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Dear Forest Supervisor Sinclair,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Permit for construction, use, and maintenance of two aircraft detection lighting system (ADLS) towers and associated infrastructure on the East Ridge of the Deerfield Wind facility.

While I support the suppression of night lighting intruding into the George D. Aiken Wilderness, the Long Trail and the Appalachian Trail, the appropriate decision regarding the Deerfield Wind project should have been to deny it in the first place. Now, after the failure of the Laufer system, the GMNF proposes a new insufficient fix to attempt to address the requirement of a permit that should never have been issued.

The available information before the GMNF is that the Terma system will operate at most 20 - 30% of the time, will require regular and ongoing tree clearing or trimming to remain operational, add two new tall towers, and will require $\frac{3}{4}$ miles of new roads that will further fragment important wildlife habitat.

It is clear that the negative environmental effects far outweigh any possible benefits therefore I recommend that the GMNF deny this project.

Sincerely,

Galina Chernaya