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October 27, 2025

Ms. Dawn Hallowell
Maine Department of Environmental Protection
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0017

Re: Forest Management Plan for the proposed 50,000+ acre conservation easement that serves condition compliance for the NECEC Project

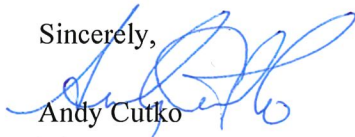
Dear Ms. Hallowell,

As you know, NECEC's Conservation Plan includes a 50,000+ acre conservation easement to be held by the Bureau of Parks and Lands (Bureau) on land owned by Weyerhaeuser in four townships in Somerset County, Maine. NECEC submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on October 7, 2025, a revised conservation easement to address the mature forest requirement communicated by the DEP to NECEC on October 3, 2025.

Section VII.A.6 of the revised conservation easement requires that Weyerhaeuser, as Grantor, develop a Forest Management Plan (FMP). Section VII.A.6(a) further obligates the Grantor to submit to the Bureau for approval a 10-year Forest Management Plan that meets the requirements in section VII.A.6 of the easement. After NECEC submitted to the DEP Weyerhaeuser's original Forest Management Plan on July 16, 2025, the Bureau engaged Weyerhaeuser in numerous discussions to further understand and evaluate the land base, forest conditions, and Weyerhaeuser's ability to meet the mature forest goal specified by the DEP. Following these discussions, the Bureau has reviewed the revised FMP submitted to DEP on October 24, 2025, along with additional FMP material submitted to the Bureau by Weyerhaeuser on that same date.

Having considered the information provided to the Bureau, and per Section VII.A.6(a) and (f) of the conservation easement, the Bureau finds that the Forest Management Plan contains the required plan elements and is consistent with the terms of the easement submitted to the DEP by NECEC on October 7, 2025. The Bureau therefore approves the Forest Management Plan.

Sincerely,


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