



The State of New Hampshire  
**Department of Environmental Services**



**Robert R. Scott, Commissioner**

December 5, 2022

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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Authorize the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to transfer to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) sole management responsibility for the State land parcel and the improvements situated thereon comprising the former NHDES Gorham Office, located at 80 Glen Road (NH Route 16) in Gorham, New Hampshire (the "Property"), effective upon Governor and Council approval.

**EXPLANATION**

The Property, also known as Town of Gorham Tax Map U3, Lot 42, is comprised of approximately 1.8 acres of land, a single-story ranch style office building situated thereon known as the former United States Forest Service Androscoggin Ranger District Office, and other improvements. The Property was acquired in 2006 by the State of New Hampshire from the United States of America for the purpose of serving as a north country office for NHDES. NHDES occupied and used the Property as such office until it was vacated earlier this year in anticipation of disposal by sale. NHDES had requested assistance from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) with such disposal in 2021, and DAS had been managing the RSA 4:40 surplus real property disposal process for the Property until DNCR learned from DAS that the Property might be available for DNCR to acquire as a local/regional State Park Operations administrative office to support multiple nearby State Parks. DNCR then expressed its interest in acquiring the Property to both DAS and NHDES. At about that time NHDES agreed to transfer full management responsibility for the Property to DNCR. NHDES no longer has any further use or need for the Property. No reimbursement of any restricted acquisition funding is required under the circumstances, so the proposed interagency transfer will occur without any accompanying transfer of funds. Upon final authorization of the proposed interagency transfer by the Governor and Executive Council, DNCR shall assume full management responsibility for the Property.

Based on the foregoing, I respectfully recommend authorization of the proposed interagency transfer of sole management responsibility for the Property.

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

**Return to:**

New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources  
172 Pembroke Road  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**THIS IS A TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN AGENCIES  
OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND IS  
NOT A SALE, GRANT, OR TRANSFER OF AN  
INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO  
THE NEW HAMPSHIRE REAL ESTATE  
TRANSFER TAX IMPOSED BY RSA 78-B:1.**

**Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility for Real Property  
from the  
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services  
to the  
New Hampshire Department of Natural and Cultural Resources**

**THIS IS NOT A DEED OR A TRANSFER OF TITLE OR INTEREST IN LAND**

The **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**, of 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095 ("DES"), pursuant to Governor and Executive Council authorization on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 (Agenda Item # \_\_\_\_\_), transfers to the **STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**, of 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 ("DNCR"), sole management responsibility for the following described property held in title by the State of New Hampshire, located in the Town of Gorham, County of Coos, State of New Hampshire (the "Premises"):

A certain parcel of land located at 80 Glen Road (New Hampshire Route 16) with a single-story building situated thereon known as the former United States Forest Service Androscoggin Ranger District Office, together with all other buildings situated thereon and improvements thereto, consisting of approximately 1.8 acres, more or less, and known as Town of Gorham Tax Map U3, Lot 42, said parcel being more particularly described in that certain Quitclaim Deed of the United States of America to the State of New Hampshire dated September 27, 2006, recorded in the Coos County Registry of Deeds at Book 1194, Page 975, as follows:

Said Premises are known in the records of the White Mountain National Forest as "E. Libby and Sons Co. Tract 180-1/995-1" and also as Tracts 180 and 995 which were acquired by the United States by the following two deeds:

- Tract 180 acquired from E. Libby and Sons Co. by deed dated 18 September 1965, recorded in the

Coos County Registry of Deeds at Book 494, Page 156

- Tract 995 acquired from E. Libby and Sons Co. by deed dated 18 April 1983, recorded in the Coos County Registry of Deeds at Book 656, Page 258

Tract 180-I/995-I is more particularly described by a compilation of the deed descriptions of Tracts 180 and 995 as follows:

All bearings in this description are referred to true north.

**BEGINNING AT CORNER 1**, which is Corner 1 of said U.S. Tract 180, a point on the west side of NH Route 16 and within the right-of-way of Route 16 about 22 feet from the centerline as located in 1963, an iron pipe marked 1-180.

THENCE with said Tract 180 the following two courses:

1. S87°-47'W, 378 feet to CORNER 2 which is also Corner 2 of said Tract 180, an iron pipe marked 2-180.
2. N00°-27'E, 193 feet to CORNER 3, which is also Corner 3 of said Tract 180 and Corner 2 of said Tract 995, an iron pipe marked 3-180.

THENCE with said Tract 995 the following 3 courses:

1. N11° -42'-45"E, 7.2 feet to CORNER 4, which is also Corner 3 of said Tract 995, an iron pipe.
2. N87°47'-02"E, 411.5 feet to CORNER 5, which is also Corner 4 of said Tract 995, an iron pipe.
3. S12°-29'-30"W, 7.2 feet to CORNER 6, which is also Corner 1 of said Tract 995 and in Line 3-4 of said Tract 180.

THENCE with said Tract 180 the following two courses:

1. N87°-47'E, 10.0 feet to CORNER 7, which is Corner 4 of said Tract 180, an iron pipe marked 4-180 which is within the right-of-way of Route 16 and 23 feet from the centerline as located in 1963.
2. S13°-01'W, 200 feet to THE PLACE OF THE BEGINNING and contains 1.84 acres, be the same, more or less.

MEANING AND INTENDING to describe the same premises as were conveyed to the State of New Hampshire by Quitclaim Deed of the United States of America dated September 27, 2006, recorded in the Coos County Registry of Deeds at Book 1194, Page 975.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility for Real Property is to denote the transfer of sole management responsibility for the Premises from DES to DNCR.

Because DES and DNCR are both part of the same government entity that holds title to the Premises and will continue to do so, this interagency transfer is not and cannot be construed as a sale, grant, or disposal of real property or any other transfer of title or interest in the Premises. This Transfer of Management Responsibility for Real Property shall nonetheless be recorded in the Coos County Registry of Deeds, so that in the event of any future conveyance of the Premises by the State of New Hampshire to another party this instrument shall appear on record in the chain of title.


Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

By:   
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF Merrimack

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 2022, personally appeared the above-named Robert R. Scott, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he is the duly authorized Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services and that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

  
**JENNIFER S. HART**  
Notary Public - New Hampshire  
My Commission Expires October 13, 2026  
Notary Public / Justice of the Peace  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

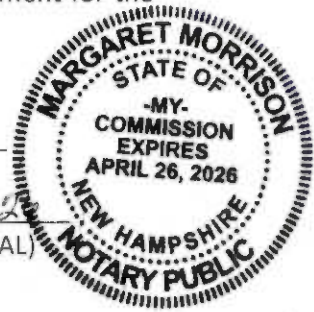
By: *Sarah Stewart* (PS)  
Sarah L. Stewart, Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
COUNTY OF MERRIMACK

On this 6 day of DECEMBER 2022, personally appeared the above-named Sarah L. Stewart, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that she is the duly authorized Commissioner of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and that she executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained.

*Margaret Morrison*  
Notary Public / Justice of the Peace  
My Commission Expires: April 26, 2026

(SEAL)





**80 Glen Road (NH Route 16)  
Gorham, New Hampshire**

**Tax Parcel Map with Aerial Overlay  
(subject parcel is shaded above)**



**80 Glen Road (NH Route 16)  
Gorham, New Hampshire**

**USGS Berlin Quadrangle  
7.5-Minute Series  
(property location marked by 4-point star)**



**NHDES Building  
80 Glen Road (NH Route 16)  
Gorham, New Hampshire**

**Google "Street View" Photo of Building**