

Camp Allegheny Endangered

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THREAT: 40-Story-High Wind Turbines



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CAMP ALLEGHENY, WV - December 13, 1861

EARLY IN THE war, the North and the South undertook military operations to secure the western counties of Virginia. Throughout the summer and autumn of 1861, the two armies met in several skirmishes, vying for supremacy amongst the peaks and wide valleys of the Appalachian Mountains.

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Confederate forces under Col. Edward Johnson made their winter camp atop the summit of Allegheny Mountain in order to defend the Staunton-Parkersburg Pike, an essential route between the heart of Virginia and its western counties. On the early morning of December 13, 1861, Union forces under Brig. Gen. Robert Milroy made the long and steep march up Allegheny Mountain, attacking Johnson's entrenchments around sunrise. The fighting continued through the early afternoon until Milroy's troops were repulsed, and he retreated to his camps near Cheat Mountain. After a miserable, damp winter, both armies abandoned their camps in April 1862.

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THREAT:

The lush nature of this unique battlefield along the Virginia-West Virginia border stands to be compromised by a field of 19 massive wind turbines along a nearby ridgeline. Each unit would stand 40 stories high – 100 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty – and have a footprint stretching the length of a football field.

Although the battlefield is located in Pocahontas County, W.Va., the Highland New Wind Development project would be built in Highland County, Virginia, giving that state jurisdiction over

its approval and construction. For more than six years, the public has called for consideration of the battlefield's rustic character during the permitting and approval process. Unfortunately, in late February Virginia State Corporation Commission cleared the way for construction of the turbines to begin without taking such issues into account.

CWSAC has classified Camp Allegheny as a Priority III, Class C battlefield.