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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LURC ZONING PETITION ZP 707
PROPOSED CONCEPT PLAN FOR PLUM CREEK'S LANDS IN THE MOOSEHEAD LAKE REGION
PISCATAQUIS AND SOMERSET COUNTIES, MAINE

PURPOSE

The Land Use Regulation Commission is seeking public comment on Zoning Petition ZP 707, a proposed Concept Plan for Plum Creek's Lands in the Moosehead Lake Region. The purpose of the hearing is to allow the applicant, interested groups and members of the public the opportunity to present testimony and evidence as to whether the applicant's proposal meets the statutory and regulatory criteria for approval under provisions of 12 M.R.S.A., Section 685-A (8-A) and Section 10.23, H of the Commission's rules.

TIME AND PLACE

Members of the public are welcome to attend and/or participate in any of the scheduled public sessions. Party sessions are devoted to questions by the Land Use Regulation Commission and cross-examination of witnesses presented by the applicant, formal parties to the proceeding (i.e., intervenors and interested persons), and governmental agencies. Members of the public may attend these sessions, but may not participate.

Public Sessions

| Saturday, December 1, 2007 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Greenville High School Auditorium 130 Pritham Avenue, Greenville, Maine |
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| Sunday, December 2, 2007 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Augusta Civic Center 79 Community Drive, Augusta, Maine |
| Saturday, December 15, 2007 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Holiday Inn By the Bay 88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine |
| Sunday, December 16, 2007 | 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM | Greenville High School Auditorium 130 Pritham Avenue, Greenville, Maine |

Members of the public will not be allowed to speak during more than one public session. **LURC anticipates that these sessions will be heavily attended, and speakers will likely be limited to three minutes each**. Members of the public who wish to speak during a public session may begin arriving between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM to sign up. Speakers will be called in the order their name appears on the sign up sheets.

Party Sessions

Monday, December 3, 2007 Tuesday, December 4, 2007 Wednesday, December 5, 2007 Thursday, December 6, 2007 Friday, December 7, 2007 Monday, December 10, 2007 Tuesday, December 11, 2007 Wednesday, December 12, 2007 Thursday, December 13, 2007 Friday, December 14, 2007 Ascona Tennis & Health Club 23 Leighton Road, Augusta, Maine

CONTINUANCE OF HEARING

As provided by Section 5.08 of the Commission's rules, this hearing may be continued and reconvened from time to time and from place to place by the Presiding Officer as circumstances require. The Presiding Officer shall provide reasonable notice to interested persons and the public of the time and place of any such reconvened hearing.

9:00 AM - 5:30 PM

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

All interested members of the public are invited to attend and offer testimony which would have a bearing on this proposal. The public is not required to submit written testimony before the hearing in order to testify. Members of the public may simply attend the hearing and give oral testimony. The Presiding Officer will provide notice of the deadlines established for filing of written statements by members of the public, including notice of the date that the hearing record will close.

Written comments should be sent to the Land Use Regulation Commission, 22 State House Station, Augusta, Maine, 04333-0022. Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to <u>LURC@maine.gov</u>.

DISABILITIES

Persons with disabilities planning to attend the hearing are requested to inform the Commission in advance so that arrangements can be made for services they may require.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A full copy of the proposed concept plan may be viewed at the Commission's main office (18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Building, Augusta, Maine) or and may be downloaded from the agency's web site (www.maine.gov/doc/lurc). To view the proposed concept plan at the Augusta office, please call the office in advance at (207) 287-2631. Persons having questions may contact LURC by e-mail (LURC@maine.gov) or telephone (207-287-2631).

LEGAL AUTHORITY

The hearing will be held under authority of 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 206-A and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules for the Conduct of Public Hearings.