Wolfden’s Mining Proposal is a Threat to the Katahdin Region

*Wolfden Resources is a virtually unknown company that has proposed building a mine at Pickett Mountain, near Baxter State Park and the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.*

**An Incompetent and Untrustworthy Company**

Wolfden has never successfully operated a mine. The company is deeply in debt and faces serious questions about its ability to operate a mine.

Land Use Planning Commission (LUPC) staff called out Wolfden for its unreliability and incompetence, noting that the company was unable to provide the information necessary to prove it can build a mine without destroying the environment. Wolfden withdrew its application after the LUPC made clear it would reject it.

**Overwhelming Opposition to Wolfden’s Proposed Mine**

Local residents, sporting camp owners, and Mainers across the state have weighed in against Wolfden’s proposal, including:

- Penobscot County Commissioners
- Bradford Camps and Chandler Lake Camps and Lodge
- The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Penobscot Nation
- Maine Wilderness Guides Organization

**A Threat to Clean Water and Valuable Fisheries**

Pickett Mountain is an area full of stunning natural resources that support local outdoor recreation businesses.

The proposed mine site is at the headwaters of the West Branch Mattawamkeag River, which is important habitat for endangered Atlantic salmon, and next to three State Heritage Brook Trout waters, which provide outstanding fishing.

According to Bill Bridgeo, an Aroostook native and former city manager of Augusta: “[T]hese waters have been and continue to be some of the best brook trout and landlocked salmon fisheries I have experienced since my boyhood adventures in the wild expanses of northern Maine in the 1950s and 1960s.”
Wolfden's Empty Promises

Wolfden claims it will provide many local jobs, but it has shown no evidence backing this up. Mining companies always overpromise on jobs and economic benefits.

According to Thomas Michael Power, a leading economist on mining:

"Across the United States, mining communities, instead, are noted for high levels of unemployment, slow rates of growth of income and employment, high poverty rates, and stagnant or declining populations."

Help Protect the Wild Beauty of the Pickett Mountain Region

Wolfden is spreading misinformation and pushing Katahdin area towns to endorse its project. Join NRCM in opposing Wolfden’s mine by visiting nrcm.org to learn more.

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