



October 24, 2014

Joe Martens, Commissioner
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, 14th Floor
Albany, NY 12233

Dear Commissioner Martens,

The Friends of Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower are writing to inquire about the status of the Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower Historic Area – Unit Management Plan. Our group is anxious to begin the process of restoration which will allow this tower to be opened for safe public use.

The fire tower on Saint Regis Mountain is almost 100 years old and was the longest operating fire observation tower in all of New York State, remaining in operation until 1990. Our Friends group has supported the preservation of the fire tower for over eleven years. We have formed the Friends of Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower, Steering Committee over a year ago. Our mission is to save the tower and then restore it for safe public access, so it can remain permanently on the summit of Saint Regis Mountain where it belongs.

The Friends of Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower looks forward to working with the DEC to carry out the management recommendations and proposed actions outlined in the plan. We hope that we will be able to complete preparatory work over this coming winter so that by spring we will have everything in place to begin the successful restoration. Please advise us of when this plan will be approved by your office.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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