

Open Pit Mining in Maine: What You Need to Know



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Bald Mountain photo
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For the first time in more than a decade, out-of-state mining companies are considering mining for copper, zinc, and other metals in Maine. This could have huge environmental consequences for some of Maine's most pristine and treasured natural areas. Most of the discussion over the past year has focused on Bald Mountain, owned by J.D. Irving, in central Aroostook County. The impacts on the Bald Mountain area could be enormous. Mining activities there would likely drain into the Fish River and the Fish River Chain of Lakes, which provide some of the best brook trout fishing in the country. But the risk of open-pit mining extends beyond Bald Mountain. There are many other places in Maine where companies may want to pursue open-pit mining. NRCM Staff Scientist Nick Bennett and Jeff Reardon of Trout Unlimited will discuss the major issues associated with open-pit mining, focusing on lessons learned from other states and describing what's ahead here in Maine. On Thursday, April 4, 2013, Nick and Jeff will talk from 7-8:30 pm at Fields Pond Audubon Center at 216 Fields Pond Rd, Holden, ME 04429. Driving directions at www.amcmaine.org under meetings and education committee. This event is jointly sponsored by the AMC Maine Chapter and Audubon's Fields Pond Center. FMI email AMC Education Chair John Mullens at education@amcmaine.org or Audubon Naturalist Holly Twining at htwining@maineaudubon.org



Looking down on Callahan Open-Pit Mine in Brooksville, Maine, now a U.S. EPA Superfund site.

Thursday, April 4, 7pm
Maine Audubon's Fields Pond Center, 216 Fields Pond Rd, Holden, 04429