

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF PARKS

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DATE: February 6, 1968

FROM: R. J. Crowley, Jr., Commissioner

SUBJECT: ~~Southwestern State Park Approval~~

Approval May 14, 1968

TO: His Excellency, Governor John W. King
And The Honorable Council

This proposed park though not this specific site was included in the capital budget by the Legislators in 1965 and 1967 at \$1,000,000.

With your approval a consultant was engaged who firmed up the potentials of the so-called Pisgah Wilderness Area and developed a feasible plan of development for a variety of recreations including boating, fishing, swimming, picnicking, camping, and hiking. Because of the unique terrain this area will be used also for snow buggies, by bird watchers, photographers, and for nature study. The plan envisions a park of some 13,000 acres comprised of natural features such as mountains, hills, valleys, ponds, marsh lands and such as in our opinion could not be found similarly in any other one location in the State.

The proposal was presented to the Directors of the Monadnock Region Association and won their unanimous endorsement. Subsequently a public hearing was held at which there was no expressed opposition. For the first time in our experience, no opposition has been expressed from any source.

With your approval a fee appraiser has been engaged to appraise one of the larger land holdings involved in the park taking.

Under our policy for the multiple land management of our major parks for forestry and wild life purposes Theodore Natti, Director of the Division of Resources Development and Jack Kamman, Director of Fish and Game Department will be enabled to improve the forest stand and wildlife aspect of this park. Both of them have endorsed the park concept as significant to their programs.

The Bureau of Outdoor Recreation approved the project to the point of financing fifty per cent of the cost of the study.

We have learned that to obtain further Federal assistance for the acquisition of land, the engineering of the project, and construction projects, it is necessary to have the general approval of this park concept by the Governor and Council. A copy of the Consultant's Report is provided herewith.

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This, then, is to request your approval of the proposed multiple purpose State park in the Pisgah Wilderness Area to be comprised of some 13,000 acres and to be developed to provide optimum recreational potentials with each step of our proceedings on this course to be submitted as required to the Governor and Council for their approval.

Sincerely,

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