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Go to [www.livefreeorfry.org](http://www.livefreeorfry.org) for more information or to request materials.

### **FOR LANDOWNERS**

A list of lawyers has been developed for landowners who are impacted by Northern Pass. It's important for landowners to know that they have support and others recognize the struggles they face. The document is still in draft form. It includes tips on hiring a lawyer –and we urge them to recognize that THEY must choose a lawyer who represents THEIR best interests. If you would like a copy of the in-process draft contact [infnorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com](mailto:infnorthcountrypowerline@gmail.com)

### **EVENTS**

Swift Diamond Rider's Snodeo is scheduled for Friday, March 4 from 8am-4pm & Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 8am-3pm at Coleman State Park in Stewartstown. This is a fun, family event. Since Northern Pass decided to be the title sponsor of the event it caused quite a stir. Live Free or Fry and the Power Line Education Fund decided it made sense to use the event as an opportunity to spread the message about concerns and opposition to Northern Pass. LFOF and PLEF will have a table at the event. Check out this the event's website to see the Live Free or Fry Banner as well. Go to <http://www.nhsnodeo.com/home.html>

See schedule for the EIS Scoping Hearings below.

### **TOWN MEETING AND PETITIONS ON WARRANT – NOWS THE TIME TO ACT AND INFORM YOUR FELLOW TOWN RESIDENTS!**

Over 19 towns in NH have petitions on their warrant to be voted on at town meeting this year. It's important in those towns that people begin to discuss the issues with their neighbors and fellow town residents. Some towns may have the petition on the ballot while others will be able to vote on it during the town meeting. Put up signs, hand out buttons, knock on doors, and write letters to the editor to your local newspaper if you can. Many people are still unaware of the real issues and impact of Northern Pass. Towns that we know (although there

may be some errors) about that have accepted a petition are Colebrook, Sugar Hill, Columbia, Lancaster, Easton, Dalton, Bethlehem, Clarksville, Whitefield, Stewartstown, Northumberland, North Stratford, Campton, Plymouth, Thornton, Holderness, Rumney, Woodstock, Lincoln, Ashland and Pembroke.

### **CHECK OUT BRIAN BULLDOG TILTON'S SPECIAL PAGE ON NORTHERN PASS!**

Brian "Bulldog" Tilton is an award winning journalist who has a radio talk show on the Pulse at 107.7 daily. He has set up a page on Northern Pass which is an excellent review of developments. Check it out at

<http://www.briantilton.com/NorthernPass.html>

### **EIS SCOPING HEARINGS (Many of you know this but we have so many new email list members it's important to share the information again.)**

Be sure to register to comment on the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) scoping hearings coming up in March. This will be your opportunity to reflect on and submit the issue(s) that you are concerned about. An EIS web site at <http://www.northernpasseis.us/index.asp> has been set up on the Northern Pass site where you can find information on the Process, How to Get Involved, Comment Section, and a Document Library where you will find a listing of people who applied as interveners in the Presidential Permit Process, made comments, scoping comments, who opposed the hiring of Normandeau Associates to do the studies and other documents. Over time, you will find other documents here so be sure to bookmark the site.

Here are the dates for the scoping hearings:

1. Pembroke NH, Pembroke Academy cafeteria, 209 Academy Road, Monday, March 14, 6-9 pm
2. Franklin NH, Franklin Opera House, 316 Central Street, Tuesday, March 15, 6-9 pm
3. Lincoln NH, The Mountain Club on Loon, Hancock Room, 90 Loon Mountain Road, Wednesday, March 16, 6-9 pm
4. Whitefield NH, Mountain View Grand Hotel and Resort, Presidential Room, 101 Mountain View Road, Thursday, March 17, 6-9 pm
5. Colebrook NH, Colebrook Elementary School, 27 Dumont Street, Saturday, March 19, 1-4 pm.

Go to [http://www.northernpasseis.us/Involved/scoping\\_process.asp](http://www.northernpasseis.us/Involved/scoping_process.asp) and look at the bottom of the page. You can register to speak at the public meetings there which makes sense since we anticipate many people will be attending so it's important to get your name in early.

**WHAT IS AN EIS AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?** Check here for more information on what an EIS is [http://www.northernpasseis.us/Permitting\\_Process/index.asp](http://www.northernpasseis.us/Permitting_Process/index.asp)

Since Northern Pass has proposed a large number of routes, some preferred and some alternate it's important to be aware that this is a typical "divide and conquer" strategy that is used for such projects which lends itself to accusations of NIMBY. However, you do want to have on record an historical property or environmental issue that is significant.

So here is a list of some of the impacts you might address:

Impacts will be analyzed across a number of resource areas, including:

- Air quality (including climate change and greenhouse gas emissions)
- Water resources and drainage
- Geography, geology, and soils
- Land use
- Threatened and endangered species, special status species, and related sensitive resources
- Airspace utilization
- Public health and safety
- Noise
- Natural hazards
- Hazardous materials
- Accidents and intentional destructive acts
- Cultural and historical resources
- Recreational resources
- Visual resources
- Socioeconomic impacts, community services and infrastructure
- Environmental justice considerations (disproportionately high and adverse impacts to minority and low income populations)
- Cumulative impacts (past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future actions)

- Irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources

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