

# OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT ON NORTHERN PASS IN 2016

Public Sessions This Winter Hosted by State and Federal Officials



The first few months of 2016 are important for those who want to share their views on Northern Pass. Another series of public hearings will be held in March in each of the counties along the route as part of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC) permitting process. These will be similar to the previous state public hearings, and will include a presentation by Eversource, a question and answer period, and a public comment session. During these March hearings, members of the SEC will also be in attendance, giving residents the opportunity to speak directly to the officials who are reviewing the project.

In addition to the SEC hearings, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will host four public hearings on the Northern Pass draft Environmental Impact Statement, released in July 2015, as part of the project's federal permitting process.

Two of the hearings mentioned above — Colebrook and Concord — will be co-hosted by the SEC and DOE and will serve as the required public hearings for Coös and Merrimack counties. At right you will find information about these public hearings.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

### BELKNAP COUNTY

**Tuesday, March 1 at 5 p.m.**  
 Mill Falls at the Lake  
 Church Landing  
 281 Daniel Webster Highway  
 Meredith

### COÖS COUNTY (SEC and DOE Co-hosted Hearings)

**Monday, March 7 at 5 p.m.**  
 Colebrook Elementary School  
 27 Dumont Street  
 Colebrook

### MERRIMACK COUNTY (SEC and DOE Co-hosted Hearings)

**Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m.**  
 Grappone Conference Center  
 70 Constitution Ave  
 Concord

### GRAFTON COUNTY

**Monday, March 14 at 5 p.m.**  
 Plymouth State University  
 Welcome Center at the Ice Arena  
 129 NH Rt. 175A  
 (Holderness Road)  
 Holderness

### ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

**Wednesday, March 16 at 5 p.m.**  
 Deerfield Fair Pavilion  
 34 Stage Road  
 Deerfield

## OTHER DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HEARINGS

### WATERVILLE VALLEY

**Wednesday, March 9, 5 p.m.**  
 Waterville Valley Conference  
 and Event Center  
 Waterville Room  
 56 Packards Road  
 Waterville Valley

### WHITEFIELD

**Friday, March 11, 5 p.m.**  
 Mountain View Grand Resort  
 and Spa  
 Presidential Room  
 101 Mountain View Road  
 Whitefield



## Partners for NH's Fish and Wildlife Programs are Underway

### NORTHERN PASS PLEDGES \$3 MILLION TO PROTECT AND RESTORE THREATENED SPECIES AND HABITATS

Farmland and young forest lands were once found all over New Hampshire. In recent decades, however, forest growth and development have led to the loss of what is known as early successional habitat, vastly reducing the areas in which native species, like New England cottontail, American woodcock, and Bicknell's thrush, call home.

Eastern brook trout have also seen a reduction in population due to the construction of culverts and other fish barriers along New Hampshire's rivers and streams. Environmental and land management groups large and small across the region have been working to restore these habitats and foster the growth of important fish species. These efforts not only boost the health of the streams and rivers, but are also an attractive draw to freshwater anglers.

Northern Pass, in partnership with our parent company Eversource, worked with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) to create the Partners for NH's Fish and Wildlife grant program in 2015. As part of this effort, Northern Pass pledged \$3 million to support programs that will accomplish these goals. To date, NFWF has awarded nine grants across New Hampshire. Grant recipients are at various stages in their work restoring young forests, modifying and replacing barriers to fish movement, and restoring threatened habitats. Thanks to the work of these organizations, these projects will:

- **open 92 miles of streams for Eastern brook trout through barrier modification or replacement**
- **improve 170 acres of young forest habitat for native species**
- **work with at least 430 volunteers who will participate in on-the-ground conservation**

To learn more about the work being done through Partners for NH's Fish and Wildlife, as well as grant opportunities available in 2016, go to [www.nfwf.org/eversourcepartners/](http://www.nfwf.org/eversourcepartners/).



George Dzjuna

### It's Going to Attract More Businesses

George Dzjuna knows from his experience on the Franklin City Council that businesses in the area are very concerned about the cost of electricity. That's why he believes Northern Pass is a smart solution for those who live and work in the area.

"If we can lower electric costs, it certainly will attract more businesses," he said.

Because New Hampshire shares a grid with other New England states, there is a need for more energy not just elsewhere in the region, but in New Hampshire too, Dzujna said. "We may not need as much right now from the grid, but there's going to come a time in the very near future that it's going to be important," he said.

Hear more of what Dzujna has to say about the benefits of the project on our website, [northernpass.us/multimedia](http://northernpass.us/multimedia).

### ABOUT NORTHERN PASS

Northern Pass is a 192-mile electric transmission line project that will provide New Hampshire and New England up to 1,090 megawatts of clean hydropower. This reliable and competitively-priced power will also bring a range of benefits to New Hampshire, including hundreds of millions of dollars in energy cost savings, additional tax revenue, and thousands of jobs during construction and beyond. To learn more about Northern Pass, go to [www.northernpass.us](http://www.northernpass.us). You can also email questions to [info@northernpass.us](mailto:info@northernpass.us) or call **1-800-286-7305**.