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#SaveSunapee

Mt. Sunapee State Park is the jewel in the crown of the New Hampshire State Park system. The state park is home to wildlife, hiking trails, streams, a picnic area and a ski resort that rents the ski operations from the state. Unfortunately, the renters want more than just the ski area. They want to clear cut ancient trees to build new ski trails, end the four season use of the Summit Trail and disrupt the decades long effort to create a protected greenway from Mt Kearsarge to Massachusetts. They have changed the lease and are proposing a new development plan that is expected to come before the Governor and Executive Council on April 6.



Call to Action!

Call all of the Executive Councilors to say:

1. Mt. Sunapee State Park is for the public to enjoy - not for amusements that you pay to play.
2. It is not a compromise - the public does not get to comment on any of NEW lease amendments.
3. The public opinion was overwhelmingly opposed 3-1 to the last draft of the development plan.

FOR Councilor Sununu: Please recuse yourself because you have substantial interests at Waterville Valley Ski Resort. The perception is that you are helping your ski resort friends or using your elected office to beat out your competition.

Call the Executive Councilors Today!

Contact the Executive Councilors at Executive Council Office: (603) 271-3632

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Then, call Governor Hassan: (603) 271-2121 or submit your comments online at

<http://business.nh.gov/NHGovernor/comments.asp>

Earth Day Cleanup Event

Join us to clean up the popular Riverland Conservation Area

Saturday, April 23 10am-12pm

Sierra Club members are invited to help beautify the Riverland Conservation Area in Canterbury in preparation for a great season on the beach and adjacent trails. In conjunction with the Canterbury Recycling Committee and town volunteers, we will be scouring the fields, riverbank and parking areas for a few short hours, to locate every last can, bottle, box or beach chair left over from the previous season. We'll start work at 10 a.m. Plan to meet at the parking area (directions below) where PAYT trash bags will be distributed. Work gloves are recommended. Everything that can be recycled, will be recycled.

The Riverland Conservation Area is rich in birdlife, and April should be a perfect time to look around for nesting and migrating species while helping with this project. eBird calls it a "[Birding Hotspot](#)," and rare bird sightings have been reported as recently as last year.

This beautiful 90-acre protected property is very heavily used by area residents in the summer. Let's chip in to make it look its best and be welcoming to birds, animals and people alike. This is a great way to fulfill the Sierra Club mission, while getting plenty of fresh air! Please let us know you will be joining us, by dropping a note to NHSC603@gmail.com or give the office a call at 224-8222.

Directions: Take exit 17 off Interstate 93. Head west on Route 4 for 0.2 mile. Turn right on Old Boyce Road, across from the new gas station and Dunkin Donuts. There is a street sign. Keep left at the fork, veering onto Riverland Road. Follow Riverland Road to Oxbow Pond Road, left, when you see the Manykedo Wildlife area sign in front of you. The parking area is down over the hill, at the end of Oxbow Pond Road. We will have signs!



Northern Pass Opposition Update:

The Northern Pass proposal continues to move forward. The New Hampshire Chapter is an intervener, meaning it can officially participate in the proceedings at the Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). The chapter was instrumental in getting land owners to participate too and for that we are grateful. Thank you landowners!! There is a lot of goings on about who can participate and the SEC is trying to group people together but it has been problematic, even for us. The grouping can lend itself to diminishing a party's interest. The concern is so great that we asked to have our own representation. Stay tuned in! Read the [SEC docket](#).

Public Comment Deadline April 4:

As noted by the DOE there are the details to the comments: "Comments on the Draft EIS and Section 106 can be submitted verbally during public hearings; on the [project website](http://www.northernpasseis.us/comment/) (<http://www.northernpasseis.us/comment/>); in writing to Mr. Brian Mills at: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-20), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585; via e-mail to draftEIScomments@northernpasseis.us or Section106comments@northernpasseis.us; or by facsimile to (202) 586-8008. Please mark envelopes and electronic mail subject lines as "NP Draft EIS Comments" or "NP Section 106 Comments." Written comments should be submitted by April 4, 2016. Written and oral comments will be given equal weight and all comments received or postmarked by that date will be considered by DOE in preparing the Final EIS. Comments submitted (e.g., postmarked) after that date will be considered to the extent practicable."

Double Your Donation: Give Today!

This March, you should have received two letters in the mail from us, the New Hampshire Chapter of the Sierra Club, asking for your support. March is the only time we can ask you for donations to support our work in New Hampshire.

We've set a \$11,000 goal for this one-month campaign. Can you help?

There is no better time to give. For the rest of the month of March, **every single dollar** you donate will now be **doubled**, up to \$3,000!

- \$25 becomes \$50!
- \$50 becomes \$100!
- \$100 becomes \$200!

Donate today! Your dollars go straight to support our environmental advocacy in New Hampshire. We need your help to defend the state's carbon reduction and energy saving programs, advocate for New Hampshire state parks, and continue to support environmental champions in the state house.

This is the **largest** matching gift offer of the **entire year!**

Make your gift before March 31!

Want to make an enormous difference for moose, rainbow trout, New England Cottontail Rabbit and other wildlife? Want to ensure that RGGI is not weakened or eliminated? Want to help preserve the remaining 200+ year-old trees at Mount Sunapee State Park?

Donate **before midnight on March 31**, and your wildlife-saving, wilderness-preserving gift will be **doubled**.

There is no better time to donate to the Sierra Club's New Hampshire Chapter. Thank you for your support!

Volunteers Needed:

Solar Fest in Keene: NHSC needs a few volunteers to help staff the table at the outdoor music event celebrating Earth Day! Saturday April 23rd, 11 am to 4 pm at Oya Hill, Keene State College Campus. Send us a note NHSC603@gmail.com or give the office a call at 224-8222.

Concord Market Days is not far away and we need volunteers to staff this table too! Three days of great weather and great people who stop by our table. Come and join us at the table for a 2 hour shift June 23, 24, and 25. Contact us at NHSC603@gmail.com or give the office a call at 224-8222.

Movie Event: *This Changes Everything*

Saturday, April 16
[Red River Theatres](#), Concord
Doors open 3pm | Film begins 3:30pm
\$10 in advance
\$15 day of show

[Buy your tickets today!](#)

New Hampshire Sierra Club is proud to announce a showing of *This Changes Everything*, on April 16 at the Red River Theatres in Concord. A panel discussion will follow the film.

What if confronting the climate crisis is the best chance we'll ever get to build a better world?

Filmed over 211 shoot days in nine countries and five

continents over four years, *This Changes Everything* is an epic attempt to re-imagine the vast challenge of climate change.

Directed by Avi Lewis, and inspired by Naomi Klein's international non-fiction bestseller *This Changes Everything*, the film presents seven powerful portraits of communities on the front lines, from Montana's Powder River Basin to the Alberta Tar Sands, from the coast of South India to Beijing and beyond.

Interwoven with stories of struggle is Klein's narration, connecting the carbon in the air with the economic system that put it there. Throughout the film, Klein builds to her most controversial and exciting idea: that we can seize the existential crisis of climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better.

The extraordinary detail and richness of the cinematography in *This Changes Everything* provides an epic canvas for this exploration of the greatest challenge of our time. Unlike many works about the climate crisis, this is not a film that tries to scare the audience into action: it aims to empower.

Provocative, compelling, and accessible to even the most climate-fatigued viewers, *This Changes Everything* will leave you refreshed and inspired, reflecting on the ties between us, the kind of lives we really want, and why the climate crisis is at the center of it all.

Will this film change everything? Absolutely not. But you could, by answering its call to action! [Watch the trailer](#).



Update & Action Alert: Bobcat Hunting in New Hampshire

The NH Fish and Game Commission recently voted to open a hunting and trapping bobcat season with a lottery for 50 permits for NH residents. Prior to this vote, bobcat hunting was not allowed in New Hampshire for over 20 years.

There are now two methods by which to fight this proposal.

1. A public hearing for the rules will be held Friday, April 1 at 9am in Representatives' Hall in front of the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules. Read the most recent draft of the [proposed rules](#).

Even if you don't speak, your attendance speaks volumes! Sign in and check that you oppose it.

NH State House, Concord
Representatives Hall
Friday, April 1, at 9 am

2. Contact your senator and politely ask him/her to sponsor an amendment to ban bobcat hunting in New Hampshire. [Find your senator](#) and say, "My name is [name] from [town], New Hampshire, and I'm calling to urge you to sponsor an amendment to ban bobcat hunting and trapping in our state."

For more information, contact the [Humane Society](#) of the United States.

Earth Day Events Around the State

Earth Day is Friday, April 22! Here's a sampling of celebratory activities happening throughout the state.

Earth Day Festival – Tread Lightly in Auburn

There will be bird banding demonstrations, live animals, prize drawings, 'build your own birdhouse' kits for sale, games, mural painting, crafts, scavenger hunts, live music, and marshmallow roasting at our campfire.

Saturday, April 16, 10am-3pm

Massabesic Audubon Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, NH

\$15 for families, \$5 for individuals

More information: www.nhaudubon.org

Earth Day 5k in Nashua

The Rivier University Biology Club is hosting the 12th annual Earth Day 5k road race. Event proceeds will benefit Beaver Brook Association in Hollis.

Saturday, April 16, race starts at 10am

Starting line is at the Memorial Hall Parking Lot at Rivier University in Nashua, NH

\$15 in advance, \$20 day of

More information: www.rivier.edu/roadrace

Earth Day Festival in Hudson

Sunday, April 17, 1-3pm

Nottingham West School, 10 Pelham Rd in Hudson, NH

More information: www.hudsonnh.gov/boards/recycling/earthdaycontest

Earth Day Celebration in Dover

Visitors will enjoy a variety of demonstrations, activities and information as they get their hands dirty while learning about our Earth, the environment and our local ecosystem.

Friday, April 22, 10am-3pm

Children's Museum of NH, 6 Washington Street, Dover

Activities included with museum admission (\$9 for adults and children over 1)

More information: childrens-museum.org

Green Alliance Party for the Planet at Redhook Brewery

Enjoy a voluntary tree planting/rain garden build/Tradeport trash pick-up, leading up to the annual block party beginning at 4 p.m. All volunteers will receive a raffle ticket and \$1 of every pint purchased will be donated to the Hodgson Brook Association in Portsmouth.

Friday, April 22

10am-4pm are Volunteer Earth Day Activities; 4-10pm is the Redhook Block Party

Redhook Brewery, Portsmouth, NH

Free and open to all.

More information: www.greenalliance.biz/events

Monadnock Earth Day Festival in Keene

More than 30 area nonprofit organizations and local sustainable businesses are gathering together to showcase their contributions to the vibrancy and wellness of the Monadnock region.

Saturday, April 23, 12-4pm

Cypress Street (next to the Food Co-op), Keene, NH

Free and open to the public

More information: facebook.com/MonadnockEarthDayFestival

Solar Fest - Keene

Stop by to enjoy the day with free yoga, food samples and other fun activities. Solar Fest is presented by Campus Ecology and WKNH 93.1. Kid and pet friendly.

Saturday April 23rd, 11 am to 6 pm

Oya Hill, Keene State College Campus

Music Lineup: The Groms, Survay Says, Spouse, A Great Big Pile Of Leaves, Kung Fu

Free and open to the public

[More information](#)

Earth Day in Exeter

Bring your family to celebrate Earth Day at Churchill's with lots of fun events including pansy planting in recyclable pots, face painting, make a nature poster and much more.

Saturday, April 23, 11am

Churchill's Garden Center, 12 Hampton Road in Exeter, NH

Free and open to the public

More information: www.churchillsgardens.com/events

6th Annual Stonyfield Earth Day 5k and Earth Day Fair

The morning kicks off with a 5K run or walk on a gentle rolling course followed by a super post-race celebration featuring live music, great food and beverages. While you groove to the music be sure to take advantage of our free buffet of healthy snacks featuring delicious Stonyfield products of course and take a tour of our Earth Day Fair booths and exhibits.

Saturday, May 14, 2016; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stonyfield Farm Yogurt Works, 10 Burton Drive, Londonderry NH

Free to the fair, 5k registration is \$20-\$35

More information: stonyfield5k.com

If you are not a member yet -

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