

From: Cosmo Catalano [<mailto:catalano.cosmo@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 16, 2013 11:26 AM
To: Comments, Timber (DCR)
Subject: Schoolhouse Lot

Thank you for sending the proposed Forest Management information. It would be of much help if your lot maps included the names of trails and roads--it's often very tricky to locate proposed worksites using the maps included in the information packets. As a volunteer trail manager for Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts, it is important to be able to assess how harvests will impact the A.T. experience for hikers and volunteer trail maintainers.

Please take the time to identify on your maps the trail and road features mentioned in the Project Access portion of your Forest Management Proposals.

Thank you,

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From: Randal Toth [<mailto:rtoth3@nycap.rr.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 19, 2013 7:02 PM
To: Comments, Timber (DCR)
Subject: Schoolhouse Lot timber Harvesst Comments

**Department of Conservation and Recreation
Bureau(s) of Forest Fire Control and Forestry
Timber Harvest Summary-Public Comment Form
September 19, 2013**

The Timber Harvest Summary card was designed to assist the public in providing information to the Bureau of Forestry when proposed timber management projects are in the initial planning stages.

The following are my concerns about the Timber Harvesting Project being proposed at

Name of Timber Sale Project: **Schoolhouse Lot**
State Forest: **October Mountain State Forest**
Management Forester: **Kristopher Massini**

Forest Health:

I support the proposal for timber harvesting in this area to preserve the health of the forest and to provide some additional income for the state.

Recreation:

I support the proposed timber harvest, from a trail user's perspective, since the plan will result in a major improvement to the trail system within the timber harvest area. Relocating the trails to a more sustainable location and the construction of a more permanent bridge will definitely result in a much more sustainable recreational trail system. My family and I have hiked, mountain biked and snowmobiled throughout October Mountain State Forest for over 30 years.

Water Quality:

Aesthetics:

I strongly favor the proposed buffer zones which will help separate the trail users from the major cutting zones.

Wildlife/Rare Species:

Cultural Resources/Special Places:

Other:

The restoration of sound timber harvesting on state lands is long overdue. This plan addresses all of my concerns.

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From: Melissa Guimont [<mailto:madshamel@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, October 02, 2013 4:35 PM
To: Gregory, Paul (DCR); Roberts, John (DCR)
Subject: Myles Standish Red Pine Removal comment

Hi Paul. This is Melissa Guimont from the Friends of Myles Standish and I was planning on going to the presentation on Thursday night, but have a family issue that has come up. I wanted to submit four comments before the 10/18 deadline. 1. I think it's wonderful that you are working to remove these dead red pines in the forest and thank you for coming up with a sound management plan to address this. I imagine you will be faced with opposition when it is presented and implemented. You will most likely hear howls of disgust when there are bare stands of nothing, but this is the process we must face in nature. Sometimes, those "barren wastelands" that had extensive tree removals do look unsightly, but they are necessary and natural and will allow for the native plants and fauna to fill in as it is supposed to be. It's better than seeing a bunch of dead/diseased trees causing a fire/safety hazard is my argument against the neighsayers. 2. I hope you to consider the time of year when you remove these affected areas. As with controlled burns, timing is key and I hope that you will not consider removing these dead trees when nesting season occurs in the spring for native birds. Woodpeckers, nuthatches, jays, etc. that often use the dead trees to cavity nest or the understory utilized by whip-poor-wills and others would be a concern and I would hope this doesn't happen during the breeding season. 3. I urge you to also consider leaving some large dead "snags" in the area for said birds to use for cavity nesting as well as insects and other creatures that may need them. So often, we clear cut everything and leave nothing "unsightly" behind, and it takes it's toll on the creatures that depend on those snags. 4. Please consider removing the invasive Norway Spruce (or whatever that large, evergreen, weeping branched tree is) that is taking over in those areas as well. I know your management plan does not include these, but if you happen to plow them over or they jump in front of your destruction equipment, it would be a blessing. I wish you much luck in removing this scale, blight and non-native species from our forest. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. -Melissa Guimont

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October 10th, 2013

Subject: The Proposed Project to Remove Red Pines & Clear Cut Areas of Myles Standish State Forest

We received your letter with your proposals, dated September 4, 2013, at the end of September, giving us a short time in which to reply.

Our home is abutting a small acreage in the north-west corner of your plan of the Forest, marked green.

We strongly oppose the propositions set out in your letter for the following reasons:

- i) the natural beauty of the Forest will be obliterated by aggressive action to clear cut acres of healthy trees which thrive in our area
- ii) our property value lies mainly in its location in the corner of the Forest which, if destroyed, will devalue our home and our neighbors'
- iii) the negative affect on wildlife and fauna will have an impact for generations that cannot be rectified during our, or the perpetrators,' lifetimes
- iv) the majestic beauty and our enjoyment of the portion of the Forest in which we live, cannot be quantified in terms of money
- v) it is proposed that healthy Forest, marked green on your map, south of Big West Pond should be sacrificed **for profit** to finance the removal of dead trees in other parts of Myles Standish. **We object to this in principal** as tax payers who are the owners of Myles Standish Forest

Non-native species of vegetation and wildlife become native after time so let nature take its course.

In conclusion, we ask that you save 1% of the Forest alongside the driveway to the affected homes on Big West Pond, marked yellow on Ross Jordan's Inquiry plan.

Please address any responses to Jonathan Michaud, Att. at Law, Cetrulo & Capone LLP,
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Yours sincerely

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND E-MAIL

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RE: Red Pines Removal Proposal at MSF

Dear Mr. Gregory:

I am writing on behalf of Leif and Diane Gillbert, who own property at 379 Federal Furnace Road (on Big West Pond), in Plymouth, Massachusetts, pursuant to the directive to submit comments to you by October 18, 2013.

They are opposed to the proposed Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation's ("DCR") "Red Pine Removal/Pine Barrens Restoration" program for the following reasons:

I. Devaluation of Property

The annihilation of the forest surrounding and enclosing properties will inevitably lead to a significant reduction in their market value. Property owners whose land is surrounded by the red pines are obviously not similarly situated to residents who do not reside near the red pines, and perhaps only see the trees when they go on a hike in Myles Standish Forest ("MSF"). The former are uniquely affected by the extreme and severe policy apparently preferred by the DCR. The latter are not. The property owners have valid and important concerns which must be addressed. Simply cutting down every single red pine will lead to a tremendous blight on the landscape which will take DECADES to regenerate itself. The DCR's proposal states that the removal of the red pines "will change from a forest canopy to an open shrubland..." - it would be harder to imagine a more pronounced change in scenery and aesthetics. Botanist Irina Kadis has noted in an e-mail that she is "concerned about a possibility of invasive plants advancement in MSSF upon creation of huge empty areas." As you might imagine they are extremely unhappy to have what even a project supporter describes as a "huge empty area" next to where is now a nice

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forest canopy. It would be no different than someone buying a house on Lake Sunapee and having the state decide they are going to drain the lake at the owners' cost!

A property owner faced with such a prospect may have certain legal rights. As a preliminary matter, there may be a question of a governmental entity making a taking without paying fair compensation to a property owner whose property is devalued.

II. Interference with Right of Way

The heavy machinery required to cut down the large number of trees will cause interference with, and the possibility of damage to the right of way, and possible home insurance and liability issues. Removal of the red pines will also increase soil erosion and run off around the property and right of way.

III. Removal of Privacy, Security and Seclusion

Apart from the financial losses foisted on the property owner, the forest around Big West Pond fulfills a number of important functions. It acts as a visual and sound barrier against the heavy traffic which travels along Federal Furnace Road at high speeds (witness the September 23, 2013 fatal car accident which killed two people and injured one on the portion of the road right outside the right of way entrance). The forest also provides security, privacy and seclusion. All of these important benefits of the forest would be removed by its wanton destruction. I note that DCR's proposal states "in the future prescribed burning will be needed to maintain these unique communities." Again, this certainly raises safety questions when happening next to property.

IV. Aesthetics and Wildlife – "When's the best time to plant a tree? Twenty years ago."

You do not have to be an environmentalist to appreciate the fact that the destruction of a forest which has taken at least fifty years to grow is devastation of natural beauty that cannot be restored in a lifetime. It is pure enjoyment of that natural beauty every time they turn off Federal Furnace Road to their property through the forest which is unquantifiable in terms of money; it is wanton devastation that will have a negative effect on the landscape and the wildlife that live within it for decades to come.

V. The Forest Around Big West Pond is Healthy

The devastation of the red pines is magnified by the DCR's own admission in the proposal that the forest surrounding Big West Pond shows "no signs" of disease. There is no valid reason to cut down the entire number of red pines in the forest. Luckily we do have to search for the real reason that DCR wants to cut down all red pines - healthy or diseased - because they have stated in black and white: to allow loggers to cut down the healthy trees and sell them at a profit so that DCR can get the project done at no-cost to taxpayers - while the loss

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will be borne by property owners, who pay state, local and federal taxes. Let's be clear the ONLY reason DCR wants to have all the red pines cut down is because the profit to private loggers from selling the healthy trees absolves them of paying for the work. Put another way, if DCR was paying for the work they would only pay for the dead and diseased trees to be removed.

VI. The Big West Pond Portion Should be Retained Under DCR's Own Policy

The Big West Pond Portion of MSF is not similarly situated to the main body of MSF. As can be seen from the DCR's own map of MSF, the small portion of MSF which is near Big West Pond is far removed from the main part of MSF. There do not appear to be any trails in the Big West Pond portion of MSF. The Gillberts have not witnessed biking, bird watchers, hunters, hikers, horseback riders or other recreational users in the Big West Pond portion of MSF. This is not surprising given the size, location and proximity from the main body of MSF. Indeed, DCR's proposal appears to acknowledge this as it states that, "**Small isolated red pine plantations not near paved roads, forest roads, hiking trails, or paved bike paths may be retained.**" The small portion of MSF around Big West Pond so qualifies and should be retained.

VII. DCR Can Afford to Pay

DCR claims that one of the attractive features of the proposal is that by selling all the red pines to a private contractor, the project can be completed at no cost to DCR or taxpayers. However, DCR's own 2012 report states that:

"In FY12, DCR invested \$3,633,625 in land capital funds and leveraged over \$4.3 million in bargain sales and federal, local, and partner contributions to complete 26 land transactions that protected 2,154 acres."

[See <http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dcr/2012-dcr-annualreport.pdf>]

We are not bound to accept DCR's self serving statement that they don't have the money to pay for the removal of just the diseased trees. Certainly, DCR's method of financing the project, by removing ALL red pines, regardless of health, is done so on the backs of property owners' whose property will be devalued.

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VIII. Less Extreme Measures

There are certainly less extreme alternatives to the preferred proposal:

1. Removal of only dead and diseased trees;
2. A significant buffer zone around property owners' properties; [see attached plot map];
3. With regard to the Big West Pond portion of the MSF, which is removed from the main portion of MSF as described above, remove it from the proposed red pine removal program; and
4. If the project is rubber stamped for approval despite the residents' legitimate concerns, then the property owners will consider their options, up to and including legal action.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. We look forward to your response.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Jonathan Michaud
Jonathan Michaud

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Mr. Gregory

My name is Bill Bates. My wife Shari and I live at 16 West Ridge Trail(lot 50-1) with out two children Amber(11yoa) and Josh(9yoa). We have lived here since 1999. We bought the lot and built our house for the sole reason that it was next to the forest. If we looked at the lot and the adjacent area was clear cut I would have rejected it on the spot.

We are very concerned with the plans to clear cut the area adjacent to our lot and those of our neighbors. We currently enjoy a buffer zone of trees from the forest which block our yard from the heavily traveled Federal Furnace Road. These trees Also reduce the street noise from Federal Furnace Road as well. We access our home from West Ridge Trail which is at the end of a cul de sac so the area is extremely quiet. Again if the area next to the lot was clear cut we would have never moved here. I cant imagine living here without the forest. Anyone who visits our home for the first time always comments on what a great lot it is.

With regards to the area directly next to out home. There are some dead Red Pines in the area. They seemed to be concentrated near the edges closest to the Federal Furnace Road and the border between the forest and our lot. The interior seems to be made up of mostly Eastern White Pines. We spoke on the phone earlier this week and you informed me that those trees would not be removed and that only the Red Pines would be cut down. Its difficult for me to tell someone not to cut down a dead tree. There is no reason however to clear cut any of the other species of trees in this area. When we spoke you told me that the other trees would be not be cut down. The proposal that was sent to the house had a map of the area stating it would be clear cut. It also stated in the language that the Eastern Whites would be removed. I read an article on Wickedlocal.com dated 9/12/13 by Frank Mand. In the article you stated the eastern white pines and the Norway spruce would by preserved. So I am a bit confused and worried about the actual plan for the other species of trees.

I can't support any action to clear cut this area. If the purpose was to only remove the dead and dying Red pines then I can support that. Clear cutting this area is not necessary. Clear cutting would destroy the property value and out quality of life. It would also destroy the wildlife in the area. We have deer and turkeys which visit our yard from this area on a weekly basis. This would destroy their home. This area is a small fraction of the Forest and should be preserved not ruined. If it's clear cut It will never be the same in out lifetime. Again I can only be in favor of removing the dead Red Pines and nothing else. I wish to preserve the woods and wildlife not cut it down.

Thank you
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RED PINE REMOVAL/PINE BARRENS RESTORATION - Comments

Green Futures has reviewed the proposed "Red Pine Removal/Pine Barrens Restoration" forest management project for Myles Standish State Forest. We support this forest management proposal that is intended to restore native pitch pine and scrub oak barrens that provide for a unique diversity of species requiring that habitat type.

The focus of all DCR forest management projects should be on maintaining and enhancing ecological processes for the greatest number of native species. Hopefully, DCR is evolving ...moving away from an emphasis on economic profit by foolishly facilitating the logging of our public forests for private gain ...to an emphasis on maintaining, enhancing and restoring native species diversity on our public forests, parklands and state reservations.

This current proposal is sketchy, incomplete, in a number of areas and we would like to see more information on species ...beyond birds ...that will benefit from removal of the red pines. Which species, if any, are expected to decline minus the red pines? What are the "15 species of moths and butterflies, 2 tiger beetles and 3 plants" that will benefit? Of all native species, Massachusetts reptiles and amphibians are most in peril. Many are already listed by NHESP as species endangered, threatened or of special concern.

What will be the effect of running skidders and harvesters over the barrens and adjacent forest on reptiles and amphibians? Eastern box turtles are slowly winking-out here in Massachusetts as are hog-nosed snakes. And, what about wildflowers, other forbs and grasses? We noticed the almost complete extirpation of rattlesnake plantain from the Freetown State Forest, following ill-conceived logging, some years ago. In short, DCR's "timber harvest" proposals need to be much more detail oriented to be of value in determining their benefit or detriment to the forest. It is difficult evaluating a project, determining what the intended result will be, if information is lacking.

Expansion, more detail, is also needed on methods DCR intends to employ to control invasive species. As we know, invasive species are a major problem across Massachusetts. Will the openings created by removal of red pine and damage to the land created by heavy logging equipment create an ideal seedbed for invasive plant species? What's going to be done about that?

Will the open landscape, sans red pine, tempt dirt bike riders, ATVs and high-lift truck enthusiasts? What is DCR's plan?

Finally, we note that in DCR's proposal it states, "The project will have an archaeological review and evaluation." Shouldn't that already have been done? That should be part of the proposal too.

Although we support this proposal, it sorely lacks detail in many important areas.

Sincerely,

Tim Bennett
President

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Subject Red Pine Removal / Pine Barrens Restoration – Miles Standish State Forrest

This letter is to go on record opposing the Mass DCR Red Pine Removal / Pine Barrens Restoration project for Miles Standish State Forest. Posted September 4, 2013 for the northern section of Town of Plymouth map 95 Lot 59 (Figure 1). We ask that no tree removal take place within forty feet of the southern side of the right of way for 379 -395 Federal Furnace Road. The area we request to be spared is highlighted in yellow in figure 1.

Our concerns that have led us to this decision are:

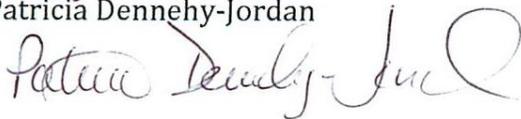
- 1) Damage to right of way from land clearing equipment and erosion.
- 2) Loss of privacy and increased noise from ferederal furnace road. A road which carries dozens if not hundreds of trucks a day hauling trash to SEAMASS
- 3) Loss in property value
- 4) Erosion and silt damage to vernal pool off Federal Furnace located at 41.916741,-70.705318
- 5) Habitat destruction for plants and wild animals.
- 6) Cutting of healty trees as indicated on the DCR's map for the purpose of funding of project (Figure 2).

We believe letting nature take it's course is the best plan for this area.

Sincerely
Ross Jordan

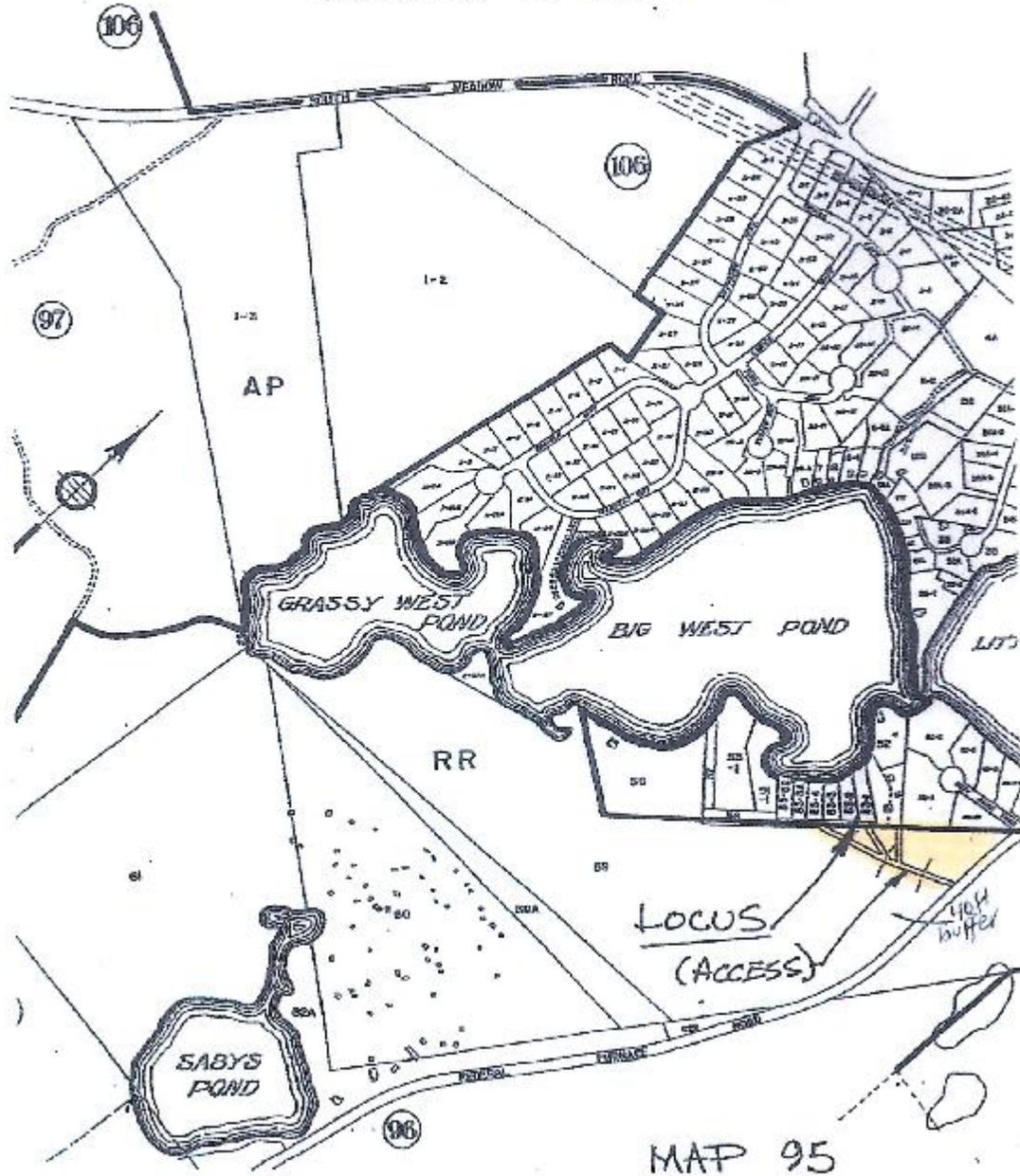


Patricia Dennehy-Jordan



381 Federal Furnace Road
Plymouth, MA 02360

RE: JORDAN INQUIRY
ACCESS TO LOTS 53-1 & 2



389 Federal Furnace Rd.
Plymouth, MA 02360
October 11, 2013

Mr. Paul Gregory
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Dear Mr. Gregory,

My husband and I would like this letter to go on record reflecting our strong opposition to the Mass DCR Red Pine Removal/Pine Barrens Restoration Project for Myles Standish State Forest, posted 9/4/2013. This relates specifically to the area of West Ridge Trail and #379-395 Federal Furnace Rd. in Plymouth.

First, my husband and I never received any official notification of this proposed project. If it had not been brought to our attention by our neighbor, we would have known nothing about this until it began. Although we have since received said notification, we were unable to attend the October 3rd meeting regarding this proposal and voice our opposition.

We oppose this proposed project for a number of reasons.

In reading the included map of the affected area, our specific area is in solid green and thus appears not to be affected by the damage and disease used as a justification for the removal of all red pines. We do not understand why our specific street is included in the overall removal if our trees are unaffected.

We are concerned about several things. First, silt damage and erosion will probably occur to the vernal pool of Federal Furnace located at 41.916741-70.705318.

In addition, damage to the Right of Way and streets in the involved area will be caused by the land clearing equipment, as well as subsequent erosion.

What will happen to the habitat destruction for the plants and animals, including endangered species in this area?

Obviously, the cutters of these trees will profit from this removal, while there apparently is no concern for the property owners.

The beauty, attraction, and value of our property will be severely affected by this proposal. We retired here as senior citizens because of the seclusion and aesthetics of this property and this proposal will destroy much of that.

We thank you for your time and consideration and hope that our strong feelings will be respected.

Respectfully,



Daniel and Ronnie Hirschhorn

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To: Gregory, Paul (DCR)

Subject: Comments on MSSF Red Pine Removal Project

Hi, Paul,

Sorry it took me a while to get this to you but I just got done picking and my sciatic nerve has been acting up.

This project should be done as soon as possible in order to not allow all the trees to fully die. If they die, it may be difficult to get an operator to remove them without cost to the Commonwealth. Another reason for removal of the trees will be for aesthetics, since it is an eyesore to look at many dead trees either on the ground or standing. Even the trees that come up to people's residences are going to have to be removed. Any areas where the trees may come in contact with electrical lines, public roads and driveways should have highest priority for this work being performed. Not only are public safety considerations going to be addressed, but the areas will be properly prepared to vegetate into natural plant communities. The sooner this work is done, the better it will be for the affected areas. I hope that all goes well on this project. Austin



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Northern red-bellied cooler found only in ponds in Plymouth County

Mr. Peter Church
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Director of Forest
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October 17, 2013

Re: In support of timber harvesting of Red Pines and the restoration of die Pine Barrens in Myles Standish State Forest. Proposal submitted by Paul Gregory on September 4, 2013.

Dear Mr. Church:

The Southeastern Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance (SEMPBA) strongly supports the restoration of the Pine Barrens in the Myles Standish State Forest through the removal of red pine trees.

As a newly formed not-for-profit organization dedicated to the protection and restoration of the rare pitch pine-scrub oak community, SEMPBA applauds the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for this bold restoration project and supports the further removal of all non-native plants in the Myles Standish State Forest (MSSF). We would like to see the DCR fully implement the *2007 Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program Biodiversity of Myles Standish State Forest* "Highest Priority Recommendations" to "Remove tree plantations consisting of non-native species and thin tree plantations consisting of even-aged monocultures of native species." Removing the red pine plantations is a great first step.

A detriment to the many plants and animals dependent on the pitch pine-scrub oak community, red pine trees were planted in rows. The understory in these plantations lacks the biodiversity found in a natural "Pine Barrens" forest. Not only do the red pine trees detract from the natural beauty of the area, they are taking up valuable space within a globally-rare and limited habitat. It is critical for the sustainability of the pine barrens that we take every available opportunity to restore habitat. We live in an area of rapid development that is causing an alarming loss of forestland yearly. Even land that is protected from development is being degraded daily by illegal use and the lack of active management necessary to maintain the unique features of a pine barrens. The red pine plantations were ill-advisedly placed in the MSSF many years ago, and now these diseased and dying trees present a serious fire danger to nearby communities and to the fire-dependent pine barrens ecology, which requires frequent burning and a regular reduction of fuel loading. We hope this project will spark other plantation removal projects in the region.

Southeastern Massachusetts supports the world's 2nd largest region of Atlantic Coastal Pine Barrens. The MSSF contains the largest protected pine barrens parcel in Massachusetts. Even so, its distinctive features have yet to be fully identified and the region scientifically delineated. Myles Standish State Forest is the gem of this important habitat. We need to do everything we can to ensure that this rare ecosystem is restored and preserved for future generations. We thank the DCR Division of Forestry for their foresight in putting together an excellent plan for red pine removal followed by long-term management plan in the removal area, involving prescribed fire and other management tools that will check any potential invasive species infiltration. Your work today will assure that a healthy pine barrens ecosystem will one day exist in the space now occupied by red pine plantations.

Sincerely,

Sharl Heller, President



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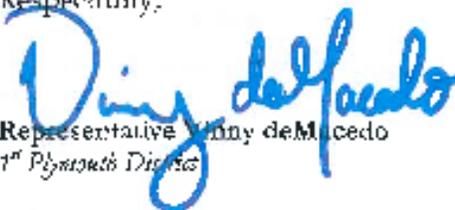
Dear Commissioner Murray,

I'm writing to you today regarding the recent issue that has been brought to my attention regarding the clearing of the red pines in Myles Standish State Forest. I understand the issue regarding the diseased red pines and the importance of getting rid of the infected trees; however, I have been contacted by multiple concerned constituents regarding the healthy white pines.

Many of my constituents who live in the Myles Standish State Forest received packets informing them of the plan to clear the red pines surrounding their houses. These constituents are concerned that in the clearing of the infected red pines healthy white pines will be cut down as well. It is my hope that you will keep these constituents concerns in mind as you move forward with planning.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and my office.

Respectfully,


Representative Vinny deMacedo
1st Plymouth District

