**MEMORANDUM**

To: Council on Environmental Quality, Environmental Monitor

From: Tanner Steeves — Wildlife Biologist, CT DEEP – Wildlife Division

CC: Linda Brunza – Environmental Analyst, CT DEEP

Bill Hawkins – Director of Planning and Development, Town of Suffield

Helene Hochholzer – Forest Protection Supervisor, CT DEEP – Division of Forestry

Subject: Suffield Wildlife Management Area, Prescribed Fire Management; Town of Suffield.

Scoping for the project began on [December 21, 2021](https://portal.ct.gov/CEQ/Environmental-Monitor/Environmental-Monitor-Archives/2021/December-21-2021) and ended on January 31, 2022. The Scoping Notice was published in both the December 21, 2021 and January 18, 2022 issues of the Environmental Monitor. A project description and map were included in the Scoping Notice and additional information was posted to the DEEP Wildlife Division website; a link to this information was provided in the Scoping Notice. As announced during the scoping period, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) Wildlife Division and Division of Forestry proactively scheduled an informational public meeting on January 24th at 7:00pm to describe the project. The meeting details were included in the Scoping Notice. Two members of the public attended the meeting, both were staff members of the Suffield Fire Department. One attendee provided a verbal comment during the meeting in support of the proposed project. One written inquiry was received during the public comment period; the comment was a suggestion to improve clarification on the exact location of the project within the project map documents. DEEP staff responded to the inquiry and completed the revision as suggested. The Scoping Notice was shared with other relevant members of the Suffield town government. No other inquiries or comments were received during the Scoping period. The Environmental Review Checklist for this project has been completed and submitted.

Based on the outcome of the Environmental checklist, the response to the Scoping Notice, and the response to the January 24th public meeting, an Environmental Impact Evaluation is not warranted. Should you have any questions, please contact me at tanner.steeves@ct.gov.