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January 17, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu State House Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RE: Mount Washington Master Plan, October 2022

Dear Governor Sununu,

Pursuant to RSA 227-B:6, the Mount Washington Commission is pleased to present you with the Mount Washington Master Plan, dated October 2022. This plan was developed over the course of one year, with ten Commission meetings, stakeholder outreach, and public involvement. All Commission meetings are open to the public in accordance with RSA 91-A.

Before we finalized this Master Plan, we held two public involvement sessions — one in Concord and one in North Conway. We solicited written public comment and received 236 responses. After assessing all public input and incorporating some edits and changes, on October 28, 2022, the Mount Washington Commission voted to unanimously pass this Master Plan.

The summit of Mount Washington is iconic and emblematic of the Granite State. All visitors to the summit should have the opportunity to observe and experience its unique environment. The purpose of this Master Plan is to enhance the opportunities for this experience while enabling the success of all Summit Partners by ensuring that the summit of Mount Washington, featuring the Mount Washington State Park, continues to be a must-see destination for visitors to the region while also ensuring that the summit's natural resources are protected. This will be achieved by: maintaining a high quality mountain experience that respects Mount Washington's uniqueness; actively stewarding the summit's flora and fauna, its facilities, and its history; and, consciously aligning the capacities of the summit environment, the resources supporting buildings, sewage, waste, energy, and water systems, and the number of people expected or permitted to visit the summit each year.

We humbly request your review and support of this plan. Any work contracted to occur on the state-owned summit will be submitted to you and the Executive Council for their vote.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me or Senator Bradley should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeb Bradley, Senator

Chail, Mount Washington Commission

Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner Dept. Natural and Cultural Resources

Attachment

c: Edward Bergeron, Vice-Chair, Mount Washington Commission Brian J. Wilson, Director, DNCR - Division of Parks and Recreation

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