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Memorandum

May 18, 2007

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Agnieszka Pinette, Senior Planner, Land Use Regulation Commission.
SUBJECT: LURC conditionally accepts for processing Plum Creek's petition for a concept plan in the Moosehead Lake Region and sets deadline for filing intervention petitions by third parties.

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify all interested parties of following three items:

Petition conditionally accepted for processing. On April 27, 2007, Plum Creek Maine Timberlands, L.L.C. and Plum Creek Land Company (Plum Creek) submitted to the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) an amended Petition for Rezoning to implement a concept plan on its ownership in the Moosehead Lake region. LURC staff conditionally accepted for processing the amended Petition on May 18, 2007. A copy of the correspondence from LURC staff to Plum Creek on this matter has been posted on the Commission's website (www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/reference/resourceplans/moosehead.html#events).

LURC staff's acceptance for processing of the amended Petition is subject to receipt from Plum Creek by June 1, 2007 of (1) a fully executed copy of the *Amendment to the Conservation Framework Purchase and Sale Agreement*, and (2) letters from the Bureau of Parks and Lands and the Western Mountains Foundation indicating their willingness to take on the role of easement holder and/or third party holder, listing any contingencies of such agreement, and identifying the organizations' qualifications to hold easements.

"Acceptable for processing" means that LURC staff have sufficient information to understand the concept plan being proposed by Plum Creek and to begin the formal application review. It does not mean that LURC has sufficient information to hold public hearings on Plum Creek's proposal. Additional information will be requested of Plum Creek by LURC during the review process.

Deadline set for petitions for intervention. Concurrent with the conditional acceptance for processing of Plum Creek's Petition, the chair of the Commission has set June 20, 2007 as the deadline for submitting to LURC any petitions for intervention by third parties (please see enclosed notice for details). The Commission will act on any petitions for intervention at its meeting of Wednesday, July 11, 2007. Please note: The public is not required to file petitions to intervene in order to testify at the public comment sessions that will be held as part of the public hearing.

Staff to present tentative pre-hearing schedule to Commission in June. LURC staff expect to present to the Commission a tentative pre-hearing schedule at its June 6, 2007 Commission meeting, including initial recommendations on the timing of certain pre-hearing actions (e.g. the due date for pre-filed testimony) and the timing of public hearings. Assuming that certain information requested of Plum Creek by LURC staff is submitted in a timely manner, LURC staff currently anticipate that public hearings will begin no sooner than late October 2007.

For further information about the requirements to petition for intervention or the details of the June 2007 Commission meeting, please visit LURC's web site (www.maine.gov/doc/lurc) or contact the Augusta office (call 207-287-2631 or e-mail LURC@maine.gov).

Enclosure: Notice of Public Hearing.
