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As full time residents of Bethlehem, NH that have line of sight to Mt. Washington from our home, we object to approving the Lizzie Station Proposal and allowing for further development on top of Mt. Washington.

The impact to the surrounding communities and homeowners has not fully been taken into consideration. Although an environmental impact is listed as a fourth priority in the Draft Master Plan, approval should not be given prior to this study being completed by an independent third party. Environmental impact goes beyond the protected flora and fauna that only exists in this region on top of Mt. Washington -- it needs to include the impact that adding light to an area that has dark skies will have on the region.

While researching this issue, it appears as if there are a host of other issues that are not being looked at carefully enough or being overlooked, including outdated permits for water and sewer and outdated development plans that haven't been reviewed in years because of parties that are unwilling to compromise. No business proposal should be allowed to progress without appropriate and updated permits and plans in place.

We ask that the members reviewing this proposal ask themselves how one person (or group) profiting from this expansion should be able to outweigh the greater damage and impact to regional homeowners, visitors, wildlife, and nature. The clear answer is that they should not.

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