

January 13, 2022

Katie Dykes Commissioner Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Katie.Dykes@ct.gov *Via electronic mail* 

cc. Deputy Commissioner Mason Trumblecc. The Honorable Christine Cohen, Environment Committee Co-Chaircc. The Honorable Joseph Gresko, Environment Committee Co-Chaircc. The Honorable Maria Horn, Environment Committee Member

Dear Commissioner Dykes:

Thank you and Deputy Commissioner Trumble for providing last week's virtual public hearing on your agency's ongoing hazard tree removal project at Housatonic Meadows State Park and Housatonic Meadows Campground.

We are writing to you to request additional information regarding DEEP's continued management of this project in the effort to provide additional clarity to the public.

Specifically, we request:

- An update on DEEP's internal investigation in connection with this hazard tree removal and an anticipated date of completion
- An approximate date when the Environment Committee Co-Chairs and Ranking Members may expect to receive the investigation's findings
- A response to Senator Miner's follow-up FOIA request to DEEP for additional documents related to this project from Dec. 14, 2021 through present day

If you have any questions, we may be reached at 860-309-0485.

Very Truly Yours,

Craig Miner

Stephen Harding