

# Maine Perspectives on Wind Power: A Panel Discussion

**When:** Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 pm (doors open at 5:00 pm)

**Where:** Black Mountain Ski Lodge, Rumford

**What:** Hear from Maine residents who are living in communities with or working on wind power projects.

**Format:** Panel discussion with four to six speakers from Mars Hill, Lincoln, and Franklin County, and an introduction from NRCM, and the host Andy Shepard. The presentations will be followed by a facilitated question and answer session.

**Sponsor:** Natural Resources Council of Maine

**Hosted by:** Maine Winter Sports Center



## Confirmed Speakers:



**Travis Kearney:** Travis is the General Manager of Big Rock Ski Area in Mars Hill. Established in the 1960's, Big Rock Ski Area was purchased in 2000 by the Maine Winter Sports Center (MWSC). Big Rock and Maine Winter Sports Center are committed to keeping winter sports within the reach of Aroostook County communities and their families. Travis is a resident of Mars Hill and lives with his wife, Michelle, and their children on the Mountain Road where they have a view of the Mars Hill Wind Power Project.

**Gary McGrane:** Gary is a Franklin County Commissioner from the town of Jay and a board member of the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments. Gary is a graduate of Central Maine Technical College, U Maine Augusta, and U Maine Orono. He is currently a Project Associate in the Bureau of Labor Education at the University of Maine Orono and President of the United Steelworkers International Union, Local 1-014. Previously, he worked for almost twenty years at International Paper Company and served on the board of Maine Rural Partners.



**Jim Shaw:** Jim is a life-long resident of Mars Hill and owns a local real estate company. Jim lives on a 100-acre Christmas tree farm just west of Mars Hill Mountain. He and his wife, Debbie Shaw, own My Sunset Cabins located on the tree farm with a view of the mountain and the Mars Hill turbines. They built these four-season luxury cabins in anticipation of wind turbine tourism generated by the Mars Hill wind project, introducing people to the many outdoor activities that the Mars Hill area has to offer.

**Greg Shelton:** Greg was born in Ellsworth and raised in Hancock County. Greg received an engineering degree from Maine Maritime Academy. Until recently, he worked as an engineer for the oil/gas/chemical industry, traveling for long periods of time. The opportunity to work for General Electric Wind arose in April 2008, allowing him to stay in Maine to raise his family in the Lincoln area. He is the project site manager of the Stetson Mountain wind farm, and is responsible for the installation and commissioning of the 38 turbines. He has a permanent position overseeing operations and maintenance of the turbines.

*This event is FREE and open to the public, but please RSVP your attendance to [slovitz@nrcm.org](mailto:slovitz@nrcm.org) or 207-622-3101 ext. 205 so we know how many people to plan for!*



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