

April 28, 2015

John Steward

RE: CLH Annual Operating Plan 2015

John,

As required by the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Forest Legacy Easement, the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks and Recreation (Division) is providing you with its 2015 Annual Operating Plan for implementation of the Interim Public Access and Recreation Use Management Plan. Project completion is dependent upon budgeting and staffing.

The Division will continue to implement previously proposed and approved, but not yet completed projects:

- 1) Toilets – Pit toilets installed Coon Brook Bog, Dellie’s Pit and High Bridge Brook Deadwater Trail.
- 2) Road and trail signage – Public information, mile marker and safety signs will be installed along roads and trails. A concerted effort will be to get LZ signs in place over the 2015 summer season.
- 3) Trails – Cohas Trail relocation is still under way for the Camp Otter Road Round Pond reroute. General maintenance of Cohas Trail will continue along with general maintenance of all foot trails “Special Places in the Forest”. Ditching, resurfacing and bridge replacement at the Canyon on Indian Stream will hinge on grant approval. The reopening of the Deer Mt Fire Tower Trail continues with rough cut to tower, more tread work is needed. Once trail is in place an effort will be to get the stairs replaced with a viewing platform. Work will continue on the view shed at this location also. Upgrade snowmobile trail from east side of RT 3 Coon Brook Parking area to Magalloway Road, possible thru plantation skid trail, or Cohas trail leading to Camp Otter.
- 4) Parking areas – A parking area will be constructed at Deadwater Loop Road 1 mile marker High Bridge Brook Pit. This area will be used by ATV in one section and horses on the other side of the brook. Reshape an area at Dellie’s Pit off Indian Stream Road for ATV parking. See above Coon Brook Parking.
- 5) Visitor support facilities – Information Kiosk will be installed at the Deadwater Loop Road Parking area, Political Jct and Robinson Gate on Halls Stream.

The Division will also implement the following for 2015:

- 1) Roads – No changes are proposed. Normal Road maintenance to occur.
- 2) Sheds and gatehouses – No new or added sheds or gatehouses are proposed.
- 3) Trash removal – General trash collection will continue throughout the property.
- 4) Boats - To address the proliferation of derelict boats on the property; one week before fishing season begins, signs will be placed at all ponds and boats owners will be asked to place all boats in an organized area. If boats are not moved to the boat storage area, they will be considered trash, and removed from the property. Boats will be allowed to be stored at these areas until approximately one week after the close of the fishing season, owners boats left on the property will be considered trash and will be removed.

As a note, implementation of the Road Management Agreement, Use and Maintenance of Snowmobile Trails for 2015 – 16, were discussed and finalized at the April 28, 2015 meeting at Landvest Office with Connecticut Lakes Timber Company representatives. Refer to the Great North Woods Management Area 2014 Road Summary report provided at the meeting that contains proposed 2015 road work.

The Division looks forward to its continued and unique partnership with Connecticut Lakes Timber Company on the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters property. Feel free to contact me at (603) 538-6707 or sandy.young@dred.nh.gov should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

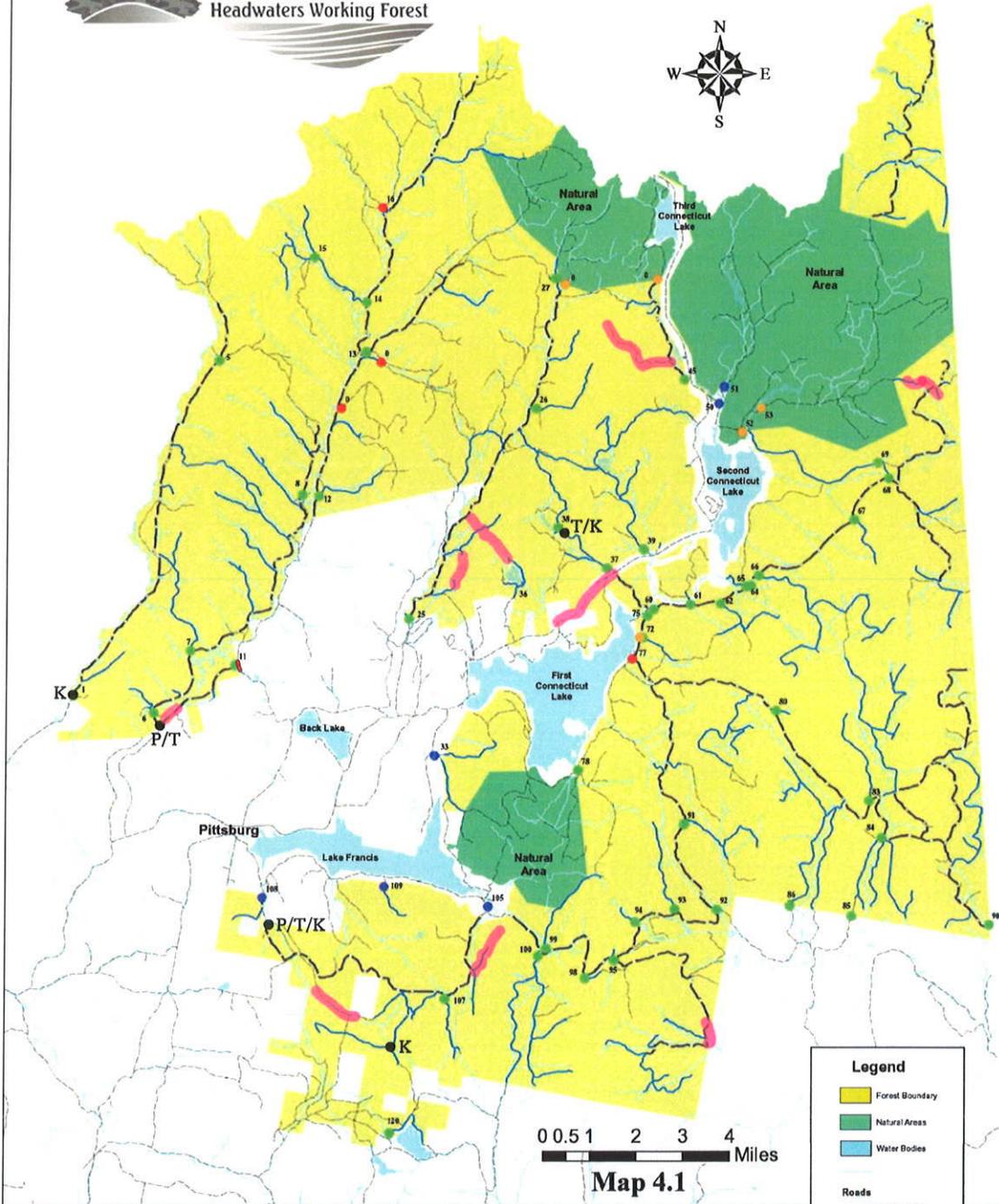
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2015 AOP



Public Access and Recreation / Road Management Plan

Connecticut Lakes
Headwaters Working Forest



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Map 4.1

Legend

- Forest Boundary
- Natural Areas
- Water Bodies

Roads

- Main Haul
- Gravel
- Other

Gate / Jurisdiction

- CLTC
- DRED
- NH F&D
- Other

Thomas Kokk Associates
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Designated Roads

Designated Roads Are Those Categorized As
Main Haul and Gravel in Legend

- P - Parking
- T - Pit Toilet
- K - Kiosk

Trail Maintenance