

To: Saving St. Regis Tower, c/o Mr. David Petrelli  
1008 County Route 25, Malone, NY 12953

From: Pat Willis, PO Box 34, Rainbow Lake, NY 12976

Date: November 17, 2003

Re: Preservation of the St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower

The Rainbow Lake Association is an association of shore owners on the Rainbow Lake waterway, which includes Rainbow Lake, The Flow, Clear Pond, the Narrows and Lake Kushaqua in the Towns of Brighton and Franklin, Franklin County, New York. Approximately 120 families belong to the Association, which includes in its mission statement, "...to promote and support any and all activities which encourage the building of an ethic of stewardship and conservation of the Rainbow Lake watershed, its connecting and tributary waters." We are about 7 miles away from St. Regis Mountain and our members often climb it.

The Rainbow Lake Association Board of Directors met on July 26, 2002. According to the minutes of that meeting, the president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, and eight other directors were present.

At this meeting the status of the St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower was discussed. Support for the preservation of the tower in its current location on the mountain was expressed. The minutes of this meeting read "The Board voted to send a letter in support of restoration of the St. Regis fire tower."

The Rainbow Lake Association holds two general membership meetings per year, in the months of July and August. The Board intends to bring the tower situation before the general membership in July of 2004 and has every expectation that the members will endorse the position taken by the Board in regard to the St. Regis Mountain Fire Tower.

Signed,



Pat Willis, RLA Director, 2002