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Walt,

Thank you for this email and also for your comments at the meeting. This email will be included as part of the public comment record for the second draft.

Karen

At 11:10 AM 4/9/2010, you wrote:

Hi Karen-

Thanks for all the hard work in updating this resource and your willingness and ability to stand up to very direct, critical public input with grace, poise and humor. Your place in heaven is assured!

The steep slope go-around in Keene and mention of "Good Forestry" in my easement has made me very interested in the evolution of this publication; all of it, not just the recently added section on steep slopes. I really find no fault with the steep slopes section other than the mention of local ordinances and use of references that are geographically unrelated, such as Ohio. "Logging on steep slopes is a technical challenge; something that's done every day; here are some things to consider."---basically I think you say that.

Mentioning local ordinances (anywhere in "Good Forestry") legitimizes them and lends credibility. In fact they may be the biased, unscientific, impractical product of a well-intentioned handful of people in a community. My experience in Keene is that these ordinances are antithetical to good forestry practice and contrary to the "Right to Harvest Law". I say "these" because in Keene there is another ordinance "in the wings" dealing with surface water. Also, last night, I neglected to say that because of testimony by my brother and me all forestry restrictions were removed by amendment--a 5 month process.

"Good Forestry in the Granite State" should be a voluntary, thought provoking resource for the forestry community and beyond. I find it a fascinating read.

Thanks again,

Walt Lacey

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