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Your memberships and donations help us to accomplish our mission:

To protect the natural integrity and scenic beauty of East Grand Lake, its watershed and surrounding landscape from environmental threats and inappropriate development activities such as industrial scale wind power through advocacy and public education, and to conserve the unique and unspoiled natural beauty of East Grand Lake for the recreational and aesthetic enjoyment of all.

What you can do

- **Join and donate to KIG.** Our membership approached 300 members in the first few months of organization! KIG is working diligently to organize for the case against this wind project when it comes before the Maine DEP.
- **Educate yourself, your family and others.** Visit our website for more information and links to other sites, such as Friends of Maine's Mountains (www.friendsofmainesmountains.org), that present the issues and problems with wind development in Maine and across our nation.
- **Encourage your friends and neighbors** at home - and importantly, on East Grand - to learn about the issues and our efforts.
- **Keep up to date** on developments through KIG's website and newsletters.
- **Attend events** sponsored by KIG and other organizations working toward the environmental preservation of the East Grand Lake watershed. Encourage other groups and organizations to join in this unprecedented fight.
- **Be prepared to lend your voice and presence in support of our cause.**

The Time is Now to Take a Stand to Keep It Grand!



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Keep It Grand

A Citizens' Group to Protect
East Grand Lake

Imagine this ridge lined with 450+ foot tall wind turbines and 164+ foot turning blades.

Would you come to East Grand Lake ...

- ... to hear rumbling turbine noise instead of loon conversation?**
- ... to see flashing red lights across the night sky instead of the Milky Way galaxy?**
- ... to bathe in the shadow of an industrial wind grid?**

Industrial wind developer **First Wind** wrote to regulators, in their Bowers Visual Impact Assessment, that if the visual effect of the turbines becomes undesirable, "*Fisherman can orient their boats away from the turbines, or situate themselves in one of the many coves ... They may also recreate at other nearby and comparable lakes with fewer or no views of turbines, if preferred.*"

Does this sound good to you?

Unless we take action to protect this environment from the invasion of wind farms, these may soon be features of East Grand Lake

Who we are: Keep It Grand (KIG) was formed in December 2011 by a group of citizens who have a deep love and concern for East Grand Lake. We came together because of a proposal to erect an industrial wind farm of 40-plus-story-tall wind turbines along Greenland Ridge, above the Arm of East Grand Lake. A wind facility of this size, only ¼ of a mile from the shoreline, would tower over the lake. Each turbine is taller than the tallest building in Maine. We believe that the special beauty of the East Grand wilderness would be destroyed.



The Danger to East Grand Lake: Though wind turbines are touted to be environmentally friendly, they in fact pose serious problems for environments such as East Grand Lake. East Grand is an environmental treasure. It is one of only 10% of Maine lakes in unorganized territories classified by the Land Use Regulation Commission as Class 1A. Lakes such as East Grand help create a quality of place that is nationally valued and makes Maine a Vacationland. Such splendor should not be sacrificed for short-term economic benefit.

Consequences: Communities who have welcomed wind farms around the nation are learning, too late, that the environmentally friendly claims of wind power are not true. People concerned about protecting our natural resources who were initially supportive of wind power are now alarmed by the damage that wind farms do, in fact, bring to the environment, wildlife, and humans.



Environmental degradation: Gone are the deep night skies, spared city lights only to be filled with flashing red lights. Scenic shoreline and ridge-line views are ruined. Birdlife, including the soaring eagles and osprey are endangered by spinning blades. The already endangered bat population will likely be further damaged. Rumbling turbines will announce themselves, inhibiting nature's chorus. The construction process will pose threats to the watershed and irreparably score Greenland Ridge with tower platform construction.

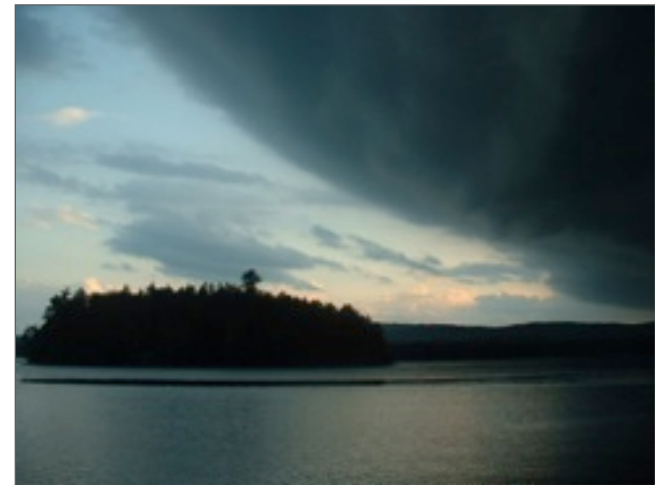
Health: Amplitude modulation and low-frequency turbine aerodynamics cause unique and harmful noise. Rotating turbines in sunlight create on-off shadow flicker that can penetrate closed eyelids. Mounting evidence shows that the combination of these can cause distressing symptoms such as sleep deprivation, headaches, ringing in the ears, disrupted concentration, exhaustion, dizziness, nausea and mood disorders.

Economic: The short-term infusion of money into communities is not followed by permanent jobs. No positive impact on energy rates can be expected.

Communities that rely on tourism will suffer as tourism falls off and the value of homes and camps decrease and the tax base declines. At great risk are East Grand Lake's five sporting camps, traditionally one of the region's key economic anchors. A 2006 Brookings Institution report evaluating Maine's economic resources cited Maine's Quality of Place as "its truest source of prosperity" and concluded: "In the long run, the slow degradation of Maine's vivid and distinctive quality of place (and the reputation it supports) may be the greatest cost to Maine of all."

Project status: The Cianbro Corp, a subsidiary of The Cianbro Companies (\$357.50M annual sales) and headquartered in Pittsfield, ME., is the key player in this wind farm project; a local landowner is furnishing the land. Federal tax subsidies continue to support this industry. Any wind proposal needs Maine Department of Environmental Protection approval before construction can start. Preliminary steps toward this proposal have been taken. The Town of Danforth has passed an ordinance allowing the construction within ¼ mile from the East Grand shoreline. Meteorological towers have been erected on Greenland Ridge.

A storm is coming.



We are diligently building a case to convince reasonable people why this is not an appropriate place for wind turbines.