

**CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY  
RESPONSE TO STANTON BIRD CLUB'S DATA REQUEST NO. 1  
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- Q.** What is the social impact value of destroying wildlife corridor through Litchfield and West Gardiner and our sanctuary property (as it is protected land open to the public) versus using the private, closed land along Woodbury Pond.
- A.** Development of transmission lines does not destroy wildlife habitat or corridors. Wildlife utilization of transmission line corridors has been extensively documented. For example, Dr. Bramble and Dr. Byrnes, who have studied the effects of ROWs on wildlife habitat and species for over 20 years, have recognized that such corridors can be a valuable habitat component in the landscape.

CMP transmission line corridors are also open to the public for a variety of low impact uses similar to those now available at the Stanton Bird Club property. Hiking, birdwatching, bicycling and other non-motorized uses are generally allowed on CMP's fee-owned corridors. Organized snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle clubs licensed by the State of Maine may apply to CMP for a license to trail locations on CMP's corridors.

In the event that abutting landowners are concerned about exposing their property to recreational uses in the ROW, those abutters can request permission to post CMP's corridors. Such postings are typically intended to prevent hunting and the discharge of firearms. Some landowners wish to prevent all access and request permission to post no trespassing signs and CMP has designed a policy for reviewing and approving such requests.

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