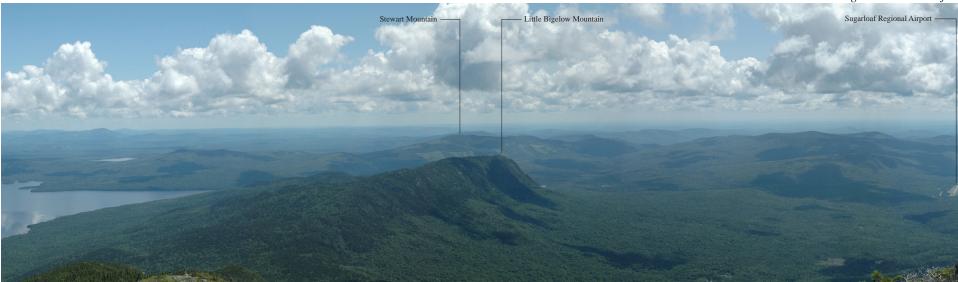
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P1: Panoramic view from Myron Avery Peak on Bigelow Mountain on the Appalachian Trail looking east to southeast toward Little Bigelow Mountain and Stewart Mountain. Approximately 44 turbines would be visible from this location at distances ranging from 7.7 and 14.3 miles away. Six turbines would be within 8 miles of the project. Panoramic photos P1 through P5 reflect the full 360 degree view from Avery Peak. See Photosimulation 1.



P2: Continued panoramic view from Myron Avery Peak looking southeast to southwest toward Carrabassett Valley and Sugarloaf USA Ski Resort. The summit of Sugarloaf is 8.1 miles away and the condo/golf course development is approximately 5.3 miles away. Portions of the existing 115 kV transmission line, the Sugarloaf Regional Airport, and Route 27 are also visible.



P3: Continued panoramic view from Myron Avery Peak looking southwest to west from the east side of the lookout tower.



P4: Continued panoramic view from Myron Avery Peak looking west to northwest toward Flagstaff Lake. A plaque commemorating Myron Avery is mounted on the boulder to the left of center in photo.



P5: Continued panoramic view from Myron Avery Peak looking northwest to northeast towards Flagstaff Lake.



P6: Panoramic view from the west end of Myron Avery Peak looking east toward the lookout tower.



P7: Filtered view of Stewart Mountain through an opening in the vegetation, 0.8 miles below the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain looking southeast. Approximately 4 turbines would be visible on Stewart Mountain at distances ranging from 3.9 to 4.2 miles away.

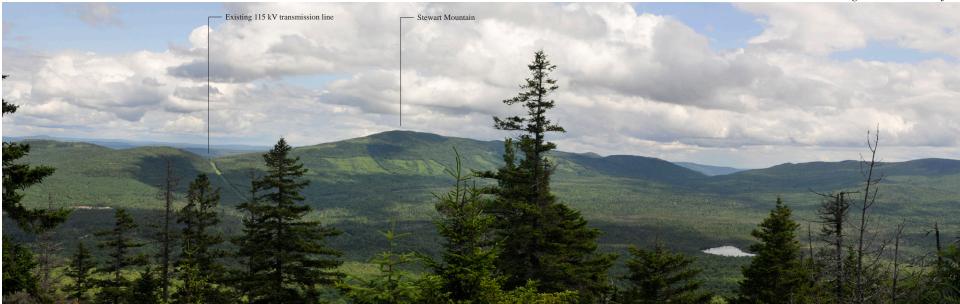


P8: View of trail approximately 1.5 miles below the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain. The vast majority of the trail from Long Falls Dam Road to Little Bigelow Mountain is wooded.



P9: Characteristic view of the wooded trail between views P7 above and P10 on the next page.

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P10: Panoramic view from 0.6 miles below the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain looking southeast. Approximately 19 turbines would be visible from this location at distances ranging from 4.0 to 6.7 miles away.



P11: The view in P10 above is from an opening in the woods shown here, approximately 100 feet long and 50 feet wide.



P12: The trail continues into the woods.

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P13: Panoramic view from 0.5 miles below the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain looking southeast. Approximately 12 turbines would be visible from this location, with foreground vegetation screening portions of the Project, at distances ranging from 4.1 to 6.8 miles away.



P14: The view in P13 above is from an opening in the woods shown here, approximately 75 feet long.



P15: The trail continues over stone slabs into the woods.



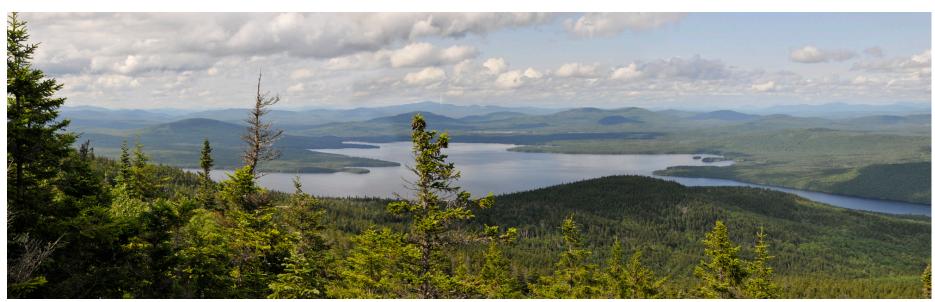
P16: Panoramic view from an opening in the woods approximately 50' long, located 0.2 miles below the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain looking southeast. Approximately 10 turbines would be visible from this location at distances ranging from 4.1 to 5.2 miles away.



P17: View of wooded trail between the view above and the eastern ridgge of Little Bigelow Mountain.



P18: Panoramic view looking northeast to east from an opening in the woods located below the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain.



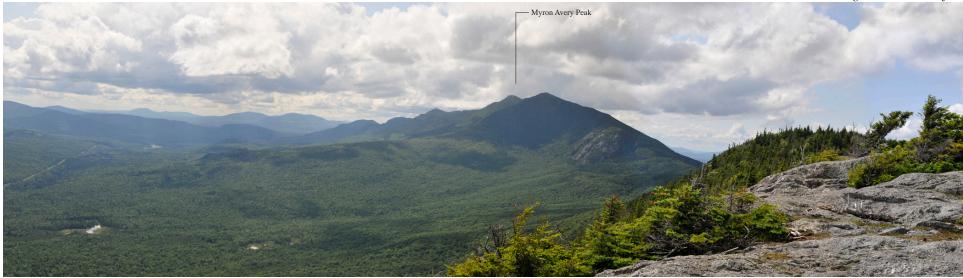
P19: Continued panoramic view looking northwest to north from below the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain towards Flagstaff Lake.



P20: Panoramic view from the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain looking southeast. The view is from a point approximately 140' off the marked trail on the edge of an outcrop. Approximately 35 turbines would be visible at distances ranging from 4.4 to 10.9 miles away. Approximately 25 turbines would be within 8 miles of the Project. See Photosimulation 2.



P21: Panoramic view from the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain looking southwest toward Carrabassett Valley and Sugarloaf Ski Resort. The summit of Sugarloaf is 8.4 miles away and the base lodge is 7.1 miles away. The Sugarloaf Regional Airport is 2.8 miles away.



P22: Panoramic view from the eastern ridge of Little Bigelow Mountain looking toward Myron Avery Peak, 3.4 miles to the west.



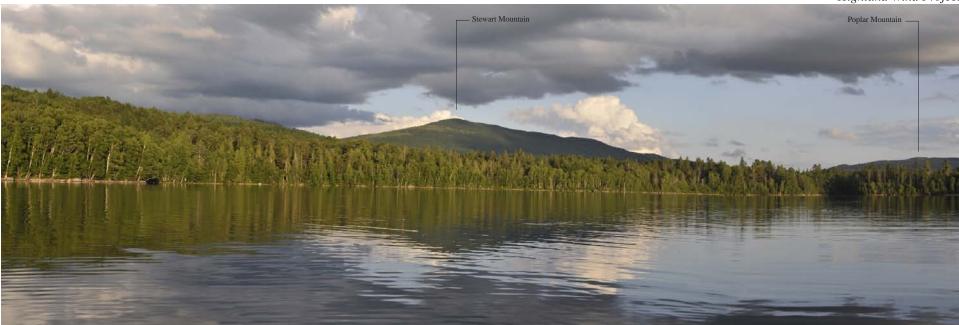
P23: Panoramic view of the picnic shelter and boat launch at the recreation area on the northeastern end of Flagstaff Lake near Long Falls Dam (Flagstaff Dam) in T3 R4. See P24 and P25 for views of the lake from this location.



P24: Panoramic view from the boat launch on the northeastern end of Flagstaff Lake near Long Falls Dam (Flagstaff Dam) in T3 R4, looking south. At this location, the proposed Highland Wind Project (with the closest turbines 7.7+ miles away) would be partially screened from view by the topography and vegetation in the center of the photo.



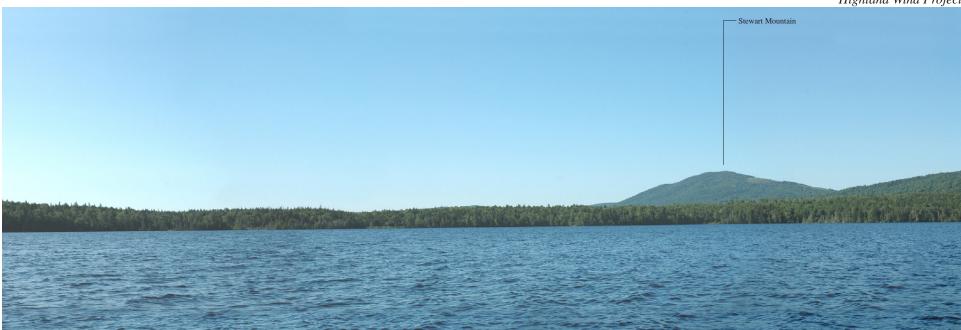
P25: Continued panoramic view from the boat launch on Flagstaff Lake near Long Fall Dam (Flagstaff Dam), looking southwest toward the Bigelow Preserve.



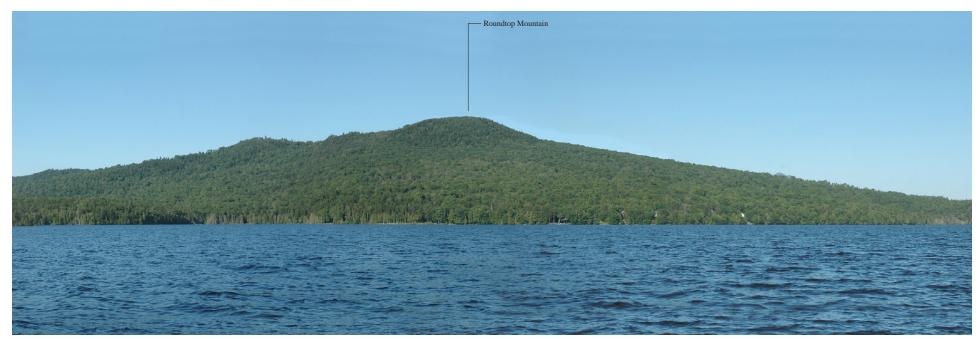
P26: Panoramic view from the southeastern corner of Flagstaff Lake, approximately 700 feet from the shoreline, looking southeast toward Stewart Mountain. Approximately 15 turbines would be visible at distances ranging from 2.9 to 5.0 miles from this viewpoint. See Photosimulation 3.



P27: Continued panoramic view from the southeastern corner of Flagstaff Lake, looking south toward Poplar Mountain.



P28: Panoramic view from West Carry Pond near Arnold Point, looking south toward Stewart Mountain. Approximately 19 turbines would be visible at distances of 3.3 to 6.6 miles away. See Photosimulation 4.



P29: Continued panoramic view from West Carry Pond near Arnold Point looking southwest toward Roundtop Mountain, which is not part of the Highland Wind Project.



P30: Panoramic view of the southern shore of West Carry Pond near the West Carry Pond Lean-To on the Appalachian Trail. The Highland Wind Project (3.0 miles away) will not be visible from the Lean-To or the immediate shoreline due to the dense vegetation.



P31: Panoramic view from the dam on the north end of West Carry Pond, looking south toward Burnt Hill. Approximately 7 turbines would be visible on Burnt Hill 8.0 to 8.1 miles away. The dam provides the only public access to the pond.



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P34:



Characteristic camps on the southwest side of West Carry Pond in Carrying Place Town TWP.

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P36: View of the existing 115 kV transmission line crossing Long Falls Dam Road in Carrabassett Valley, looking east toward Stewart Mountain (to right of clearing in photo). One or two turbines may be visible from this location at a distance of 2.0 miles.



P37: View of Long Falls Dam Road from the transmission line crossing, looking north.



P38: View of Long Falls Dam Road from the transmission line crossing, looking south.



P39: View of the existing 115 kV transmission line crossing Long Falls Dam Road, looking west towards East Bigelow Road.

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P40: View looking north from Long Fall Dam Road from just north of the southern intersection with Back Road in Lexington TWP. Approximately 14 turbines would be visible on Stewart Mountain, seen above the road in photo, at distances ranging from 7.8 to 10.2 miles.



P42: View looking north from Long Fall Dam Road adjacent to the Lexington Flat Cemetery, 0.5 miles south of Last Round Up Road in Lexington TWP. One or two turbines on Witham Mountain, seen above the road, would be visible 4.5 +/- miles away.



P41: View looking north from Long Falls Dam Road, 1.5 miles north of the southern intersection with Back Road in Lexington TWP. One or two turbines on Witham Mountain, seen above the road, would be visible 6.0 miles away.



P43: View looking north from Long Falls Dam Road, 2.1 miles north of the intersection with Old Country Road in Lexington TWP. The project access road would connect to Long Falls Dam Road near this point. No turbines would be visible in this area due to the dense vegetation.

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P44: Panoramic view looking north to northwest from Long Falls Dam Road, 0.3 miles south of the intersection with Sandy Stream Valley Road in Lexington TWP. Approximately 11 turbines would be visible from this viewpoint on Witham and Bald Mountains and Burnt Hill, 2.3 to 3.8 miles away. See PAL, Inc.'s report on historic resources for photosimulations from this location.



P45: Panoramic view looking east from Long Falls Dam Road, 1.1 miles south of the intersection with East Flagstaff Road in Carrabassett Valley. The unnamed pond and wetland are part of the headwaters of Poplar Stream. Approximately 9 turbines would be visible on Stewart Mountain, 1.8 to 2.0 miles away.



P46: Panoramic view looking northwest to north from the intersection of Long Falls Dam Road and Sandy Stream Valley Road in Highland Plantation. Approximately 4 turbines on Witham Mountain would be visible at a distance of 3.3 to 3.8 miles away. Approximately 2 turbines on Bald Mountain would be visible at distances of 1.9 to 2.0 miles away.



P47: Panoramic view looking northeast on Sandy Stream Valley Road. Approximately 15 turbines would be visible on Burnt Hill and Briggs Hill ranging from 1.8 to 3.0 miles away.



P48: Panoramic view looking north from the southern end of Gilman Pond in New Portland. Approximately 43 turbines will be visible at distances ranging from 7.3 miles on Briggs Hill (partially screened by Peaked Hill) to 11.5 miles on Stewart Mountain. See Photosimulation 6.



P49: Panoramic view looking north from the northeastern shore of Embden Pond in Embden. The blades for one of two turbines in the Highland Wind Project may be visible from this viewpoint at a distance of 8.4+/- miles.



P50: Panoramic view looking west from the eastern end of Jewett Pond in Pleasant Ridge Plantation. The upper portions of two turbines may be visible at a distance of 6.0+/- miles away.



P51: Panoramic view looking southwest from the northern end of Rowe Pond in Pleasant Ridge Plantation. The tops of 7 turbines would be visible on Burnt Hill 2.6 to 3.4 miles away.



P52: Panoramic view looking east from the Pleasant Ridge Swim Area at Wyman Lake Recreation Area, off Ridge Road in Pleasant Ridge Plantation. No turbines will be visible from this viewpoint.



P53: Panoramic view looking east from the boat launch at the Wyman Lake Recreation Area, off Ridge Road in Pleasant Ridge Plantation. The Highland Wind Project P54 will not be visible from this area.

P54: Sign at the Wyman Lake Recreation Area.



P55: Panoramic view looking west on Pleasant Ridge Road in Pleasant Ridge Plantation, 0.4 miles east of the intersection with Rowe Pond Road and Carry Pond Road. Approximately 14 turbines would be visible (about 6 of the 14 turbines would be partially screened by vegetation during leaf on season) at distances ranging from 3.2 to 4.3 miles away.



P56: Panoramic view looking northwest from Route 201 in the Moscow village. (The Moscow Town Office is left of center in the photo). The Highland Wind Project should not be visible from Route 201 in the village due to intervening topography and vegetation.



P57: Panoramic view looking west at the 115 kV transmission line from the access road to the Wyman Hydroelectric Dam in Moscow. The Highland Wind Project will co-locate a 115 kV generator lead line on the north side of the existing 115 kV transmission line (to the right of existing transmission line clearing on left in photo) and connect to the existing Wyman Substation. The turbines will not be visible from this viewpoint.



P58: Continued panoramic view looking northwest from the access road to the Wyman Hydroelectric Dam. The Wyman Substation is on right in photo.



P59: Panoramic view looking north at Baker Mountain Ski area off Route 201 in Moscow. The Highland Wind Project may be partially visible from the lower section of the ski slopes and the base lodge. Views of the project from the summit of Baker Mountain should be blocked by vegetation along the west side of the trails.



P60: Panoramic view from Route 201 over Wyman Lake on the Kennebec River in Moscow, 1.1 miles north of the intersection with Pierce Hall Road. View is looking west towards Burnt Hill and Briggs Hill, the eastern ridges of the proposed Highland Wind Project. Approximately 22 turbines would be visible from this location between 4.4 and 4.6 miles away. See Photosimulation 5.



P61: Panoramic view looking north on Route 201, 3.6 miles south of the Moscow/Caratunk town line. There are several locations along Route 201 where informal gaps in the guardrail on the west side of the road, as shown above and below, provide parking opportunities for visitors. These informal pulloffs are not official MDOT scenic turnouts. The Highland Wind Project will not be visible from this viewpoint or any of the informal pulloffs.



P62: Another informal pulloff on the west side of Route 201 along Wyman Lake, 3.3 miles south of the Moscow/Caratunk town line. The Highland Wind Project will not be visible from this viewpoint.

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P63: Panoramic view looking southwest from the Department of Conservation/ Moscow Boat Launch on Wyman Lake, on Route 201, 1.9 miles south of the Moscow/Caratunk town line. The Highland Wind Project will not be visible from this viewpoint.



P64: Panoramic view looking southwest from the Wyman Lake Rest Area off Route 201, 0.2 miles south of the Moscow/Caratunk town line. The Highland Wind Project will not be visible from this viewpoint.



P65: View of the monument to Colonel Benedict Arnold commemorating the location where his soldiers left the Kennebec River (visible on right) and began their march to Quebec in 1775. See P63 below. This site is located 1.1+/- miles north of the Moscow/Caratunk town line. The Highland Wind Project will not be visible from this viewpoint.



P66: Benedict Arnold commemorative tablet.

P67: Benedict Arnold monument with the Kennebec River and opposite ridgeline and vegetation in the background.

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P68: Panoramic view looking south from the Caratunk Boat Landing on Wyman Lake, off Route 201, 4.4 miles north of the Moscow/Caratunk town line. The Highland Wind Project will not be visible from this viewpoint.



P69: Panoramic view looking south from the end of a wooded trail off of the south end of the Caratunk Boat Landing area. The Highland Wind Project will not be visible from this viewpoint.