



I support SOS mont Hereford!

SOS mont Hereford: A landscape under high tension

In the context of the Northern Pass project, which plans for the export of electricity to the United States, Hydro-Québec intends to build a high-voltage overhead transmission line in the heart of Mount Hereford and its forest, a renowned conservation zone in Southern Québec.

The Hereford Community Forest was created thanks to the donation of the Tillotson family. This protected area represents the most important ecological gift ever made in Québec's history.

In addition to fragmenting this natural area and destroying the landscape, this project would cause a dangerous precedent that would likely discourage future ecological gifts on private land.

Are Québec landscapes worth less?

In order to preserve landscapes and natural areas of the White Mountains, citizens in the United States managed to get 100 km of the transmission line to be buried along the road corridor.

Hydro-Québec nevertheless refuses to apply the same logic in Québec for the 15 kilometers that would require to be buried in order to bypass Mount Hereford and its forest.

However, the *Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement* (BAPE) has recommended to the Québec Government that it should not authorise the project as long as Hydro-Québec has not seriously considered burying the transmission line.

Hydro-Québec pretends that bypassing and burying a line in Québec is too complicated and expensive.

In the meantime, Hydro-Québec's partner in the United States is willing to spend \$500 million to do so. Yet, as the sole user of the line, Hydro-Québec will ultimately guarantee all costs and receive all revenues.

On the Québec side, Hydro-Québec estimates the cost of bypassing Mount Hereford and burying the line to about \$60 million. Just over 2% of the project's total costs estimated at \$2.7 billion.

If one fears that these additional costs may translate into a loss-making project, we must seriously question the profitability of the exportation project.

We refuse that the Northern Pass project be undertaken to the detriment of the landscapes and protected areas of Québec and Mount Hereford!

The SOS Mont Hereford coalition is not against the exportation of our hydropower. However, it must be done by respecting the protected areas, communities and landscapes of Québec.

Hydro-Québec cannot pride itself for the export of clean energy if it does so by destroying the environment.

I ASK HYDRO-QUÉBEC TO RESPECT THE PROTECTION OF MOUNT HEREFORD AND TO BURY ITS TRANSMISSION LINE.

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About us

SOS mont Hereford is a citizens' campaign set up to prevent the passage of Hydro-Québec's Northern Pass transmission line in the Québec portion of a protected area of Mount Hereford.

We are asking for the circumvention of Mount Hereford and the burying of the line on 15 km in order to safeguard this protected area and landscapes and respect neighbouring communities.

Member organizations:



Conseil régional de l'environnement de l'Estrie



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Nature Québec



Réseau de milieux Naturels protégés