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Jon McKeon, Chairman  
 Board of Selectmen  
 Town of Chesterfield  
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Dear Selectman McKeon:

The Division of Forests and Lands is planning to harvest timber and improve wildlife habitat on 140.1 acres of Pisgah State Park in the town of Chesterfield, NH. Attached is a location map of the planned harvest for your reference.

This harvest will access onto Horseshoe Road. Mr. Bart Bevis, Highway Superintendent for your town, has been contacted in reference to project.

We are in the planning stages of this harvest operation which we anticipate offering for public bidding in October of this year (to be operated during frozen or dry ground of 2014-2015). At that time you will be notified as to the timber volume sold and the successful bidder who will be responsible for the timber tax.

This project falls in Management Criteria 3 of the Management Plan for Pisgah State Park, where even-aged forest management is favored. This project includes proposals for nine clear cuts ranging in size from 3 to 12 acres (totaling 48.4 acres). One of the clear-cut areas will enlarge the fields at the north end of the project area, and be maintained as shrub land wildlife habitat. Two (at the south end of the project area) are planned to create young forest wildlife habitat adjacent to the old orchard off Horseshoe Road to be managed in conjunction with the NH Fish and Game Department. The remaining clear cuts will regenerate areas damaged by the 2008 and 2010 ice storms and blocks of mature and/or declining trees. These will also provide critical young forest habitat, between the maintained fields and heavy hemlock winter cover to the east. Fourteen acres will be left as buffers along streams, and the remaining 77.6 acres will be thinned to improve growing space for the residual trees.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the project forester, Inge Seaboyer, directly at (603) 464-3453.

This letter is in compliance with RSA 541-A:22 Notice to Municipalities. We would appreciate it if you would post this letter in a public place. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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 Regional Forester

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