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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION

February 16, 1979

Ms. Shirley Godfrey
Town of Fairlee
Fairlee, Vermont 05045

Dear Ms. Godfrey:

This letter is in response to your questions concerning the sale of timber from property acquired with Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance.

The cutting of timber can be viewed as an appropriate land management technique allowed in conjunction with Fund assisted property provided it is compatible with and complimentary to the outdoor recreational use of the area. Any land management practice including the harvesting of timber that alters the originally intended use or purpose of the property is prohibited. Therefore, a professionally assisted written management plan with this in mind must be prepared and submitted to our office and HCRS for approval.

Revenue may be generated as a result of the sale of the harvested timber. If these revenues are received during the project period (from the date of project approval to the date of the finalization statement from the Federal government), the funds must be used to reduce the total project cost thereby reducing Federal, State and local shares. If however, a reasonable amount of revenue is generated after the project period, the funds may be used more or less at the discretion of the Town. To help us determine what is a reasonable amount and whether limitations of any nature must be placed on the use of the funds, we must have in addition to the management plan, a statement of the total anticipated annual revenue for the property and how the Town plans to use the funds. This information will be sent to the Regional HCRS Office along with other full application material.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Craig Whipple
HCRS Grants Administrator

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