

54 *JWR*



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS
172 Pembroke Road P.O. Box 1856 Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

June 30, 2014

603-271-2214
FAX: 603-271-6488
www.nhdf.org

Her Excellency, Governor Margaret Wood Hassan
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:40, I, authorize the Department of Resources and Economic Development to exchange a right of way over the Presidential Rail Trail in the Town of Jefferson (formerly Boston and Maine RR, Berlin Branch) to Muddy Paw Land Holding, LLC for a trail easement on Muddy Paw land between the trail and White Mountain National Forest in the Town of Jefferson. No State Funds

EXPLANATION

The Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) wishes to exchange, with Muddy Paw Land Holding, LLC (Muddy Paw), a 50 X 100 foot wide easement across a portion of the state-owned land under its management, known as "Presidential Rail Trail" (the Trail) in Jefferson, NH, for a thirty foot wide by +/- 1500 long easement on Muddy Paw property that goes from the Trail to the boundary with US Forest Service, White Mountain National Forest. Muddy Paw wishes to develop their property for a residence and a sled dog kennel but is limited to points of access by the South Branch of the Israel River.

The easement from Muddy Paw would be a clear benefit for the public as the Jefferson Notch Road is occasionally plowed in the winter for forestry purposes and limits snowmobile access. DRED does not feel the driveway crossing will negatively impact the public's use of the Trail.

The Council on Resources and Development approved the exchange by unanimous vote on May 8, 2014.

The Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee approved the exchange on June 24, 2014

Approved by,


Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner



New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

NH Office of Energy and Planning
107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall
Concord, NH 03301
Phone: 603-271-2155
Fax: 603-271-2615



TDD Access: Relay NH
1-800-735-2964

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner
NH Department of Resources and Economic Development

FROM: Susan Slack, Principal Planner *Susan Slack*
Office of Energy and Planning

DATE: May 13, 2014

SUBJECT: Surplus Land Review, SLR 14-022-JEFFERSON

On May 8, 2014, the Council on Resources and Development (CORD) took action on the following issue brought by the Department of Resources and Economic Development:

Request that CORD recommend conveying a 50- by 100-foot easement across a portion of the state-owned Presidential Rail Trail in Jefferson to Muddy Paw Land Holding, LLC, in exchange for a 30- by 1500+/-foot easement on Muddy Pay property from the Trail to the boundary with the White Mountain National Forest.

CORD members voted to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** OF SLR 14-022 as submitted.

cc:

Meredith A. Hatfield, Director, NH Office of Energy and Planning
Bill Carpenter, NH Department of Resources and Economic Development
Representative David Campbell, Chair, Long Range Capital Planning and
Utilization Committee

MEMBER AGENCIES: Office of Energy and Planning • Resources and Economic Development • Environmental Services
Agriculture, Markets, and Food • Fish and Game • Safety • Education • Health and Human Services • Transportation
Cultural Resources • Administrative Services • New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority



RECEIVED

JUN 27 2014

D.R.E.D.

LRCF 14-025

JEFFRY A. PATTISON
Legislative Budget Assistant
(603) 271-3161

MICHAEL W. KANE, MPA
Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant
(603) 271-3161

State of New Hampshire
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT
State House, Room 102
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RICHARD J. MAHONEY, CPA
Director, Audit Division
(603) 271-2785

June 24, 2014

Jeffrey J. Rose, Commissioner
Department of Resources and Economic Development
172 Pembroke Road
P.O. Box 1856
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-1856

Dear Commissioner Rose,

The Long Range Capital Planning and Utilization Committee, pursuant to the provisions of RSA 4:40, on June 24, 2014, approved the request of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Forests and Lands, to exchange a 50 by 100 foot wide right of way over a portion of the state-owned land known as the "Presidential Rail Trail" in the Town of Jefferson (formerly Boston and Maine RR, Berlin Branch) to Muddy Paw Land Holding, LLC, for a 30 by 1500+/- foot wide trail easement on Muddy Paw property from the trail to the boundary with the White Mountain National Forest in the Town of Jefferson, at no cost, subject to the conditions as specified in the request dated June 16, 2014.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey A. Pattison
Legislative Budget Assistant

JAP/pe
Attachment

Cc: Christopher Gamache, Bureau of Trails

