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Dear Landowner,

Over the past few months, the preliminary engineering and design work for the proposed Northern Pass transmission line has continued to move forward. The Northern Pass, if approved by state and federal agencies, may be constructed within the existing utility right-of-way easement on your property located at Mountain River East Com in Thornton, NH. Recall from our previous communication that I have been designated as your Northern Pass point of contact. As such, I want to take this opportunity to provide an update on recent project activities and remind you that I am available to answer your questions about the project at any time.

I encourage you, as a landowner along the proposed route, to stay informed about the project and become involved with The Northern Pass project team. We are available and willing to meet with you to discuss the project, including preliminary engineering designs, potential structure types and locations, easements, and any other aspect of the project specific to your property and your community.

I also encourage you to stay involved in the federal and state permitting processes, which will be on-going over the next several years. Currently, the federal U.S. Department of Energy is engaged in a public scoping process as part of the federal permitting process. The public scoping period started in March and is still open to receive public comments either via email or in writing. For information on the federal permitting process and the public scoping period, please visit <http://northernpasseis.us/>.

Of particular interest to landowners is what The Northern Pass transmission line and structures might look like on their property and in their community. To help visualize what the structures might look like, we have developed visual simulations from a variety of public vantage points along the proposed route. While these simulations are not specific to your property, they will give you an idea of what the structures will actually look like once constructed in the existing rights-of-way. Enclosed is an example of one of these visual simulations. All of the visual simulations can be found on The Northern Pass website at [www.northernpass.us](http://www.northernpass.us).

Another item of interest among landowners is the field work being done to collect environmental and cultural resource information for The Northern Pass. (See enclosed fact sheet on the type of data collected.) While most of the necessary field work has been completed for 2011, it is anticipated that additional historical, archeological, visual and natural resource data will be collected in some locations along the proposed route in 2012. Please note that any other activities you may see taking place in the right-of-way on your property are related to routine and on-going operation and maintenance of PSNH transmission corridors and facilities. These activities are not part of The Northern Pass.

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The Northern Pass project team is committed to listening to your specific concerns and interests as we move forward with the preliminary engineering and design for your property and your community. Please don't hesitate to contact me at [berryjl@nu.com](mailto:berryjl@nu.com) or 603-533-6447 if you would like to schedule a meeting or if you have any questions about The Northern Pass. In the meantime, I will continue to reach out to you to provide more information as the project advances and as opportunities for public participation become available.

Sincerely,

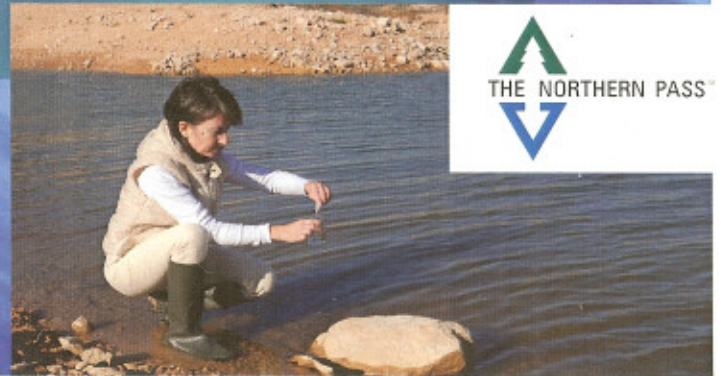
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer L. Berry".

Jennifer L. Berry  
Landowner Outreach Specialist

Enclosures



## DATA COLLECTION FOR THE NORTHERN PASS PROJECT: Natural and Cultural Resources Information



**As part of the permitting processes for the proposed Northern Pass transmission project, a significant amount of natural and cultural resources information is required to be reviewed by many state and federal agencies.**

This information is obtained from a combination of published sources and field data collected along the proposed Northern Pass transmission route, and is used to help assess the project's environmental impacts. The information is also used by Northern Pass project engineers during the design process to help avoid and minimize impacts to important natural and cultural resources.

The field information that is being collected is an important part of the overall natural and cultural resources evaluation that is required by state and federal agencies for The Northern Pass project.

State of New Hampshire agencies involved in the permitting review process include, but are not limited to, the Department of Environmental Services, Fish and Game Department, Division of Historical Resources, Department of Resources and Economic Development, and the Site Evaluation Committee. Federal agencies involved in the permitting process include the Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, Army Corps of Engineers, and the Department of Energy.

Here is a brief summary of some of the important field work involved in collecting natural and cultural resources information within utility rights-of-way (ROW) along the proposed route for the Northern Pass transmission project:

- **Botanical/Wildlife habitat surveys** for state and federally listed rare species and invasive species are conducted by teams of two botanists and two wildlife biologists several times a year. Botanists search for specific rare plants and natural communities, and wildlife biologists evaluate potential habitat for rare wildlife, such as Canada Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) and Blanding's Turtles (*Emydoidea blandingii*). Surveys are conducted following protocols developed through consultation with the NH Fish and Game Department, the Natural Heritage Bureau, and/or the US Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Wetland/Stream Delineation and Vernal Pool surveys** are conducted by teams of two to three wetland scientists within and immediately adjacent to the proposed ROW corridor. Wetland boundaries, as well as intermittent and perennial streams and rivers crossing the proposed ROW, are carefully mapped for review by state and federal officials. In some locations, small test pits are dug by hand and then refilled for soil identification. Amphibian use of vernal pools is surveyed by teams of two scientists during the spring.
- **Cultural and Visual Resources surveys** are conducted within and along the proposed ROW corridor. Where archaeological artifacts or resources are identified and the project design indicates a potential for impact, resources will be further evaluated by shovel tests and more detailed mapping. Historical structures and sites impacted by the project will also be mapped and evaluated. All steps in the process will be performed in consultation with the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Office in accordance with federal and state cultural resources procedures and protocols. In addition, visual impact specialists have been taking numerous photographs as part of the Northern Pass's visual assessment. Some of this work is reflected in visual simulations, which are displayed on the Northern Pass website.

The field information that is being collected is an important part of the overall natural and cultural resources evaluation that is required by state and federal agencies for The Northern Pass project. This work will continue in consultation with those agencies throughout the entire permitting process.

# Visual Simulation from Tripoli Road, Woodstock

Northern Pass Transmission Project

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PRELIMINARY

## Today's View



## View Location Map



### Note:

The visual simulations presented on this sheet are for reference only. Full format 11x17 simulations are available that simulate the actual perceived scale of objects in the landscape when viewed from a specific distance. The simulations presented here are reduced by 40%, which may impact the perceived scale (i.e. objects may be larger or smaller than they appear).

### Simulation Information

<b>Transmission Line Information</b>	Proposed structure type: HVDC horizontal tangent
	Height range of proposed transmission structures (visible): 80' - 105'
	Height range of existing transmission structures (visible): 42' - 47.5'
	Right of way width 225', no additional width required, 75' of clearing within existing ROW required
<b>Photograph Information</b>	Date and time: 03/24/11; 12:00 pm
	Location: Tripoli Rd (near exit 31), Woodstock; facing North; 43.989° N, -71.673° W
	Camera elevation above sea level: 790' (240.8 m)
	Weather conditions: Overcast
<b>Prepared By</b>	LandWorks • Middlebury, Vermont

Simulation: New structure option -- Lattice



Simulation: New structure option -- Monopole

