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Paul Grenier, Mayor City of Berlin 168 Main Street Berlin, New Hampshire 03570

Dear Mayor Grenier,

The Division of Parks and Recreation has completed the Campground Feasibility Study for the six parks we wrote to you about earlier this year. The study evaluated campground infrastructure, opportunities to add new infrastructure, expanding the number of campsites, upgrading support facilities for our existing visitors and to meet the demand for future camping experiences. The project webpage with updated information can be found at https://www.nhstateparks.org/news-events/improving-state-parks/arpa-projects.

The cost estimating conducted for each of the six potential campground expansion projects determined that the costs of the proposed enhancements exceeded the available funds. Three of the six campgrounds were selected for further study, striking a balance between investing throughout the state while ensuring that the level of investment for any individual campground is sufficient to have significant impact to the recreational opportunities provided in the state park system. This impact is a function of not only the number of additional campsites being offered to the public, but also the quality of the camping experience being provided.

The two campgrounds that are selected for expansion are Jericho Mountain State Park and Pawtuckaway State Park. These expansion projects will offer outdoor recreation opportunities that are not well represented at their campground or within the State Park System.

The plans we are proposing at Jericho Mountain State Park include;

- The addition of a new camping area that is designed to accommodate contemporary recreational vehicles, with a total of 19 premium campsites that include water, electric, and sewer connections.
- A dump station to service recreational vehicles at the existing campsites that don't have sewer hookups.
- A total of six infill campsites within the existing campground area that will provide additional camping opportunities.
- Adding electrical service to the existing cabins.

If you would like additional information or to speak with us please contact, Johanna Lyons, State Park Planning and Development Specialist at 603-271-3935 or <u>Johanna Lyons@dncr.nh.gov</u>.

Sincerely.

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