



The **Belleayre Resort** review process *resumes*:

Scoping begins **NOW!**

Scoping is the public's opportunity to say what potential impacts of the development we want to see covered in the developer's Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the DEIS. It's our chance to **scope out** any and all issues we think should be addressed.

Monday, December 10

6:00-9:00 PM, Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, Discovery Lodge Conference room
NYS-Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Developer officially present the **new proposal** for the Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park to the public, including both Wildacres Resort and the NEW Highmount Spa Resort.

Tuesday, December 11 **Public Scoping Session**

6:00-10:00 PM, Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, Discovery Lodge Conference room

Show up! Speak up! Be heard!

What is Scoping?

By law, the NYS DEC, as lead agency for the environmental review process, must provide an opportunity for the public to identify any potentially adverse environmental impacts we're worried about.

That includes the human environment! Consider Impacts on **YOUR life** and **YOUR community**. Anything that concerns **YOU** about this project can be included. Be as specific and concise as possible, ask that studies be done and for verification of the developer's claims.

Only the issues raised during scoping can be considered during the review. That's why showing up December 11 is so important: **it is vital to point out all issues at this time**, so that they will be included in the review process.

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How to Prepare

For more information and stats on the project go to *Save the Mountain* at www.SavetheMountain.net or Catskill Heritage Alliance www.CatskillHeritage.org.

Jot down any concerns you may have. Talk with your neighbors. Think about **flooding**, **traffic**, **community character**, the **night sky**, the **loss of wilderness**, and certainly about the **adverse impact on our wallets**.

Hand in **YOUR** written comment at the meeting, or:

Send or email comments to:

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Email: wildacre@gw.dec.state.ny.us; write "Scoping -Belleayre" in Subject Line

What's Next?

The deadline for public comments is January 14, 2008!

DEC should extend this period. It's the holidays. People travel. They have family obligations. And one month is pretty short notice to read documents, look at official material, and make comments. They did this for the original development proposal, too, scheduling the public comment period over the busiest holidays with NO advance publicity. Is the state making it a habit to inconvenience the public at all costs? It's time to protest this inconsiderate bit of scheduling. Write NOW to [WHO?] and ask for a postponement of the deadline for public comment.

SO HERE'S WHAT **YOU** CAN DO:

1. Please attend these first two sessions December 10 and 11, and/or submit your written comments. Remember, **everything** must be put **on the table, NOW**.
2. Protest the short notice and short time period allotted for public consideration and comment.

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