

100 business leaders October 2014

Manufacturing, real estate, agriculture & forestry, finance, tourism, grocery and other retail.

# Weathering Change Concord, NH | Oct. 23, 2014

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**Taylor Caswell**, Community Development Finance Authority

**Chris Diego**, Mountain View Grand Resort & Spa

**Steve Duprey**, Foxfire Property Management and the Duprey Companies

**Peter Egelston**, Smuttynose Brewing Company

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**Amy Landers**, Lakes Region Tourism Association

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Steve Taylor, Taylor Brothers Farm

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## UTILITIES: KEEPING LIGHTS ON, DATA FLOWING



Businesses in the North Country have been getting more frequent power outages. If the power goes out at four in the afternoon ... that means that any restaurant in the area has no dinner service at all.

They can lose \$3,000 worth of receipts a night.

## FRUSTRATION WITH GOVERNMENT, POLITICIANS



"It took days and days for FEMA to show up and offer regional support. ....where is that immediate response capability from a local government perspective? That felt weaker than we were expecting. We were surprised.

- restauranteur

# ROADS, BRIDGES AND THE WHEELS OF COMMERCE



"Every time there's a heavy rain the Copper Mouth River flows over North Shore Road. We all know that.

My employees can't get home; they go and stay with their friends somewhere else because the road is closed.

hospitality owner

## SMALL BUSINESS AT SPECIAL RISK



"Our water park was closed 10 days because of rain, which in an 85 day operating season is considerable. Its 3 to 7000 customers you're losing per day."

water park operator

## CLIMATE RISK = BUSINESS RISK



"You wouldn't think a bank would have to think about weather, but if you look at what was affected during Irene, I can't begin to tell you the amount of money that was affected."

**—LOCAL BANKER** 

## **TOPLINES**



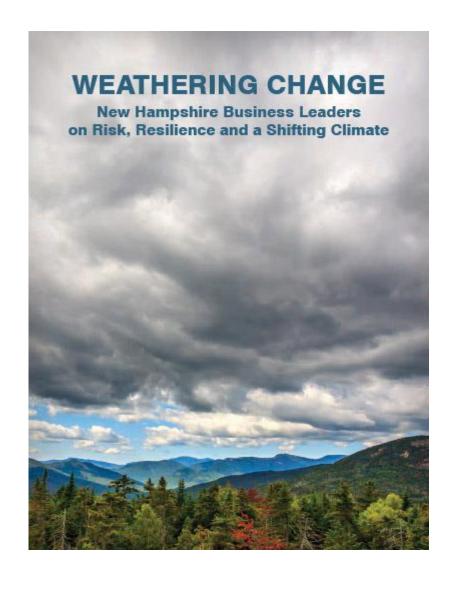
real and imminent threat to commerce

adapt to its inevitable disruptions

promote pragmatic solutions for businesses



WINTER RECREATION
AND CLIMATE VARIABILITY
IN NEW HAMPSHIRE:
1984 – 2006



Thank you!

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