

Northern Pass Transmission Line Project

Section 106 Documents

Project Area Form:

White Mountains Region

Part 1 of 8

Proposed Northern Pass Project Draft Project Area Form White Mountains Region

This draft Project Area Form (PAF) was reviewed by the NH Division of Historical Resources (NH DHR) Determination of Eligibility Committee at its June 10, 2015 meeting. This review focused on the methodology underlying the PAF. NH DHR's comments are available online at:

<http://www.northernpasseis.us/consultations/section106/>.

The NH DHR comments will be addressed and a revised version posted after submission to NH DHR.

This version has been redacted to protect personal information (e.g., residential addresses, faces, license plates) from broad public disclosure. Any addresses for public buildings, businesses, and historic resources listed on the National Register for Historic Places (NRHP) have not been redacted. An unredacted version of the PAF is available at the NH DHR office **by appointment only** at the DHR, 19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301. Appointments between the hours of 8:30am-4:00pm Monday through Friday are available by contacting Tanya Krajcik at Tanya.krajcik@dcr.nh.gov or 603-271-3483. The area forms are **not** available without an appointment, and access may be limited due to ongoing review by DHR staff.

AREA FORM

AREA NAME: NORTHERN PASS – WHITE MOUNTAINS

1. Type of Area Form

Town-wide:

Historic District:

Project Area:

9. Inventory numbers in this area:

See Attached _____

2. Name of area: Northern Pass Transmission Project– White Mountains

10. Setting: See Attached _____

3. Location: See Attached

4. City or town: See Attached

11. Acreage: See Attached _____

5. County: See Attached

12. Preparer(s): See Attached

6. USGS quadrangle name(s): See Attached

13. Organization: See Attached _____

7. USGS scale: See Attached

14. Date(s) of field survey: See Attached

8. UTM/SP reference: See Attached

15. Location map
See Attached

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3. Location: Central and north Grafton County and southwestern Coos County
4. City or Town: Bethlehem, Campton, Dalton, Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lincoln, Lisbon, Sugar Hill, Thornton, Whitefield, and Woodstock
5. County: Grafton and Coos
6. USGS quadrangle name(s): Lancaster, Twin Mountain, Bethlehem, Littleton, Sugar Hill, Mount Moosilauke, Lincoln, Woodstock, Plymouth
7. USGS scale: 1:24,000
8. UTM/SP reference: Zone 19, UTM, Meters, WGS84

A: 295530.18E	4923352.00N
B: 299206.12E	4925025.03N
C: 273231.66E	4901099.73N
D: 276670.16E	4900129.16N
E: 284498.22E	4851187.90N
F: 287777.95E	4851440.93N
9. Inventory numbers in this area: 84003197, BET0019, BET0020, CAM0002, CAM0003, CAM0004, CAM0005, CAM0007, CAM0008, CAM0010, EAS0001, EAS0003, King's Square Historic District, LIN0004, SUG0002, THO0001, THO0002, WDS0001, WDS0003, WDS0005, WDS0006, WHI0001, WHI0002, WHI0003, WHI0004, WHI0010, WHI0005, WHI0007, WHI0008, WHI0009, WHI0012, WHI0013

10. Setting:

The White Mountains project area is a two-mile wide corridor originating near the borders of Jefferson, Whitefield and Lancaster. It extends southward winding through Whitefield, Dalton, Bethlehem, Franconia, Sugar Hill, Lisbon, Landaff, Easton, Lincoln, Woodstock, and Thornton, before crossing into the Lakes Region at the southern border of Campton. The total length of the White Mountains project area is 95.2 km.

The project area passes through predominately rural farmlands and undeveloped forests. The somewhat circuitous route of the project is dictated by the rugged, natural landscape of the White Mountains, thus avoiding most mountaintops for valleys and lower elevations. Significant peaks that are within the project area include Cole Hill (Easton), the foothills of Kinsman Mountain (Easton and Lincoln), and Mount Wolf (Lincoln). The project area also crosses several significant waterways, including the Johns River and the Ammonoosuc River. In Woodstock, the project intersects and closely follows the course of the Pemigewasset River south through the region.

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A significant portion of the project is encompassed by the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF), which covers the majority of Woodstock, Lincoln, and Easton, as well as sections of Campton, Holderness, and Bethlehem. In addition, the area is dominated by single-family dwellings and scattered farmsteads, as well as small- and large-scale tourism enterprises. Forestry and tourism have long been the principal economic drivers in the White Mountains. Centers of development are clustered generally near the banks of rivers, such as the Pemigewasset River in Woodstock, Thornton, and Campton, and the Johns River in Whitefield. Although the areas near these major rivers provide a fertile landscape of sandy, well-drained soils, the area is more typically defined by mountainous, uneven terrain with stony soils, visible bedrock and scenic landscapes.

11. Acreage: 76,377.2 acres

12. Preparer(s): Jenna Higgins, Stefan Claesson, Jacob Freedman, Jessica Fish, Tricia Peone

13. Organization: SEARCH, Inc.

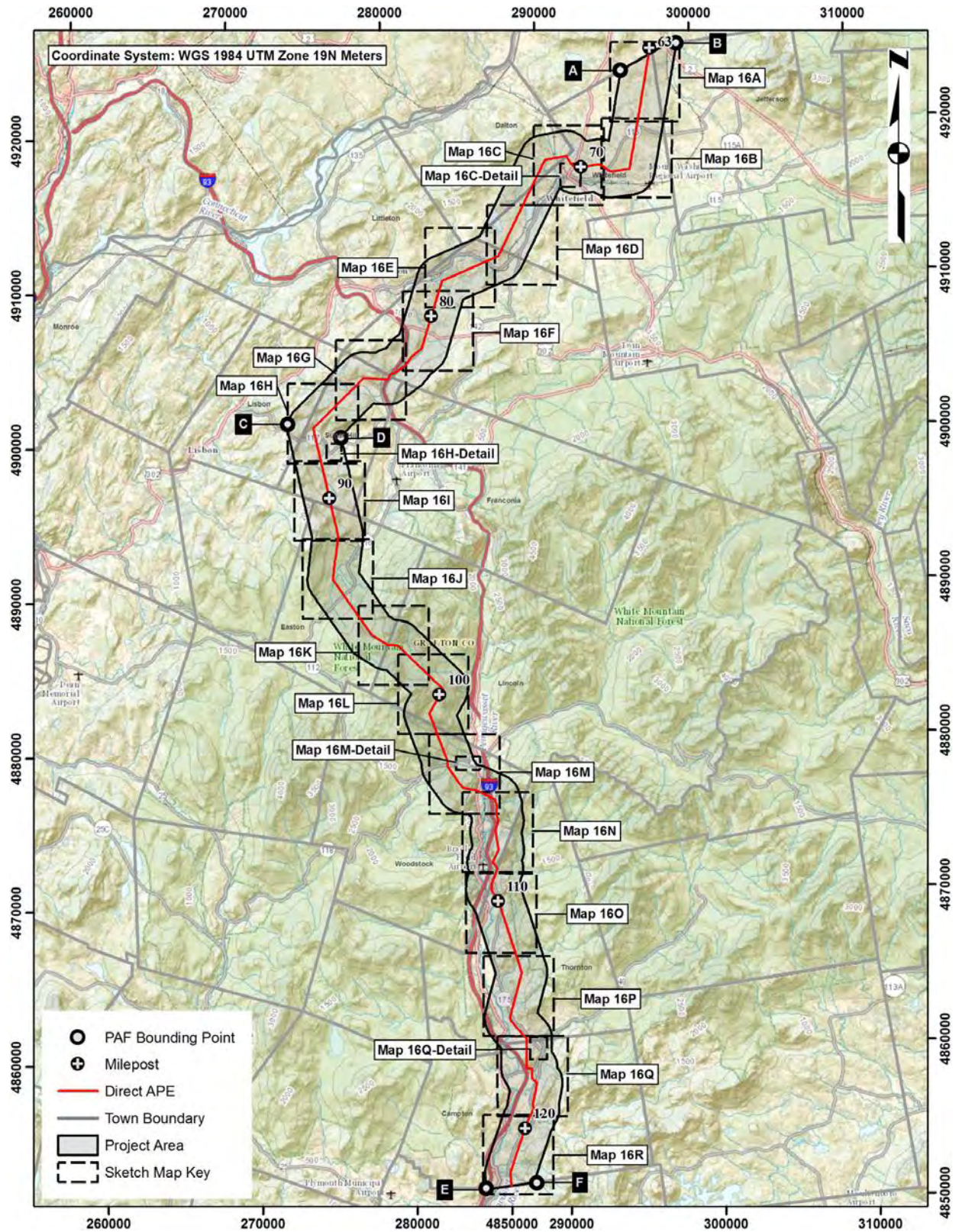
14. Date(s): of field survey: 9/12/13 – 9/14/13; 10/27/14-10/31/14

15. Location Map:

The attached location map shows the extents of the indirect APE for the project and a key to the sketch map series (A-R) referred to in the following sections. The overall length of the entire proposed project is approximately 187 mi (300 km). This Project Area Form (PAF) covers 60 mi (96.5 km) of the indirect APE for the project area between mileposts (MPs) 62.6 and 122.8. The graticule and coordinates provided on the map borders are based on the WGS84 datum and UTM (Zone 19) coordinate system (in meters). Six coordinate points (A-F) indicate the project area boundaries that correspond to the coordinates in item 8. The project area map and data are presented over USGS topographic map data (USGS *The National Map* Topo Base Map - Small Scale).

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Location Map.