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THANK YOU FOR WORKING TO PROTECT MT. SUNAPEE STATE PARK

Hundreds of comments were sent by YOU to Commissioner Rose of the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development. **Thank you** for your swift action! Your comments, in addition to the many signatures gathered by the Friends of Mount Sunapee, make an impact.

The expansion is well illustrated in a recently-released map of the area. [View the map in PDF format](#). The dark pink trails are the proposed new ski trails on the west side of the mountain, originating in the dark green section of the map, which defines the land of greatest concern. This state-documented "exemplary forest community" lies directly in the path of the development, home to trees more than 200 years old. Swaths would be cut directly through and adjacent to this important area.



On June 4, we joined the Friends of Mt. Sunapee in Concord to submit more than 1,900 comments and signatures to the state opposing the proposed expansion.

Additionally, the plan would shatter the peace of the popular Summit hiking trail, and eliminate its use by winter hikers. You can see on the map how much this trail would be impacted.

Thank you again for your comments. To read a full press release, [visit our website](#).

VOLUNTEER TO CELEBRATE WITH US ON JULY 4

Staff our Sierra Club table at **Amherst, NH's Fourth of July parade** and celebration! This is a not-to-be-missed chance to see many major candidates for office, besides enjoying a classic all-American event. We will need you from 9am-12pm. You will receive training on materials and topics prior to the 4th.

Show your support for the NH Chapter's clean energy agenda by staffing the NHSC table at this event!

Sign up today -- Email NHSC603@gmail.com.

PIPELINE PROPOSED FOR SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE AREA

The Northeast Energy Direct (NED) Pipeline is a large pipeline expansion project being proposed by Tennessee Gas Pipeline and Kinder Morgan Energy Partners. It includes a large new natural gas transmission line that would extend through Pennsylvania, New York, and Massachusetts. A revision to the plan in December 2014 extends the planned pipeline through 71 miles of southern New Hampshire.

NH Sierra Club opposes this pipeline.

- The overall plan ignores formalized goals for fuel diversity in New England;
- The pipeline would not fit regional and state energy policies;
- The pipeline would increase demand for fracked gas;
- Our communities, including important conservation land in the Monadnock area, would be at

risk.

Ultimately, the NED pipeline proposal ignores the fastest, cheapest and most effective way to address our state's energy demands: energy efficiency, weatherization and conservation.

[Read our letter](#) opposing the pipeline.

LOCAL CHAMPIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

A big thank you goes to Sierra Club members **Bev Edwards** and **Pat Martin** (pictured) for bringing the NED pipeline issue to the forefront! Pat Martin explains what motivated her to act:

"While attending hearings on energy bills in Concord, I observed the constant presence and participation of NHSC as an advocate for the environment and the health of our local residents. I witnessed the high regard the legislators hold for NHSC and its expert witnesses. That was my motivation in asking the powerful and highly regarded NHSC to go on the record in opposition to NED at a time when we should be transitioning to renewable energy and energy efficiency."

Member Bev Edwards:

"With the Sierra Club's history of being on the forefront of efforts to reduce fossil fuel usage and protect clean air and water, I knew the club couldn't be fooled by the green washing make-over of fracked gas into "natural gas," a so-called "clean fuel" or "bridge fuel." And I knew you would not support a project that would come into NH, tear up 71 miles of our woodlands, eco-systems, conservation lands, then contaminate our water sources, aquifers, and wells, and emit hazardous levels of toxic pollutants from its compressor stations and metering stations in the process, in order to build a highway for exporting fracked gas for one corporation's greater profits abroad!"

We thank them both for their efforts in raising awareness of this project and working to stop it before it begins.



From left to right: Bev Edwards and Pat Martin in front of Uncle Sam's House in Mason. The pipeline would pass close by the historic property.

TAKE ACTION !

If you are willing to put up with an incredibly cumbersome comment tool, please! Yes! Make your voice be known to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **Write your comments ahead of time** so that you can copy and paste them into the form. This cantankerous site doesn't wait long before deciding your TIME is UP!

To submit your comments:

- Visit ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp
- Click the orange "eComment does not require eRegistration" button
- Fill out a form that looks suspiciously like a registration form
- Check your email for a message from FERC. Click the link
- Back to the online form! **Enter Docket PF14-22-000**
- Click Search to find the docket

- The docket summary will appear. You're not done yet...
- Press the little blue plus sign to select this docket
- Now! Paste in your comments and submit.

From all of us in the Sierra Club, thank you for that extraordinary effort! Let's keep this unnecessary pipeline out of New Hampshire, and out of New England altogether.

GET INVOLVED THIS SUMMER

Do you like to plan events and parties? What about shopping? Or perhaps you are a writer. If you said YES to any of these, the New Hampshire Sierra Club could use your help! Here's a few areas that need more helping hands:

- Organize new member welcome events, conservation events, or other information sessions
- Helping with marketing campaigns
- Arranging local retailers to sell Sierra Club merchandise
- Writing articles, press releases and letters to the editor

For more information or to sign up for these fun activities, please contact Amanda Gourgue at NHSC603@gmail.com or (603) 224-8222.

WE WANT YOU! TO RUN FOR THE NHSC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Interested in being involved in one of the oldest environmental organizations in America? Four of the nine seats on the Sierra Club New Hampshire Chapter's Executive Committee are up for election to a two-year term; two will be vacant without your leadership.

What is the Executive Committee? Governance of the New Hampshire Chapter of the Sierra Club is provided by a nine-member governing board of active Sierra Club members, called the Executive Committee, or ExCom. This board is responsible for managing staff, ensuring that the organization is financially sound, and taking positions on issues affecting our region.

If you're interested in running for the Chapter ExCom, contact us at NHSC603@gmail.com. You'll be asked to submit a brief summary of your interest and qualifications. We're looking forward to hearing from you!



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