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Mr. John Lange  
Town of Fairlee  
Fairlee, Vermont

Re: Proposed HCRS Project FY77  
Town of Fairlee Acquisition

Dear Mr. Lang:

At your request, I am attempting through this letter to clarify the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation regulations regarding Title 6 and other requirements. As you explained, there seems to be a concern in the Town regarding the effect of the acceptance of the federal money on other recreation areas that the Town may own. There seems to be some confusion regarding the federal regulations and the requirements under Title 6 of the Equal Opportunity Legislation.

Under the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation regulations any land purchased or facility developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund monies must be opened to the general public regardless of residence. This applies only to the area purchased or developed with this money. Under Title 6 of the Equal Opportunity Act no person may be denied access because of race, creed, color, or national origin on any property funded with federal funds. To follow up this piece of legislation, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation established a regulation which indicated that Title 6 would apply to the entire recreation system in any community or state where they funded one project. Now this is not to be confused with the previous Bureau of Outdoor Recreation regulation which I mentioned above. This issue of residence is a separate issue entirely. The issue of residence is not addressed in Title 6 of the Equal Opportunity Act. Therefore, in those areas of the Town which were not purchased or developed with Land and Water Conservation Fund monies, the Town may restrict these to residence only. However, Title 6 applies in that no discrimination of a resident of the Town of

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Fairlee may be made on the basis of race, creed, color, or national origin. I hope this clarifies the concerns which you have and which the Town has. If it does not, please have the selectmen or someone who still has a concern contact me.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Koenemann  
Director of Planning

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