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October 19, 2012

His Excellency, Governor John H. Lynch  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 0330

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to RSA 12-A:7, authorize the transfer of 100+/- acres of land located outside the White Mountain National Forest proclamation boundary, owned by the Town of Whitefield and located in the Towns of Jefferson and Carroll, to the White Mountain National Forest.

**EXPLANATION**

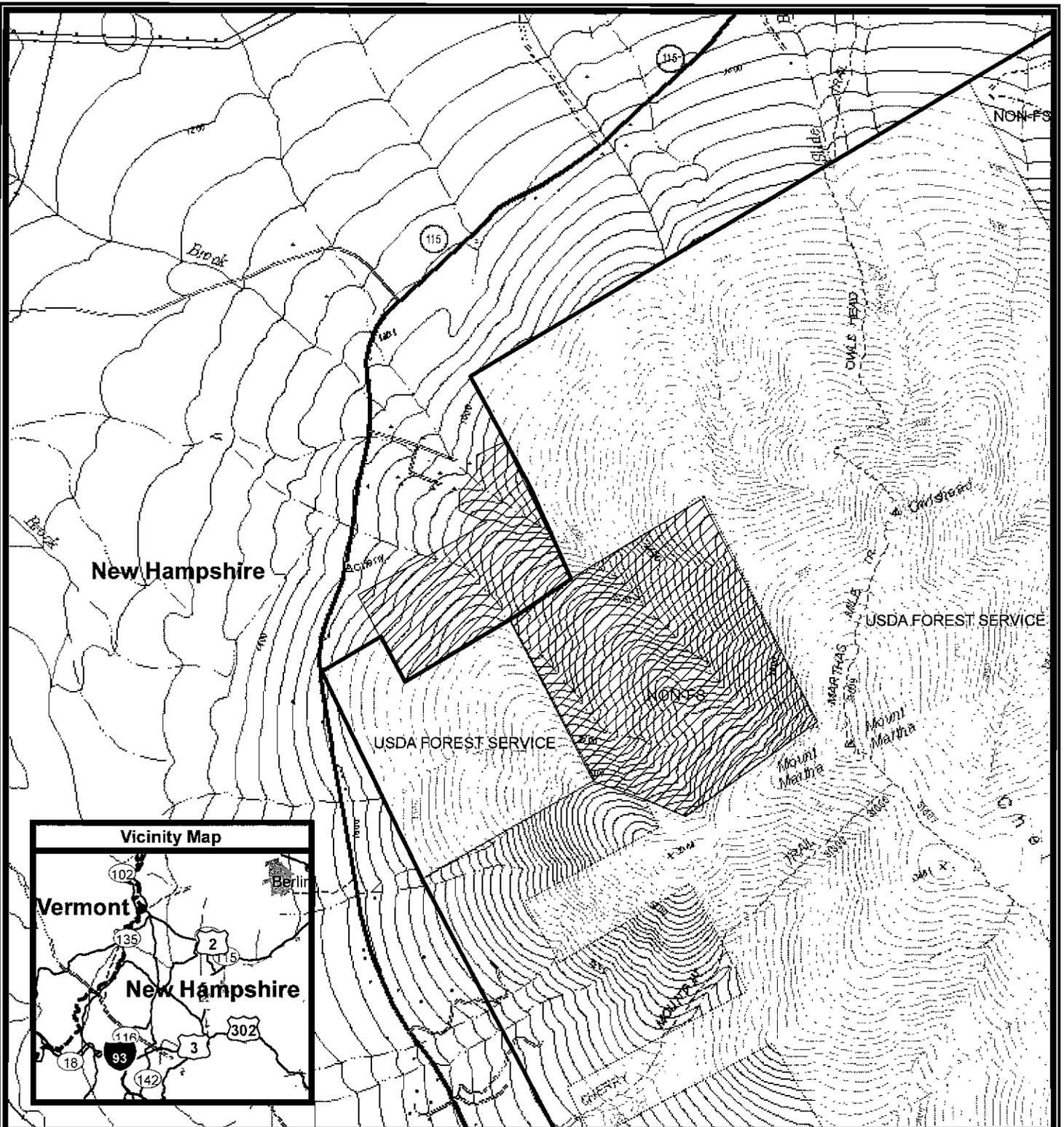
The White Mountain National Forest is seeking approval to purchase parcels of land in the Towns of Jefferson and Carroll (Coos County) owned by the Town of Whitefield. The 370 acre Town of Whitefield Water Works property, US Tract 2011, abuts National Forest System lands. The northern third of the parcel (100+/- acres) rests outside the proclaimed boundary and requires concurrence of this purchase from the State of New Hampshire. Purchase of these tracts will consolidate National Forest System lands in that area and allow the Forest Service to more effectively accomplish the goals outlined in the 2005 Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. In addition, this acquisition will protect Slide Brook, consolidate ownership, lower boundary line maintenance, and support the Town of Whitefield in its management objectives. The Town Selectman of Jefferson and Carroll support Federal acquisition of this property.

The "Land Use Board" enacted through RSA 121:2 was abolished in 1961 and all of its powers, duties, and functions were transferred to the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) per RSA 12-A:7. Per this transfer, the Commissioner of DRED is the official authorized to recommend a land transfer outside the proclamation boundary to the Governor and Executive Council for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

George M. Bald  
Commissioner

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**References**

For boundary information see a survey plat titled "United States Of America White Mountain National Forest Survey Plat Town Of Whitefield Tract 2011" by York Land Services Dated 1/5/2012

**Disclaimer**

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**Legend**

- △ Horiz Control Station
- × Vert Control Station
- Spot Elevation

**Basic Ownership**

- Non - National Forest System Lands
- National Forest System Lands
- ALP Proclaimed Forest
- Project Area



Sheet 1 of 1

**Town of Whitefield Parcel FS12-0922-0116**

White Mountain National Forest Tract 2011

373 Acres

Jefferson and Carroll Twp. Coos County New Hampshire

U.S. Forest Service - Region 9  
White Mountain National Forest  
U.S. Congressional District 2

Copies of this map are available for public inspection in the Office of the Regional Forester, Region Nine, Milwaukee WI

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George Bald  
Commissioner  
New Hampshire Department of Resources and  
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Dear Commissioner Bald:

The White Mountain National Forest is proposing to purchase parcels of land in the Towns of Jefferson and Carroll, Coos County, New Hampshire. Purchase of these tracts will consolidate National Forest System (NFS) lands in the area and allow us to more effectively accomplish the goals outlined in the 2005 Forest Land and Resource Management Plan.

Acquisition will protect Slide brook, consolidate ownership, lower boundary line maintenance and support the Town of Whitefield in meeting its management goals and objectives. The Carroll and Jefferson Town Selectmen support Federal acquisition of this property.

The 370-acre Town of Whitefield Water Works property, U.S. Tract 2011, abuts NFS lands along the southern, eastern, and part of the western boundary. The northern third of the parcel (+/- 100 acres) rests outside the proclaimed boundary and requires concurrence from the State of New Hampshire.

Pursuant to *NH TITLE IX, CHAPTER 121, ACQUISITION OF LANDS BY UNITED STATES FOR PURPOSES OF PUBLIC CONSERVATION, FORESTRY, RECREATION, EXPERIMENTATION OR DEMONSTRATION*, requires that any new purchase units outside the existing proclamation boundary must be considered and recommended by the Land Use Board for approval by the governor and council. The "Land Use Board" enacted through RSA 121:2 was abolished in 1961 and all powers, duties, functions, were transferred to the Department of Resources and Economic Development (See RSA 12-A:7, Research completed by Anthony Blenkinsop & Anne M. Edwards, Attorney General's office). Therefore the Commissioner of DRED is the authorized official to recommend land transfer outside the proclamation boundary to the Federal Government for Governor and Executive Council approval.

Please review the enclosures to inform your recommendation.

1. Survey Plat, Town of Whitefield Tract 2011
2. Legislative Map
3. Town of Whitefield offer letter
4. Town meeting notes
5. Letters of support: Towns of Jefferson and Carroll



Thank you for your continuing support of the lands program on the White Mountain National Forest. If there are any questions or concerns please give me a call. I would also be available to attend the Governor and Executive Council meeting if necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. G. Wagner', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

THOMAS G. WAGNER  
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures (4)