



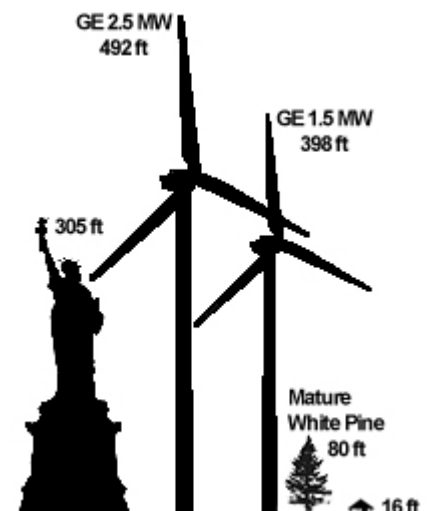
Why we oppose the construction of an industrial wind complex on Bowers Mountain at the head of the Downeast Lakes watershed.

⇒ The Bowers Mtn Project directly threatens our local economy.

The pristine natural beauty of the Downeast Lakes watershed is the lifeblood of our economy. Our jobs, retail businesses, sporting camps, fishing and hunting guides, hotels, B&B's and restaurants all depend on visitors who come here to experience our region's legendary beauty.

⇒ This project will be visible for many miles.

The proposed wind turbines will be either 398 feet or 492 feet tall. Sited on Bowers Mountain and surrounding hills, they will be visible from many important recreational lakes including Duck, Mill Privilege, Shaw, Pleasant, Keg, Bottle, Scraggly, Junior, Sysladobsis and West Grand Lakes. Because the turbines will be so large and out of scale with their surroundings, they will be required to have red flashing aviation warning strobe lights atop them that will be clearly visible all the way to Grand Lake Stream and beyond. The night sky star show that we now enjoy will essentially be ruined.



⇒ There are few, if any local benefits.

Our electric bills will not be lower once the project is in built. Even though property values will decline, it is unlikely that our property taxes will. Very few permanent jobs will be created. Based on completed wind projects, we can expect the Bowers Mtn project to provide no more than two or three permanent jobs. It makes no sense to destroy our landscape and threaten our local businesses for the sake of two or three new jobs.

⇒ It will damage the fragile watershed environment.

Many acres of forest will be clear-cut for the turbines and transmission lines. The turbines are mounted on concrete pads that require large areas of the mountaintop to be leveled. Erosion will increase and silt will flow into the streams, destroying delicate brook trout habitat. In addition, it is a proven fact that these turbines kill eagles, migratory birds and bats.

⇒ **Ridgeline industrial wind projects in Maine are not ‘green’.**

Wind varies by season and is unpredictable. Once a wind project comes online, other power plants on the grid have to constantly adjust their output to account for this variability. This forces them to run less efficiently. In addition, many acres of trees must be clear cut and large quantities of petrochemicals must be stored on site to keep the turbines lubricated.

⇒ **Wind generated energy is not reliable.**

Not one single traditional power plant has ever been decommissioned because of a wind energy project in Europe or the United States.

⇒ **Noise and Adverse Health Effects.**

The sound from the turbines will be amplified as it travels downhill and travels across water, impacting hundreds of homes and camps. Complaints about noise and vibration from wind turbines are growing nationwide. The light flicker, vibration and low frequency sound have been shown to cause ‘wind turbine syndrome’, a cluster of health problems including sleep disorders, heart disease, panic attacks and headaches.

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