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Memorandum

November 28, 2006

TO: Interested Parties
FROM: Agnieszka Pinette, Senior Planner, Land Use Regulation Commission.
SUBJECT: LURC accepts for processing Plum Creek's petition for a concept plan in the Moosehead Lake Region.

On November 21, 2006, Plum Creek Maine Timberlands LLC and Plum Creek Land Company (Plum Creek) submitted to the Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC) the purchase and sale agreement that governs the sale by Plum Creek and acquisition by third parties of certain lands or rights in land located within the proposed concept plan boundaries. In a September 21, 2006, letter from LURC staff to Plum Creek's legal counsel, LURC staff stated that receipt of this document was required for LURC to find that Plum Creek's revised petition for rezoning (received on April 27, 2006), is acceptable for processing. Based on Plum Creek's November 21 submittal, LURC staff has now made this finding.

"Acceptable for processing" means that the Commission's staff has sufficient information to understand the proposal and to begin its formal application review. LURC staff anticipates that it may request further information from Plum Creek during the pre-hearing process.

LURC staff is now evaluating the appropriate timing for holding public hearings on this petition. Staff expects to make a recommendation to the Commission on this matter, as well as recommendations on the timing for certain pre-hearing actions (including deadlines for intervention by third parties, the due date for pre-filed testimony, and the date of a pre-hearing conference), at the Commission's meeting on January 3, 2007.

Assuming that certain information requested of Plum Creek by LURC staff is submitted in a timely manner, LURC staff currently anticipates that public hearings will be scheduled for Spring - Summer 2007.
