

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES Division of Forests and Lands

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Board of Selectmen Town of Lincoln P.O. Box 25 Lincoln, NH 03251

Dear Selectmen:

The New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, in cooperation with the New Hampshire Division of Parks and Recreation, is planning a non-commercial removal of trees on 25 acres of the Lafayette Campground in Franconia Notch State Park in the town of Lincoln, New Hampshire. Attached is a location map of the planned harvest for your reference.

In order to provide a safe recreational environment for campers and visitors to enjoy, and to promote a healthy forest and encourage new trees to grow, many of the damaged and declining trees in Lafayette Campground need to be removed. Individual trees will be selected by New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands foresters and marked with blue paint for removal. Harvesting will be limited to the off-season during the winter months and should not disrupt park services. Harvested trees will be utilized for forest products such as lumber, paper and wood chips to generate electricity. The remaining healthy trees will have more room to develop, while openings in the forest canopy will allow sunlight to reach the forest floor in order for new tree seedlings to become established and grow between campsites.

If you have any questions or comments please contact the forester in charge of this project, Maggie Machinist directly at (603) 788-4157. Please refer to project P3-421.

This letter is in compliance with RSA 541-A: 39, Notice to Municipalities. We would appreciate it if you would post this letter in a public place, thank you.

Sincerely,

William T. Guinn, Administrator Forest Management Bureau

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cc: Luc Perreault, Forest Ranger Jonathan Demler, NH F&G



