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REGIONAL FORESTRY MANAGER
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TO: Tom Wahl
FROM: John English & D. van Laer
SUBJECT: Kane Mountain Fire Tower

DATE: September 1, 1993

We have been approached by a local group volunteering their assistance in improving and maintaining the tower site on Kane Mountain near Caroga Lake, Fulton County. We have met with the group, the Canada Lake Protective Association, and discussed both their wishes and our concerns regarding the project.

We are, as a result of these discussion, proposing they undertake the project on a volunteer basis under our supervision. The details of the project as agreed by both parties is as follows.

The Canada Lakes Protective Association is willing to sponsor a group of volunteers to work on the State facilities on Kane Mountain. They have authorized this group to invest \$400.00 for materials to make repairs to the fire tower and the newer cabin. They are also willing to dismantle the old cabin and remove it from the top of the mountain.

The work to be done on the new cabin consists of: replace the broken windows and sills with Lexon, repair the door and casing, and also repair the porch railing and steps.


The work to be done on the fire tower consists of; replace 3-5 boards in the steps, replace 3-5 boards in the top landings, replace the floor in the cab with treated wood, and remove the broken glass and sills in the cab.


The old cabin which has been slated to be removed will be torn down and all but the wood suitable for fire wood will be removed to the parking area at the base of the mountain. ATV's will be used to transport materials to and from the top of the mountain via the old jeep trail from the Green Lake approach. This trail is currently marked as a foot trail but is suitable for ATV's use because of its former jeep road status.

Before any approved work is undertaken by the volunteers it will be first cleared with a local Forest Ranger and/or someone from the Northville Office and the work done with our general supervision.

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This is a great opportunity for the Department to enlist public support for the maintenance of a public facility for the benefit of all. With your concurrence, we will proceed with the project.


John E. English
Associate Forester


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District Ranger