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## **USDA Forest Service Issues Final Decision to Permit the Northern Pass Transmission Line**

**CAMPTON, NH January 5, 2018** Today the USDA Forest Service issued a final record of decision to authorize the use and occupancy of National Forest System lands by Northern Pass Transmission, LLC (Northern Pass) to construct, operate, and maintain an electrical power transmission line crossing portions of the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) in Grafton County, New Hampshire.

Analyzed in the *Northern Pass Transmission Line Project Environmental Impact Statement*, the final decision authorizes construction of the powerline across the WMNF. The powerline will be buried within the roadway and shoulder areas along NH Routes 112 and 116.

The White Mountain National Forest will work with the Northern Pass to issue the necessary special use authorizations with appropriate mitigations to allow the installation, operation, and maintenance of the project on National Forest System lands.

This decision only approves this project on NFS lands while the decision to approve the remaining portions of the project on state and private lands is the responsibility of the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. The decision to cross the international border rests with the Assistant Secretary of Energy.

More information on the Forest Service record of decision can be viewed at [www.northernpasseis.us](http://www.northernpasseis.us).

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