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Just as an fyi

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**Subject:** RE: Letter regarding Nash Stream easement

Dear Susan, Jack, Jim –

After additional consultation with the NH Department of Justice, we do not feel it is necessary to request an updated legal review from the US Forest Service of the easement terms governing the Nash Stream State Forest. We believe the legal opinion issued in 2001 still stands and that our responsibility to provide clarity to the public also stands. We encourage your continued engagement in the public/transparent CORD process that we are in the middle of. Your commitment to the protection of the natural resources and ecological integrity of the Nash Stream Forest is aligned with our mission and we are committed to maintaining the appropriate balance between access/recreation and conservation.

I value the open lines of communication and the longstanding partnerships that your organizations have with this agency and am always available to meet and discuss progress and opportunity.

With sincere appreciation,  
Sarah

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Commissioner Stewart –

I hope that you are well. Please find attached a letter from the Appalachian Mountain Club, The Nature Conservancy and the Society for the Protection of NH Forests in support of a request made by David Govatski, Chair of the Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee, for an updated legal review from the US Forest Service of the easement terms governing the Nash Stream State Forest.

Please let us know if you have any questions or would like to find a time to discuss this issue in greater detail.

Thank you – we very much appreciate your time.

Jim

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