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Subject: LV Ball, Larry-DEC/dead end and snowmobile parking in Chautauqua County in the Town of Arkwright.

Dear Larry,

Thank you for talking with me once again, this afternoon.

We have some updates and information from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

"DEC staff have been in communication with local officials regarding Meadows Road. Since the area is located on a Wildlife Management Area (WMA), DEC is encouraging visitors to use the existing parking areas in the vicinity, including the three on Boutwell Hill State Forest. There are 10 parking areas on the WMA that can fulfill the need of primary users. WMAs are areas of land owned and administered by NYS which are designed for outdoor recreation such as hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife viewing. Due to this, DEC maintains management obligations and conservation priorities for the areas.

The land being proposed in the swap is separated from the Wildlife Management Area by 1.4 miles and would not provide benefits to the primary user groups of the WMA. Additionally, the 1.6-acre parcel being proposed does not contain unique or sensitive habitat and does not compensate for the loss of value that the existing open field provides for numerous species of wildlife."

We hope this answers some of your concerns. If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a wonderful day.

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