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Dear Paul:

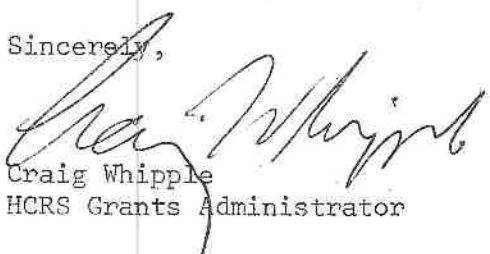
Let us attempt to clarify and expand a bit on my letter of February 16 to Ms. Shirley Godfrey regarding harvesting of timber.

It must be pointed out that the Town of Fairlee's project will result in the creation of a public outdoor recreation facility. Once acquired, the property may not ever be converted to any other use that is not determined by the Federal Government to be compatible with outdoor recreation. The harvesting of timber can be considered as compatible with recreation provided that it enhances rather than detracts from recreation "usability" of the land. This means in the case of the Lange property that a program of extremely selective cutting keeping in mind such factors as the extent of damage being done to the land by logging machinery is in order. These are the types of items we would expect to see included in the management plan mentioned in my other letter. It must not be a harvesting program for the sake of harvesting timber but rather for the sake of enhancing the recreation value of the land.

In view of this, I would imagine that the potential for generating much revenue from such a program would be rather limited. Again, the idea of revenue from the management program is fine but you must remember, that any revenue generated is incidental and cannot be considered the primary purpose of the harvesting program. Rather, the revenue is an "extra" resulting from a management technique used to make the property more valuable as a recreation area.

I hope this helps clarify the situation.

Sincerely,


Craig Whipple
HCERS Grants Administrator

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