

Sierra Club, New Jersey Chapter

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP'S REQUEST FOR THE
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE ROUTE 80 WESTBOUND ROCKFALL MITIGATION
PROJECT

Whereas there may well be significant environmental, scenic, and historic impacts of the proposed I-80 Rockfall Mitigation Project that can only be identified by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and

Whereas the NJ Sierra Club requested on February 1, 2020 that the NJ DOT conduct a stakeholder-based charrette in order to investigate thoroughly all of the potential options for the proposed Interstate 80 Rockfall Project; and

Whereas the proposed Interstate 80 Rockfall Project will have a significant environmental impact on the Delaware Water Gap, Appalachian Trail, and neighboring environment; and

Whereas Knowlton Township's letter dated March 12, 2020 has requested that the Federal Highway Administration require an EIS for this project; and

Whereas this EIS would substantially contribute to process of the suggested charrette;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New Jersey Chapter of the Sierra Club endorses Knowlton Township's request to FHA to conduct an EIS for the Interstate 80 Rockfall project.

Copies of this resolution will be sent to:

- 1) FHWA – New Jersey Division Planning and Program Development Manager
- 2) U.S. Senator Cory Booker
- 3) U.S. Senator Bob Menendez
- 4) U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer
- 5) State Senator Steven Oroho
- 6) State Assemblyman Parker Space
- 7) State Assemblyman Harold Wirths
- 8) Mayor of Knowlton NJ, Adele Starr
- 9) Mayor of Hardwick NJ, Kevin Duffy

Adopted by the New Jersey Chapter Executive Committee, March 14, 2020