

Khimki Activist for President

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Activists who unsuccessfully campaigned against the partial destruction of the Khimki forest for a highway will nominate a 2012 presidential candidate, an environmental group said Thursday.

The statement on the Ecodefense web site did not identify a candidate but said the decision was made after President Dmitry Medvedev refused to change construction plans for the \$8 billion highway.

Medvedev ordered construction to halt after the activists clashed with workers in the forest this summer but approved the project Tuesday. ☒

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