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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF FORESTS AND LANDS

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January 18, 2018

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to transfer to the Fish and Game Department management responsibility of an eleven (11) acre parcel of land along the Connecticut River in Colebrook, Coos County, New Hampshire. No funding required.

EXPLANATION

The Fish and Game Department (NHF&G) is in the process of acquiring a 31 acre parcel of land along the Connecticut River in Colebrook. NHF&G already owns approximately 21 acres located just south of the property being acquired. In between there lies a parcel of land owned by the State which is managed by the DNCR's Trails Bureau. The State acquired the property from the Maine Central Railroad in 1977 as part of an acquisition of 22.96 miles of rail line from Beecher Falls, Vermont, to North Stratford, New Hampshire. DNCR will retain control of the 66 foot railway right-of way and transfer to NHF&G the approximately 11 acres lying between the railway right-of-way and the Connecticut River.

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,

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Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner
Dept. of Natural and Cultural Resources



Glenn Normandeau
Executive Director
Fish and Game Department

Return to:
Tracey Boisvert
Administrator
Land Management Bureau
NH Department Of Natural and
Cultural Resources,
172 Pembroke Road
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**IF RECORDED; THIS IS A TRANSFER
BETWEEN AGENCIES OF THE
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND IS
THEREFORE EXEMPT FROM THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE REAL ESTATE
TRANSFER TAX PURSUANT TO RSA
78-B:2(I)**

**Transfer of Management Responsibility
On 11+/- acres in Colebrook, New Hampshire
The New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources,
To
The New Hampshire Fish & Game Department**

THIS IS NOT A TRANSFER OF TITLE

The State of New Hampshire, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources of 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301 (DNCR), pursuant to Governor and Executive Council approval on, _____, 2018 item # ____, transfers management responsibilities on a tract of land (the Premises) located along the Connecticut River in the Town of Colebrook, Coos County, State of New Hampshire, as more particularly bounded and described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof, to the State of New Hampshire, Fish & Game Department of 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire, 03301, (NHFG), said land to be held as part of the State of New Hampshire Wildlife Management System.

The management responsibilities are conveyed subject to the following conservation restrictions:

The Premises shall be maintained in perpetuity for the conservation of wildlife without there being conducted thereon any industrial or commercial activity except forestry associated with wildlife habitat management activities, and pedestrian recreation; the Premises shall not be subdivided or other divided into parcels of separate distinct ownership, and no structure or improvement, except as may be necessary for wildlife population and/or habitat management, shall be constructed, placed or introduced onto the Premises.

DNCR reserves the right to repair and/or replace the rip-rap along the Connecticut River located on the Premises, along with the right to enter and reenter onto the Premises to undertake work on other lands of DNCR.

As noted in the transfer to DRED (now DNCR) DOT reserved the rights to reestablish rail or other transportation service on the corridor, to maintain drainage on the property, and to exercise the right of first refusal prior to the sale of any portion of the property. DRED agreed to contact the Division of Historical Resources prior to and major construction or excavation activities on the property. These reserved rights transfer with the transfer of management.

Executed this _____ day of _____, 2018.

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND
CULTURAL RESOUCES**

By: _____
Jeffery J. Rose, Commissioner

The State of New Hampshire
County of Merrimack

On this _____ day of _____, 2018, personally appeared Jeffery Rose, Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person described in this document, and acknowledged that he was duly authorized to execute this document.

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace
My commission expires: _____

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT**

By: _____
Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director

The State of New Hampshire
County of Merrimack

Personally appeared, Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, this _____ day of _____, 2018, and being duly authorized acknowledged the foregoing on behalf of the State of New Hampshire.

Before me, _____
Print Name: _____
Justice of the Peace/Notary Public
My commission expires: _____

Approved as to form, substance and execution by the Office of the Attorney General:

By: _____
Assistant Attorney General

Approved by Governor and Council on _____, Item # _____.

EXHIBIT A
Property Descriptions

A certain tract of land in Colebrook, lying between the Upper Coos Rail Road Line, so called, and the Vermont – New Hampshire Stateline, said parcel being more fully described below.

Beginning at a point on the easterly bank of the Connecticut River, being the northwesterly corner of the property herein described and the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly owned by Sherborne Ramsey as shown on a plan entitled “Right of Way and Track Map, Upper Coos RR, NH, Operated by the Maine Central Railroad Company” sheet number V.21/23 dated June 30, 1916 and available at the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, Bureau of Railroad in Concord, NH;

Thence S79°58'E a distance of 323' more or less along land of Ramsey to a point located 33 feet at a right angle offset from the railroad centerline; said line if extended would intersect the centerline at railroad Station 2568+53.2;

Thence proceeding southerly parallel and 33 feet distant from the centerline 1,622 feet, more or less to a point on the division line between the land herein described and land now or formerly owned by the Connecticut Valley Lumber Co. near railroad centerline Station 2552+30.7;

Thence turning and running S61°40'W a distance of 875' more or less along land of the Connecticut Valley Lumber Co. to the Connecticut River;

Thence turning northerly along the Connecticut River to the point of beginning.

Being a portion of the land acquired by the State of New Hampshire, DOT, from the Maine Central Railroad by Quitclaim Deed, recorded at the Coos County Registry of Deeds on March 21, 1977, Book 595, Page 172.

Also conveying whatever interest DNCR may have in and to the bed of the Connecticut River between the premises herein described and the New Hampshire – Vermont Stateline by virtue of the above referenced deed from the Maine Central Railroad to the State of New Hampshire.

This description is intending to describe all that parcel of land deeded by George Van Dyke to the Upper Coos Railroad dated October 5, 1889 and recorded in Book 48, page 365 of the Coos County Registry of Deeds with the exception of land located easterly of a line located 33' westerly from and parallel to the centerline as shown on said plan to be retained.

Management of the property was transferred from DOT to DRED (now DNCR) by G&C on 7/15/09 Item # 149.

Brunault, Colebrook



Legend

- State
- County
- City/Town
- Interstates
- Turnpikes
- US Routes
- State Routes
- Local Roads
- CL: Generic
- NH 2015 1-foot RGB



Subject Parcel

Map Scale

1: 11,823



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