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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Amy Fitts
Email from: amycfitts@gmail.com
Address: NY 12993
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

DO NOT POLLUTE OUR ADIRONDACKS WITH THIS TESTING. OUR COMMUNITY DOES NOT WANT THIS NOISE POLLUTION.

Amy Fitts

From: Briana Clements <Briana.Clements.1186990148@advocatefor.me>
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 4:03 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
Subject: Please hold an adjudicatory hearing for the Hopmeier Project(P2021-0276)

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The applicant's noise analysis lacks sufficient detail to show there will be no undue adverse impact on nearby homes, wildlife, recreation areas, or the Park's natural soundscape.

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In conclusion, please hold an adjudicatory hearing on the Hopmeier Project, given the groundswell of local and public interest, the unprecedented nature of this project, and the potential impacts to human and wild communities.

Sincerely,

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Doug Picozzi
Email from: Dougpicozzi@gmail.com
Address: 452 Maxam road Johnsburg NY 12843
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

I oppose ballistics testing in the Adirondacks

From: Judy <judy.murphy@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 2:31 PM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Dear Adirondack Park Agency,

The application to create an arms testing range within the Adirondack Park, in Lewis, NY is a bad idea.

Adirondack Park is revered as the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous United States. The Adirondack Mountains and the surrounding areas constitute a 6 million acre forest preserve composed of privately owned properties and "forever wild" land preserved by New York State. Both the spirit and the language of the "forever wild" concept should be protected.

The U.S. military has numerous bases designated as testing grounds for warfare equipment. Adirondack Park is not an appropriate place for a privatized military equipment testing ground.

The decibel levels and their effect on people and wildlife near the proposed site must be a major consideration. According to a [report by the National Institutes of Health](#), "Noise-induced hearing loss is a major preventable disease. It can be caused by an acute exposure to an intense impulse of sound or by a continuous steady-state long-term exposure with sound pressure levels higher than 75–85 decibels." The two most prevalent service connected disabilities for veterans in the United States at the end of fiscal year 2012 remain tinnitus and hearing loss, with tinnitus affecting 115,638 veterans (9.7%) and hearing loss affecting 69,326 veterans (5.8%).

According to a US Army Public Health Command report, a 155mm Howitzer can produce a 181 decibel blast or higher which is extremely loud and can cause immediate hearing damage. For comparison, a jet engine taking off is about 150 dB, and 90 dB is considered the threshold for prolonged ear damage. This immense noise level necessitates that military personnel use specialized and often double-up on hearing protection. Permissible exposure times range from 1 second for unprotected ears up to several hours with double hearing protection (earplugs and earmuffs). Under normal military operational conditions, actual exposure times far exceed those permitted by OSHA or recommended by NIOSH per an article by

Allowing Hopmeier's proposal to go forward would inflict a health hazard on Lewis residents repeatedly. It would almost certainly degrade area property values making adjacent properties to Homeier's impossible to sell. I encourage you to read this [article on noise limits for warfare by Bruce E. Amrein, CTS](#).

a guest researcher at the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, and he chaired the Department of Defense MIL-STD-1474 Working Group from 2011 to 2015.

This should be an easy "NO" vote.

Thank you,
Judy Murphy
13 Barkeater Way, Unit 4
Lake Placid, NY 12946

From: Kristen Stemp <Kristen.Stemp.1256297227@foradvocacy.com>
Sent: Friday, October 31, 2025 1:05 AM
To: APA Regulatory Programs Comments
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Sincerely,
Kristen Stemp

From: Lieve Bain <Lieve.Bain.1256307263@sendgrassroots.com>
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Sincerely,

From: Michael Adamowicz <michaelwadamowicz@gmail.com>
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Please be advised that the applicant has already posted signage indicating the property is a national security research center. Unless this has already been approved, this signage seems inappropriate.

Given this implies this is an active research center, and the guard gate leads one to believe this is a functioning operation, the applicant is taking liberties not yet granted. Although the risk of investment is theirs, others in the area could be impacted by the mere implication this has.

This also seems to be a good gauge regarding how the applicant operates, as were the training activities that happened where neighboring property owners were not given proper notice and livestock were impacted. This should be a good reason to pause and defer any decision other than a denial of the current application.

Thank you.

Mike Adamowicz

On Oct 29, 2025, at 12:19 PM, Michael Adamowicz <michaelwadamowicz@gmail.com> wrote:

To All Concerned,

My name is Michael Adamowicz and I object to any artillery / weapon testing being approved in Lewis, NY. My family owns a parcel of property close to this site on Black Mountain Rd In Jay which is slated to be donated to the Adirondak Land Trust so it can be added to the collection of forever wild properties in the area. Other properties near ours are also slated for this purpose. I am concerned about the impact this testing would have on wildlife as well as the surrounding community. I request you postpone approval of this project until further investigation is done regarding the impact on the environment, wildlife and the community. If in the end you are still considering approving this application, I also request that a realistic path to remedies for anyone harmed during these activities be established, and that this be vetted, and published for comment prior to approving this project.

Artillery testing impacts wildlife through habitat displacement, direct injuries, injuries experienced when attempting to flee and physiological stress caused by loud

noise and vibrations. Given the frequency of testing and the size of the artillery being tested, this can be anticipated, and I am concerned that this will lead to a repeating set of dilemmas. Displaced animals will seek safety elsewhere and this can impact surrounding communities. This can come in the form of increased intrusions into communities and increased potential for dangerous encounters with wildlife as they seek safety and migrate through surrounding areas and streets. Other impacts can include decreased reproductive success and altered foraging patterns.

Although the applicant denies any of the materials used could lead to environmental contamination, there currently is no path to financial remedies clearly outlined for those impacted if contamination or other damages do occur. Given there is no direct benefit to the community because of these activities, and these activities have the potential to negatively impact the environment, animals and the surrounding community, it is not unreasonable to require paths to realistically accessible remedies be established and these be vetted and then published prior to approving the application. The lack of available remedies and the importance of this step is further punctuated by the fact the applicant does not own the property, and I am guessing he has set up an LLC or similar to shield himself from liability. Given this lack of investment, it is even more important a path for remedies to be made clear.

I am intimately aware of the outcomes one can experience when environmental contamination occurs and the tenant who created the problem is incorporated and has no vested interest in the property. In my case, a tenant was caught illegally dumping chemicals in 1983. In our case, the tenant declared bankruptcy, the owner of the tenant company paid a \$10,000 fine and we (the property owner) paid over \$15 million in cleanup and related fees. This does not include the millions spent in legal fees. The cleanup at the site continues to this day, over 40 years later. It is with these experiences, and all my family has learned as a result, that I come to the conclusion that approval of this testing site without safeguards and established routes for realistically attainable remedies would be irresponsible.

The Adirondacks is a conservation area, comprising the largest publicly protected area in the contiguous United States. It includes the 6-million-acre Adirondack Park, which is a mix of state-owned "forever wild" Forest Preserve land and private property, protected by New York State and managed by agencies like the Department of Environmental Conservation. The sound from a single artillery discharge can travel for miles, impacting areas far beyond the testing range. This interrupts the peaceful enjoyment of property which owners are entitled to. This also interrupts the peaceful enjoyment which wildlife are entitled to given the intended protections of this region.

A single artillery discharge can reach or exceed 180 decibels, and the sound can travel for many miles depending on weather and terrain, significantly impacting areas far beyond the testing range. According to a Technical Bulletin from the Department of Defense Noise Working Group entitled "*An Overview of Blast Noise: Characteristics, Assessment and Mitigation*" (see attachments in email), "*Noise from large weapons*

(artillery, tank) and explosives can travel long distances, and still be loud enough to cause negative community reactions.” The authors further report, “Noise from live-fire training with ground-based systems (such as artillery or tank) is loud, intermittent, short in duration, and rich in low frequency energy. These sounds can travel long distances, often ten miles or more, and remain loud enough to be disturbing.” The report further states, “The duration of a single event blast from military training is typically only a few milliseconds. As it travels farther from the point of origin, the duration increases, much like thunder. Due to the abrupt onset of the signal, it can be quite startling to individuals.”

When there is no direct benefit to the community which would compensate for any costs, applications for such activities should be denied. There have also already been complaints of farm animals being impacted by military training nearby and this would exacerbate these conditions. If I understand this correctly, this training was part of another project the applicant is managing and in this case appropriate notices were not even given. This knowledge alone should be justification for denying other applications which could only add to the disturbances experienced in the area.

Taking this all into consideration, although there have already been compromises made which diminish the positive impact of the protections intended for the Adirondacks as a conservation area, those previous choices should not be justification for making more such concessions. Instead, future concessions should be scrutinized and avoided whenever possible. If the only defense against concerns that the noise from these activities would have harmful effects is that there are other sources of noise pollution in the area, then this is no defense at all. The Adirondack park is meant to be a conservation site. If this assertion were determined to be a reasonable rationale, then many more would lean into this and expect similar concessions.

Summing it up, the Adirondacks is not an appropriate place for munitions testing due to justifiable concerns about noise, environmental impact, and disruption to the wilderness and nearby communities. The approval of munitions testing in Lewis, NY could have lasting irreversible effects on all these domains. I do not stand alone in my assertion that the loud, deafening blasts from weapons like howitzers would severely disturb wildlife and the peaceful experience of the park, even if the tests were limited to weekdays and non-explosive projectiles. This testing is not a benefit for the community, and approval of this application / project would also open the doors for further such projects in the Adirondacks. This is evidenced by the fact that other noise polluting activities in the area are used as justification for allowing this application to pass. Therefore, the only responsible decision in this case is to deny the application.

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Michael Adamowicz - 402-208-2548

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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Nicole Ortiz
Email from: nicole.ortizz@gmail.com
Address:
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Please don't ruin the peace of small Adirondacks towns. There are plenty of other spaces that can do this that won't impact people or hurt a small rural community.

From: ppribis@nycap.rr.com
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Subject: Mr. Frederick Aldinger

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I wish to comment on the proposed project of test firing a 155mm cannon in the park.

While working for GE Armament Systems Division, we test fired such a cannon in the residential area of Malta NY. Without noise suppression the effect on wildlife, and the public was extreme. We immediately designed, built and installed a muffler. This reduced the noise level at the site parameter to 62 dbA, eliminated complaints and damage to wildlife. Thus work was all done under a DARPA contract and is within the public domain .

Thank you for your consideration.

Paul Pribis

From: noreply-pc@apa.ny.gov
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Attn: Frederick Aldinger
Comments from: Sharon Ratner
Email from: smrpl828@aol.com
Address: 9A SANDRA AVE Plattsburgh NY 12901
Re: Agency Project 2021-0276, Michael Hopmeier

My Comments:

Project 2021-0276 Michael Hopmeier
Frederick Aldinger
No weapons or testing range !!! Safe surroundings for our community and for the protection of our wildlife

From: J and B Barry <barryb721@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 1, 2025 8:13:23 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
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Subject: Against Howitzer Testing in Adirondack Park

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> Dear APA Members:

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> As a long time resident of Plattsburgh and a frequent hiker and visitor to Keene, Jay, Lake Placid and other areas of our beautiful Adirondack Park, I implore you to REJECT THE HOWITZER TESTING proposal currently before your agency.

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> Clearly the noise and destruction it offers is exactly the opposite of the quiet and tranquility of nature and the critical "Forever Wild" designation. Enforce the rigorous protections that the A.P.A. is charged with enforcing and reject the weapons testing proposal!

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> Sincerely,
> Barbara Barry
> 18 West Court St.
> Plattsburgh, N.Y. 12901

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Via Email

November 7, 2025

Chairman Mark Hall and Members
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
1133 NYS Route 86
Ray Brook, NY 12977

**Re: Michael Hopmeier
Unconventional Concepts, Inc.
Proposed Military Ballistic Testing Range
Hale Hill Lane, Town of Lewis, Essex County
APA Project 2021-0276**



Dear Chair Hall and Adirondack Park Agency Members:

Protect the Adirondacks (PROTECT) has reviewed the proposed Order presented by staff to the Board regarding the above-referenced application by Unconventional Concepts, Inc. ("UCI"), which seeks approval to construct and operate a howitzer firing range on a 197-acre parcel of land classified as Rural Use on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. While the applicant has claimed that this proposed project will support military preparedness, there is no evidence to support such a claim, and the applicant has stated in a letter dated November 6, 2025 that this should be reviewed as "a request to use firearms in the park".

In addition to our public comment letter regarding the application, we would like to take this opportunity prior to the Adirondack Park Agency ("APA") Board meeting on November 13-14, 2025 to urge the Board to adopt the staff's recommendation to order this proposed project to undergo an adjudicatory hearing, with the addition of one issue. We suggest that the Board add as one of the issues for adjudication the applicant's claim that this project is critical for the national security of the United States.

As we commented in our October 30, 2025 letter to staff, a "military weapons testing range has no place in the Adirondack Park". Firing an excessively loud 155mm howitzer cannon in close proximity to residences, within 350 feet of the Taylor Pond Wild Forest, and in close proximity to

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the Jay Mountain Wilderness, and the Hurricane Mountain Wilderness is incompatible with the statutory goals for the Adirondack Park and is also inconsistent with the purposes and policies applicable to Rural Use areas.

We agree with the proposed Order's Findings stating that the criteria for holding an adjudicatory hearing have been met. We also support the proposed Order stating that three issues need to be considered at the hearing, summarized as follows:

1. Whether the proposed howitzer firing range is compatible with the Adirondack Park;
2. Whether the proposed howitzer firing range is a compatible use within the Rural Use land area classification; and
3. Whether the proposed howitzer firing range would have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, ecological, wildlife, recreational or open space resources of the Adirondack Park.

As noted above, we suggest that the Board identify as an issue for adjudication the applicant's claim that this project is essential for the national security of the United States.

We note that without an adjudicatory hearing, this Board cannot make the findings required by the Adirondack Park Agency Act. The application contains inaccurate and misleading information, fails to include comprehensive natural resources information, and fails to provide complete information as requested by APA staff. Without all of this information, APA cannot fully, accurately, or lawfully assess the environmental impacts of the proposed project, as required by the Adirondack Park Agency Act and its implementing regulations.

Conclusion

PROTECT respectfully requests that APA deny UCI's application to site a weapons firing range in the Adirondack Park. To do so, APA must hold an adjudicatory hearing to comply with the APA Act's procedural requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



Claudia Braymer
Executive Director

From: [McKeever, Keith P \(APA\)](#)
To: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#); [Burth, John M \(APA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Website Contact Form - Essex County weapons range project
Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 10:07:40 AM

Dear GOD...

Keith McKeever

Director Public Information

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Essex County weapons range project

MESSAGE

Dear APA --

I write to you as a lifelong Lake George camper and Adirondacks lover.

For all things holy, dear god do NOT let this weapons testing range go through!!! It is morally, spiritually, and characteristically in direct opposition to the spirit and purpose of our sacred mountains, lakes, streams, and ALL the wildlife -- animate and inanimate -- that calls the ADKs their home.

PLEASE do not let this pollution of this gorgeous, important, and increasingly rare wild area go forward!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul,

Sue Torrey

From: [McKeever, Keith P \(APA\)](#)
To: [Burth, John M \(APA\)](#); [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
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Keith McKeever

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SUBJECT

Fire Power in the Adirondacks

MESSAGE

Dear Ms. Rice and APA Board, I know you recognize that as public servants and stewards of the Adirondack Park, it is your responsibility to safe guard the Park-the people, the plants, the animals, the finite resources, the fragile ecosystems that exist in interconnected ways within the Blue Line. This is what is laid out in the Master Plan. Surely you cannot condone the violence, noise, destruction, and power grab of the company that is trying to build a weapons range for the modern day cannon, the 155 mm Howitzer, in Lewis County. There is nothing that can even come close to a "good neighbor" policy in such approval. The degree of destruction will be shattering. While I do not have the privilege of living in the Park that is made up of public and private lands, some of it does 'belong' to me, in the dearest sense of the word. Please, fulfill you advocacy role and deny this permit.

From: [McKeever, Keith P \(APA\)](#)
To: [Burth, John M \(APA\)](#)
Cc: [AldingerIII, Frederick W \(APA\)](#)
Subject: FW: Website Contact Form - Weapons testing in Lewis, NY
Date: Friday, November 14, 2025 3:35:57 PM

Are we still saving these now that board voted for hearing??

Keith McKeever

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