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November 1, 1985

Maine Appalachian Trail Club
Mr. David B. Field, President
191 Emerson Mill Road
Hampden, Maine 04444

Dear Mr. Field:

The Delano land was given to the State in May, 1980 through the efforts of the Nature Conservancy and accepted by the Department subject to restrictions and conditions that it "be used exclusively as a wildlife management area".

Although land and interests acquired by the Department are designated as such by statute, the owners desired that the use be specifically mentioned in their deed. At the time of transfer, the present Appalachian Trail corridor was located adjacent to Bell Pond in the northeasterly corner of the property.

The Delanos, also, reserved an 11.5A. parcel with buildings between Spectacle Pond and Route #15. This parcel would appear to be located within or near the proposed Appalachian Trail relocation. A copy of the deed is enclosed for your information.

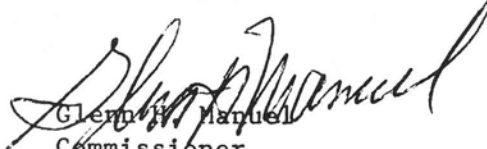
The location of the Appalachian Trail system is, certainly, compatible with public use and enjoyment of the area and the management efforts which serve to maintain its continued suitability as wildlife habitat.

We share your concerns about the intensive use of motorized vehicles in the area and the desire to maintain primitive access points.

Thank you for the information concerning the proposed Appalachian Trail relocations and your interest in utilizing the area.

We look forward to our mutual efforts in preserving the undeveloped character of this property.

Very truly yours,


Glenn H. Manuel
Commissioner

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