

PLEASE SAVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

DEP Comment Form

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To DEP: Please deny the application for the Silver Maple Wind Project on Pisgah Mountain in Clifton, Maine. I want to go on record as being opposed to this project and feel the environmental damage is too great in this particular scenic area.

1. Check any statements you agree with:

- Checkboxes for statements regarding wind projects, scenic resources, noise levels, and wildlife protection.

2. Circle all the scenic resources you enjoy:

Scenic Resources of State or National Significance or features listed in Clifton's Comprehensive Plan:

- List of scenic resources with handwritten circles around several items like Burnt Pond, Floods Pond, Hatcase Pond, etc.

Other Scenic Resources within 8 Miles of the Project:

- List of other scenic resources with handwritten circles around several items like Beech Hill Pond, Chemo Pond, etc.

3. Circle all activities you enjoy on the scenic resources in this area:

- List of activities with handwritten circles around several items like Own land, Live, Work, Visit, etc.

4. Please add any additional comments about how you enjoy scenic resources, which ones, and why you do not want DEP to allow 5 more wind towers to be built on top of Pisgah Mountain:

Blank lines for providing additional comments.

(Write additional comments on back of page.) -> -> ->

Mail or email comments to:

Address information for Jessica Damon, Project Manager, Department of Environmental Protection.

From:

Handwritten information for Barbara Bates, including name, address, city, state, zip, and email address.

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To DEP: Please deny the application for the Silver Maple Wind Project on Pisgah Mountain in Clifton, Maine. I want to go on record as being opposed to this project and feel the environmental damage is too great in this particular scenic area.

1. Check any statements you agree with:

- Wind projects should not be sited in the broad area around Pisgah Mountain as it is an area rich in scenic resources, including many Scenic Resources of State or National Significance (SRSNS), and is one of only three areas noted for exemplary scenic beauty in Maine's Finest Lakes Study in the organized towns throughout the entire state, along with the Moosehead Lake Region and lakes on Mount Desert Island.
- 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 and/or hear (even within permitted sound levels) towers from my home or property and I find that distressing for aesthetic reasons and possible health hazards.
I believe studies that show proximity to wind towers lowers property values.
- I believe that the unnatural noise levels from wind turbines in this rural, scenic setting present far reaching health hazards to humans and wildlife. We need to study infrasound more thoroughly, as recommended in the Maine Wind Energy Advisory Commission's Report dated January 2, 2018.
I believe that the Silver Maple Wind Project developers have not taken adequate steps to protect wildlife, especially bats and birds.
I believe that radar-activated aviation lighting should be required on all Maine wind projects, past and present.

2. Circle all the scenic resources you enjoy:

Scenic Resources of State or National Significance or features listed in Clifton's Comprehensive Plan:

Burnt Pond - Floods Pond - Hatcase Pond - Hopkins Pond - Mountainy Pond - Second Pond - Graham Lake - West Branch Union River between Rt. 9 and Graham Lake - Eagles Bluff - Parks Pond Bluff - Peaked Mountain (Chick Hill) - Little Peaked Mt. (Little Chick) - Woodchuck Hill

Other Scenic Resources within 8 Miles of the Project: Beech Hill Pond - Chemo Pond - Davis Pond -

Goose Pond - Green Lake - Holbrook Pond - Little Burnt Pond - Rocky Pond - Springy Pond - Other???

3. Circle all activities you enjoy on the scenic resources in this area:

Own land Live Work Visit Hike Star gaze Enjoy scenic beauty with no visual pollution
Rock climb Fish Swim Boat Bird watch Hunt Camp Use public boat landings
Enjoy scenic beauty with no noise pollution ? Other??

4. Please add any additional comments about how you enjoy scenic resources, which ones, and why you do not want DEP to allow 5 more wind towers to be built on top of Pisgah Mountain:

I am a registered Maine Guide, and have been for over fifty years. My clients, almost all from out-of-state, emphatically told me they do not come to Maine to see these blunders on the landscape. They do not understand why the State of Maine would allow such natural eyesores. They are angry. The wind farms in eastern Maine are definitely impacting the outdoor sporting economy in a negative way. Please stop this blight. (And remove the 3 towers in Clifton!)

(Write additional comments on back of page.) → → →

Mail or email comments to:

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Comment Form
Silver Maple Wind Project

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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: _____

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)

4. Mail or email Comments

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For more information go to the Facebook page "Stop Silver Maple Wind Energy Project in Clifton, Maine", or contact Teresa Davis, 207-537-3432, or email at TLD7246@gmail.com.