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DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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Office of the Commissioner

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February 9, 1968

Mr. Rolland B. Handley
Regional Director
Northeast Regional Office
Bureau of Outdoor Recreation
U. S. Department of the Interior
128 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Dear Mr. Handley:

As the appointed State Liaison Officer for New Hampshire, I am transmitting herewith an acquisition project proposal and a project agreement for Southwestern State Park, Cheshire County, New Hampshire. This project, as submitted by the New Hampshire Division of Parks, has been reviewed and meets the first priority needs identified in the New Hampshire Outdoor Recreation Plan as amended through August of 1966, and the 1966 Supplement to the State Plan, Part I, dated November 1, 1966.

This project will provide for the acquisition of land to establish what will be New Hampshire's largest State Park, approximately 20 square miles in size. It will be located in the southwestern part of the State, which at present has no major general public outdoor recreation area. The total estimated cost of the acquisition proposed is \$900,000.00, and it will be accomplished in the period February 15, 1968 to December 31, 1972.

Once acquired, Southwestern State Park will be developed as an outstanding natural area, with emphasis on the "wilderness" aspect and natural beauty of the park rather than the development of extensive facilities. You will note that the proposed Southwestern State Park is located in part within the Towns of Hinsdale and Chesterfield. These Towns are a part of the primary study area of the proposed Connecticut River National Recreation Area. We bring this to your attention so that the development of this park by the State of New Hampshire can be included in your consideration of the future of the Connecticut River Valley. } *etc*

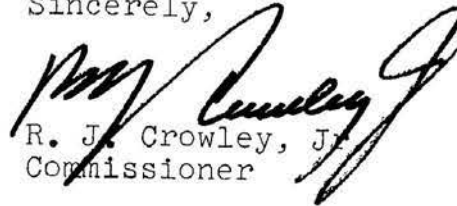
Mr. Rolland B. Handley

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Thank you for your consideration of this project proposal and project agreement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. J. Crowley, Jr.", written in dark ink.

R. J. Crowley, Jr.
Commissioner

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enclosure