

Good morning,

Members of this committee and guests, my name is Linda Dubois and I write to you today on behalf of myself and many other Mainers' who are concerned over the use of our public lands. I support LD 471 wholeheartedly and find it sad that this bill needs to be brought to the floor at all. To ensure the proper use of our public lands from backroom deals, and misrepresenting land usage by those who may not have the best interest of the State in mind, this legislation needs to be passed.

It is my understanding that the legislature is already required to vote on any use of Maine public lands that substantially alter that land. It is a shame that the use was misrepresented from the start!

Due to Covid-19, a similar bill was not brought to the floor last year. An entire year of building, permits, and plans were developed, that very well may be illegal. On March 17, 2021 the court agreed that the CMP corridor would substantially alter the use of public lands and the importance of this bill looms larger. I ask that you consider the passage of LD 471 and help protect Maine's public lands for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,
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