

**Comment Form**  
**Silver Maple Wind Project**

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. If permitted, Silver Maple will build **five additional industrial wind turbines on Pisgah Mountain. The turbines will be 567' to 607' tall (about 100' taller than the existing ones). For comparison, a 45-story building is approximately 550' tall, the observation tower at Penobscot Narrows is 420', and the Statue of Liberty is 305'.**

The beauty of this area was noted in Planning Report No. 90, 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.** This exemplary scenic area 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, approximately three miles from the proposed site, provides water for Brewer and Floods Pond, which is only 1.4 miles from the project, supplies Bangor. Silver Maple is partially within the watershed of Floods Pond which has a larger tributary brook at the western edge of the project site.

The Silver Maple project will have **multiple negative impacts**, not only in Clifton, but also in neighboring towns and ponds, including destruction and degradation of scenic beauty and natural eco-systems, reduction of property values, increased noise levels, lower quality of life, loss of dark skies, and killing of birds and bats. Silver Maple will do nothing to enhance our state brand: "Maine: The Way Life Should Be".

**1. Check the statement(s) you agree with:**

- Wind projects should not be sited and/or expanded in the exemplary scenic environment of 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.

- 2. 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: 4-wheel & snowmobile

- 3. 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)

I AM NOT AGAINST WINDMILLS, ANYTHING THAT GENERATES ELECTRICITY WITH NO EMISSIONS IS GOOD. I WOULD RATHER SEE WINDMILLS THAN SMOG. I FIND THE TOWERS RATHER PEACEFUL AND AMAZING. I HAVE BEEN AROUND THE OAKFIELD TOWERS, NO SIGN OF DEAD BIRDS & BATS, IN FACT I SEE MOOSE & DEER BENEATH THEM OFTEN.

**4. Mail or email Comments**

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