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I strongly urge support of the passage of LD 471 to require legislative approval for certain leases of Public Lands.

It is reprehensible that foreign corporations like CMP and Hydro Quebec are allowed to supersede the will of Maine citizens to commandeer tracks of public land for the sole purpose of benefiting their stockholders. Maine does not stand to benefit from this, in fact Maine will be irreparably harmed. The destruction of crucial forestland will not only hurt the environment, but it will devastate the tourist industry in that part of Maine. A small, temporary increase in the number of jobs building the CMP corridor will not offset the long term ramifications of a ruined tourist industry and environment.