of the proposal. The public is not required to submit written testimony before the hearing nor file Petitions to

Intervene to testify. Members of the public may simply attend the hearing and give oral testimony. A written comment period will follow the hearing.

PETITIONS TO INTERVENE: Persons seeking Intervenor status in this matter must file a Petition to Intervene with the Commission pursuant to Chapter 5, Section 5.03 of the Commission's rules **by 5:00 P.M. on June 28, 2023**. The public is not required to file Petitions to Intervene in order to testify.

Closing dates for the hearing record will be established in a subsequent public notice.

Any Petitions to Intervene should be sent to the Maine Land Use Planning Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0022. Petitions also may be submitted by email to WolfdenRezoning.LUPC@Maine.Gov.

Disabilities: Persons with disabilities planning to attend the hearing are requested to contact the Commission in advance to make arrangements for the services they require.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: A full copy of Wolfden's application for zone change may be viewed at:

- the LUPC's [Pickett Mountain Mine proposal webpage](#)
- the LUPC's Ashland office at 45 Radar Road, Ashland; (207) 435-7969; hours: M-Th, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, please call to make an appointment
- the LUPC's East Millinocket office at 191 Main Street, East Millinocket; (207) 485-8354; hours: M-Th, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, please call to make an appointment
- the LUPC's Augusta office at 18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Building, Augusta; (207) 287-2631; hours: M-F, 8:00 am-4:00 pm, please call to make an appointment

FUTURE NOTIFICATIONS: If you wish to receive email notices about upcoming public hearings, public comment periods, and important deadlines related to the Commission's review of the Pickett Mountain Mine application for a zone change, please go to the LUPC's [Pickett Mountain Mine proposal webpage](#), enter your email and select the items for which you would like to receive notices. To receive notices about this project by mail, please contact the Commission by calling (207) 287-2631

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