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Deb,

Please find attached a response on behalf of Big Lake Development LLC relative to concerns that were articulated during the recent hearing process specifically to wetlands and potential vernal pools.

Regards,

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August 20, 2022

Debra Kaczowski
Land Use Planning Commission
43 Lakeview Street
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RE: DP 3639-F, REDEVELOPMENT OF BIG MOOSE SKI RESORT

Dear Ms. Kaczowski:

Big Lake Development LLC would like to provide the following update in response to concerns that were articulated relative to resource delineations at upper elevations of the project. In particular, two areas were identified, one near the top of the zip line and a second that is outside the limits of disturbance near the upper terminal of the replacement lift.

Big Lake Development LLC has worked diligently to avoid any wetland impact wherever possible, to the extent that all building structures were intentionally located outside of any identified wetland resources in order to eliminate impacts.

The area around the zipline upper terminal is in fact outside of the area that was delineated for wetlands early in the project. However, the area that was selected for the departure point of the zipline is located on a rather rocky knoll that generally does not support wetlands. Based upon the topography of the location, we do not have concerns that there are any wetlands present. However, Big Lake Development, LLC agrees that a delineation should be completed prior to the commencement of any construction in this area. Should any wetlands be identified, we will work with MDIFW to address any concerns that may arise and address appropriate mitigation if necessary.

An additional area of interest, that was "identified" as a potential vernal pool by the concerned party, is located near the top of the upper terminal of the existing lift in what is currently a ski trail. As this area was outside of the limit of disturbance associated with the replacement of this lift, the area was not delineated and additional accommodations were not proposed in the original application. In other words, it is an area that would not be disturbed during construction and would remain protected. Again, in an effort to ensure that we remain compliant and are properly protecting any sensitive environmental resources in the area, we agree that the area would be delineated prior to any construction activity in the area. If it is identified as a wetland, the area would be properly protected and avoided. If it is classified as a vernal pool, we would work with MDIFW to create appropriate protection for the resource and address mitigation if necessary.

Big Lake Development would like to reiterate that it is committed to environmentally sustainable development and continues to work to create a development plan that creates a sound plan for the future. We ask that in both of these cases that our proposed approach be a condition of the permit that would require additional delineation work by appropriate professionals prior to the commencement of work in these areas.

We look forward to your review and response.

Please contact Matthew Dieterich (207) 817-5410, matthew.dieterich@sewall.com if you have questions or require assistance.

Sincerely,

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