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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

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

The Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) is seeking public comment on a set of LURC-generated amendments to Zoning Petition ZP 707, Plum Creek's Concept Plan proposal for its lands in the Moosehead Lake region.

At the conclusion of the public and party hearings on Zoning Petition ZP 707, the Commission expressed a preference for a post-hearing process in which it could explore potential amendments to the Plan that the Commission concluded would be necessary to satisfy governing review criteria. After two days of deliberations, the Commission developed a set of LURC-generated amendments designed to indicate how the Commission would resolve certain core issues presented by the Plan under governing review criteria. The Commission now seeks comment from the petitioner, intervenors, interested persons, and members of the public on these LURC-generated amendments.

These LURC-generated amendments do not constitute the exact replacement language that would amend the Plan. If eventually adopted into the Plan, many of the amendments would need to be refined and carefully drafted to ensure the Commission's intent is fully expressed. This specific Plan amendment language would be subject to additional public comment and then come back to the Commission for review and final approval.

Based on its review of comments received, the Commission will determine whether changes to the LURC-generated amendments are necessary or appropriate. The Commission recognizes that concept plans are initiated by the landowner, and that any amendments to this Plan would have to be accepted by the Petitioner before they could be incorporated into a final decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT DEADLINE

LURC has established 4:00 PM on Friday, July 11, 2008 as the deadline for the filing of written statements by petitioner, intervenors, interested persons, and members of the public regarding a set of LURC-generated amendments to Zoning Petition ZP 707. Written comments may 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 LURC@maine.gov.

The July 11 deadline does not constitute final closure of the hearing record. To the extent that the Commission considers specific amendments to the proposed Concept Plan, those amendments will be posted for additional public comment. Notice of any such future opportunities for public participation will be provided.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A full copy of the LURC-generated amendments to Plum Creek's proposed Concept Plan may be viewed at the Commission's main office (18 Elkins Lane, Harlow Building, Augusta, Maine -- call 207-287-2631 to schedule an appointment) or may be downloaded from the agency's web site (www.maine.gov/doc/lurc). Persons having questions may contact LURC by e-mail (LURC@maine.gov) or telephone (207-287-2631).