

Silver Maple Wind Project Comment Form

Though not opposed to wind power in general, I want to go on record as being opposed to the Silver Maple Wind Project proposed for Pisgah Mountain located off Route 180 in Clifton, Maine, and to urge the Department of Environmental Protection to deny the permit.

The beauty of this area was noted in Planning Report No. 90, a report prepared for the Maine Critical Areas Program titled *Maine's Finest Lakes: The Results of the Maine Lakes Study*. The report notes three areas in the organized townships that contain especially scenic lakes – the Moosehead Lake area, Mount Desert Island's lakes, and this third area around Pisgah Mountain which they describe as follows:

"Approximately 10 miles east of Bangor, 11 lakes are clustered around a small series of mountains and large hills. The surrounding terrain is relatively flat, making the mountains appear even larger. In addition, these lakes contain irregular shorelines, islands, rockslides and beaches. All of these features create a visually pleasing setting".

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 Live Work Visit Hike Enjoy scenic beauty with no visual pollution
Rock climb Fish Swim Boat Bird Watch Use public landings
Stargaze Hunt Camp Other: _____

Circle the scenic feature(s) you enjoy: Burnt Pond - Floods Pond - Hatcase Pond - Hopkins Pond- Mountany 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) **(AW)**

Additional comments: (write additional comments on back)

*I am a native Mainer with two Maine properties. Silver Maple located on route 180
Dessford Windmills' Second property is on the proposed Hatcase Road. Proposed Windmill site "
this pond is listed as "Maine's best supported" by "Maine's Finest Lakes"*

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