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July 25, 2014

RE: Lowell/Great Brook Planning Unit Draft Resource Management Plan

Dear Friend,

On July 21, 2014, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held a public meeting at the University of Massachusetts Lowell's Alumni Hall to present a draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Lowell/Great Brook Planning Unit, including Great Brook Farm State Park, Carlisle State Forest, Billerica State Forest, Warren H. Manning State Forest, Governor Thomas Dudley State Park, Lowell Heritage State Park, and Lowell-Dracut-Tyngsborough State Forest. In addition to presenting the draft RMP, DCR announced a public comment period that extends through Friday, August 29, 2014.

The presentation made at the public meeting and the draft RMP and related documents may be viewed at <u>http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/public-outreach/public-meetings/</u>. Copies of the draft RMP are also available at the Pollard Memorial Library in Lowell, Gleason Public Library in Carlisle, Billerica Public Library, Parker Memorial Library in Dracut, and Tyngsborough Public Library. Comments and suggestions received by DCR highlight issues for our attention and are an important component of our planning process. We encourage all interested parties to view these materials and to provide us with their input.

Comments should be sent by email to <u>DCR.Updates@state.ma.us</u> (please note "Lowell/Great Brook Planning Unit" in the subject line) or by U. S. mail to the Office of Public Outreach, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114. Please note that public comments received via email or letter will be posted in their entirety to the DCR website, and that no content, including personal information, will be redacted.

We appreciate your continued interest and support as we move forward with efforts to enhance the natural, cultural, and recreational resources within the Lowell/Great Brook Planning Unit so that future generations may enjoy the forests and parks within it for years to come.

Sincerely,

John P. Murray Commissioner

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