

Exhibit 66



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Subject: Re: NYCO
Attachments: NYCO - Jay Mtn_3.jpg

Roger -

Thanks for the follow up. It is important to the Department and our relationships in the Adirondacks. Thank you for recognizing the complex situation we are in. We have been working closely with NYCO to try and identify a potential swap parcel and intend to continue to do so. We are confident that any parcel would provide enhanced wilderness benefit. In the event that we are unable to line up a parcel in the short term, we are preparing an alternative that we hope would provide the Sierra Club and other groups the comfort needed to gain your support or at least remove your opposition. We recognize that this is not normally the type of proposal that the Sierra Club would advocate for and appreciate your consideration and we hope your willingness to wait and see what we are able to come up with. It is our full intention to ensure a significant benefit to the Forest Preserve with this proposal.

As we discussed, attached is a map which shows the jay wilderness in relation to NYCO's property, in particular Lot 8, which is immediately adjacent to the Lewis Mine.

We have learned that NYCO is not currently operating the Oak Hill Mine; another operator is pulling greystone from the site but NYCO is not conducting any wollastanite mining at that location. You mentioned the 1998 permit hearing; I understand that was related to the Oakhill mine, which had an adjudicatory hearing as a result of allegations of property damage. As a result, NYCO conducted a structural survey of facilities within a certain radius of the facility. They are also aware of a single complaint related to a chimney crack alleged to be related to the Lewis Mine; NYCO claims it was likely too far away to be as a result of their operations, and that their blast records show they operate well below their permit limits but they repaired the chimney to be good neighbors.

The \$260,000 is all local taxes (property, school, etc) paid on NYCO's properties in the towns of Lewis and Willsboro.

Also, it is important to note that land acquisition using EPF funds are subject to local veto. Should this proposal not advance, it will have a chilling effect on future land acquisition in the towns of Willsboro and Lewis.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or need more information. We will be in touch when we have more information to provide.

Thank you-
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>>> Roger Downs <roger.downs@albany.twcbc.com> 5/12/2013 6:44 AM >>>

Thanks Ken, Rob, and Julie. I've had a few days to process our meeting and I appreciate the follow up. Clearly the NYCO deal is of great importance to DEC as is evident by the amount of staff outreach. Admittedly this level of focus is curious to me in consideration of the universe of other issues facing DEC - but I am coming to understand the complex relationships you have with Adirondack communities and the value of demonstrating a willingness to be sensitive to economic development in the Park. I'm sure the symbolic value of this land swap opens other doors for you.

It's not really in the Sierra Club's DNA to go for such a land swap unless the new acquisition represents an overwhelming wilderness benefit. Enhanced public access is nice, but we are more interested in protecting important biodiversity areas, water quality, migration corridors, and other features that may be imminently threatened. Since no land deal can be finalized before the constitutional amendment - it is difficult to know what we're getting for our part of the compromise. (though I fully understand the dynamic of pre-negotiating mitigation land acquisition which can drive the cost through the roof. Once word gets out prices double)

I'm just saying that for my members to reverse or at least soften their opposition the benefit of the land deal is going to have to be more detailed and generous than what appears to be on the table now.

I will be meeting next week with them to discuss the issue further. I realize the current legislation is fixed in stone but perhaps there are other ways that we can become more comfortable with the proposal.

I will keep you posted. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2013, at 10:17 AM, "Kenneth Hamm" <krhamm@gw.dec.state.ny.us> wrote:

> Good morning, Roger. I believe I mis-spoke on Wednesday when I said that the 1979 Perkins clearing amendment resulted in the exchange of 1,800 acres of land between the State and International Paper. In fact, that amendment allowed the exchange of 8,500 acres of land between the State and IP. The language regarding the exchange, as it appears in the Constitution, reads as follows:

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> Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions and subject to legislative approval of the tracts to be exchanged prior to the actual transfer of title, the state, in order to consolidate its land holdings for better management, may convey to International Paper Company approximately eight thousand five hundred acres of forest preserve land located in townships two and three of Totten and Crossfield's Purchase and township nine of the Moose River Tract, Hamilton county, and in exchange therefore International Paper Company shall convey to the state for incorporation into the forest preserve approximately the same number of acres of land located within such townships and such County on condition that the legislature shall determine that the lands to be received by the state are at least equal in value to the lands to be conveyed by the state.

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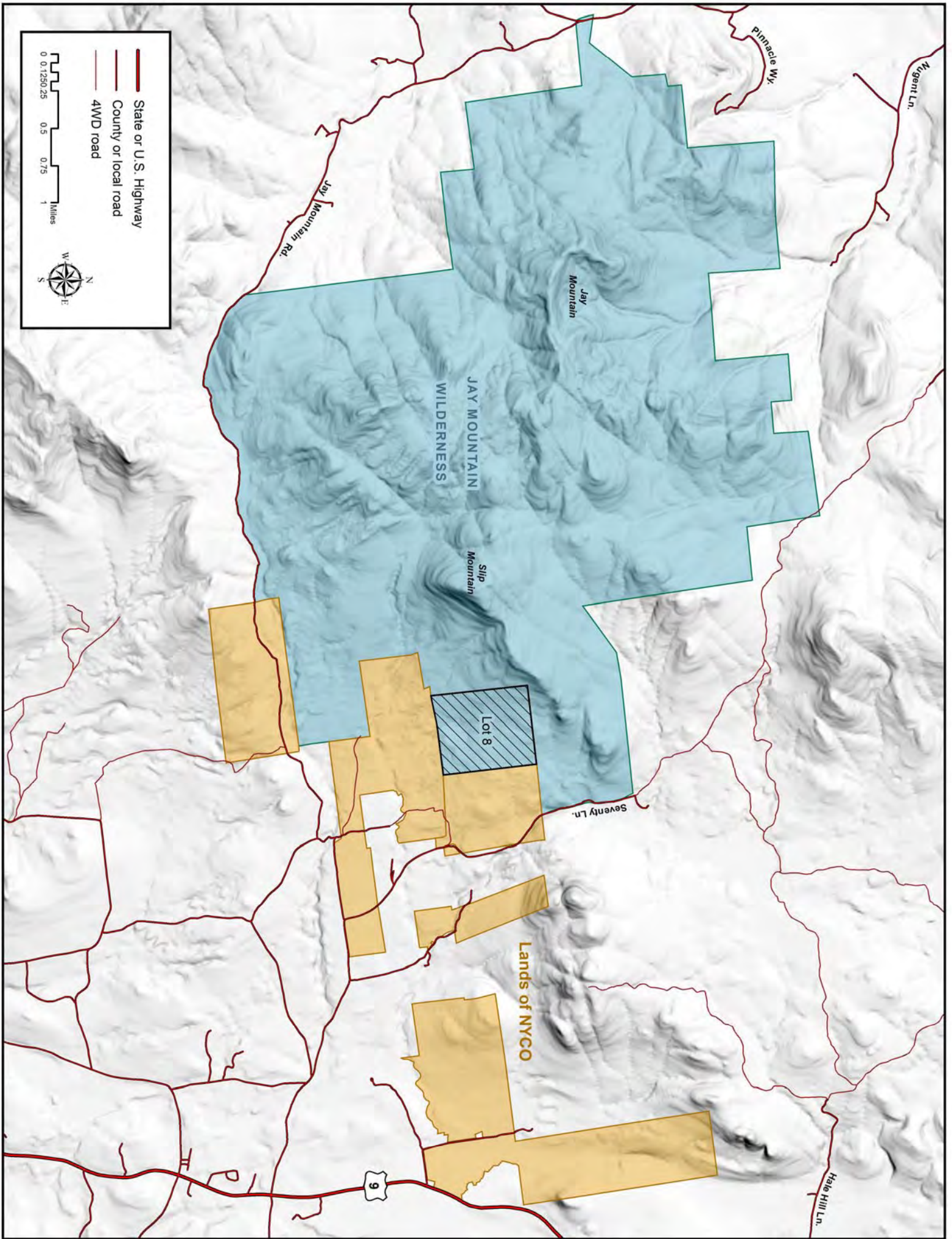
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> >>> Julia Tighe 5/8/2013 6:28 PM >>>
> Roger -
> Thanks again for your time today.
> We appreciate the opportunity to discuss the two proposed constitutional amendments
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> Attached is the aye/nay counterpoint from the Adirondack Council's newsletter that we discussed.
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> We will provide a map shortly and follow up on the questions you asked.
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> Thank you-
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