Environmental threats of the Svydovets ski resort development

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Scope of the Svydovets recreational complex

• 230 km slopes
• 23 ski lifts
• 60 hotels
• 120 restaurants
• 390 apartment buildings
• around 27’000 people daily
“Ice Age” Park
Highland lakes
Dangerous hydrometeorological phenomena

- **Snow avalanches**: northern slopes of the Svydovets massif and cup-shaped configuration

- **Mudflow**: 100 mudflow cells (incl. basins of Apshinets and Stanislav rivers, upper part of Kisva river basin)

- **Floods**: upper part of the Black Tisza is one of the high flood risk catchment.
Flora and Vegetation

- 2/3 of the area is high mountains with numerous rocks, lakes and swamps
- 42 species of plants of Red Book of Ukraine
- More than 40 protected plant species (data 2018-2019):
  a. 20 of Red Book of Ukraine (2009),
  b. 6 of international,
  c. 14 regional red lists

They cannot be moved to another location!
Animals of Svydovets area

• 14 insect species of Red Book of Ukraine (2009);
• 37 species of vertebrates from Red Book of Ukraine (2009): incl. 4 species of amphibians, 19 - birds, 14 - mammals;
• 93 species of plants and animals of Red Data Book of Ukraine (2009)

Project- irreparable harm to a large number of red-book species of plants and animals, and not only in the Ukrainian Carpathians, but also in neighboring countries.
a. bears brown footprint

b. European lynx footprint
Habitats

• 17 types of habitats listed in Annex 1 of the EU Habitats Directive (1992).

• planned construction threatens 17 habitat types that need special protection and are included in Resolution No. 4 of the Berne Convention.
Highland forests
At least 434 ha of virgin forests and quasi-virgin forests will be destroyed or fragmented by the Project.
Too close to the UNESCO heritage site
4 four international environmental treaties signed by Ukraine are violated:

1. the **Berne Convention** on the Conservation of Wildlife and Natural Habitats;

2. Framework Convention for the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Carpathians *(Carpathian Convention)*;


Free Svydovets Appeal-2019

- Svydovets value
- Violation of international environmental treaties signed by Ukraine
- Appeal to Espoo Convention
- Bern convention appeal
- Report “Svydovets case”
- Court sessions
- Environmental Impact Assessment
- Strategic Ecological Assessment of the Regional Strategy of Transcarpathia
- Meeting with Transcarpathian Oblast Governor
- Working group in Transcarpathia
- Conservation and sustainable management
- Media coverage and promotional events
- Sustainable tourism alternative development
- Climate change
- Appeal to CCIC
Resolution of Free Svydovets Appeal-2019

• Consult Ukraine on non-admission of further violence of the Carpathian Convention Protocols;

• Cooperate with other related international environmental treaties (e.g. Espoo Convention, Bern Convention);

• Develop recommendations about conditions of ski resorts or recreational complexes building in the Carpathians in accordance with the Protocols of Carpathian Convention;

• Consider an issue of recreational complex “Svydovets” building on coming Carpathian Convention Working Groups meetings, (Climate Change, Biodiversity, Forest Management, Sustainable Tourism, Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development…);

• Support, initiate and advice alternative sustainable regional development projects;

• Support the initiative of CC Sustainable Energy Protocol development.
Support FREE Svydovets!