

Hi Joan,

I've had a chance to go over the wind power proposal with Loni and Elaine. I suppose our main area of concern is obviously where the straight, long, narrow section of it crosses our trails in three places. There is no details in exactly what that would be, but I assume it would be power lines of some sort, either above or below ground. Such a linear feature would likely include land clearing and potentially easy access for snowmobiles to gain access to our trails which would damage our trails. Our first wish would be an alternate route be found that completely avoids our ski trails. If an alternative route cannot be found, we would request some sort of access mitigation to protect our trails.

I think we can assume they would want to access the aforementioned area through our trails. We strongly oppose any construction or later maintenance work being done during late fall, winter and early spring. Even if they were using snow equipment to access it, it would still damage the groomed surface. Our small group of volunteers would have a hard time repairing such damage, especially with the more difficult snow conditions we've been experiencing such as the last two winters. Any use of the trails in the summer must leave the trails in similar or better condition than they were prior to construction.

I'm happy to chat more if you'd like to, please call my cell 1-578-588-0514.

Cheers,

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