



Memo

To: Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality, Environmental Monitor

From: Christopher Martin, Director, CTDEEP Forestry Division

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christopher B. Martin".

CC: Linda Brunza, Environmental Analyst 2, CTDEEP

Date: March 07, 2019

Re: Pachuag State Forest Prescribed Burn

Attached please find the Environmental Assessment of the above referenced project. Notice of scoping for public comments was made on December 18, 2018 and ended with an extended comment date of February 19, 2019.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection received only one comment from the Friends of Pachuag Forest that requested an informal informational meeting in lieu of a formal Scoping session. This request was honored February 11, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Pachuag Town Hall. Griswold and Voluntown selectpersons were given notice of the meeting and asked to post the notice on their websites. The meeting announcement was also posted on DEEP website and the Friends of Pachuag circulated the meeting notice to their members. At the meeting, it was announced that the public comment period was extended to February 19, 2019. DEEP staff answered all questions from the public and no further comments or questions were received after the February 11th meeting.

Based on CTDEEP's environmental assessment and the comments received, it is recommended that an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) is not warranted for this project, and that a post-scoping notice to that effect be prepared. Should you have any questions, please contact Emery Gluck of my staff at 860.345.8522 or at emery.gluck@ct.gov.