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Dear Kathy Regan:

The Friends of Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower are pleased with the recommendations and proposed management actions of the Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower Historic Area Draft Unit Management Plan. Regarding Management Recommendations, we support Alternative 4
are pleased that the Department has determined this to be the Preferred Alternative. We are confident that this plan complies with Article XIV, Section 1 of the New York State Constitution, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, the State Historic Preservation Act, Environmental Conservation Law and the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

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 ten years. We have formed the Friends of Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower, Steering Committee. Our mission continues to be to save the tower and then to restore it for safe public access so it can remain permanently on the summit of Saint Regis Mountain where it belongs.

Fire towers on the peaks of Snowy, Blue, Azure, Hadley, Adams, Wakely, Vanderwhacker and Poke-O-Moonshine have all been restored or stabilized for public use. Maintenance of fire towers enhances public enjoyment and understanding of the forest preserve and its history. We propose that the Friends of Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower be considered as the volunteer organization to assist with restoration, maintenance and interpretive programming through a Volunteer Stewardship Agreement.

We thank the Adirondack Park Agency for your role in classifying this area as Historic and for your review of this plan. We also wish to recognize and thank the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for preparing a thorough plan which will insure the long term preservation and educational use of the fire tower. The Friends of Saint Regis Mountain Fire Tower look forward to working with the DEC to carry out the management recommendations and proposed actions outlined in the plan. We anticipate a time in the near future when the tower will be safely restored so that it can be used by the public for educational and interpretive purposes.

Sincerely,

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