Project Review :: 2020DNR255 CFL CleanBay Easement
DNR Project Review Comments

Jack Perdue -DNR- <jack.perdue@maryland.gov>
Attachments
Mon, Oct 19, 3:26 PM
to Tim Larney (Wildlife & Heritage Service), Shane Johnston (Park Service), James Lawerence (Fisheris), Andy Hanas (Engineering & Construction), Beth Cole (Historical Trust), Matthew Hurd Wildlife & Heritage Service, Mike Schofield (Wildlife & Heritage Service)

Attached are several reference documents for an easement request on Chesapeake Forest Lands in Somerset County. Much of this easement will be along Benson Road, which already has several utility easements. At the end of Benson Rd the DNR access turns to forest road which serves forest management activities. CleanBay has proposed to upgrade that road plus extend it to their property.

We are asking for a short review period, due Nov 2, so that any comments can be addressed at a meeting on Nov 2. - approximately two weeks.

If you have any questions or feel you need more time to comment, please let me know.

Thank you
~Jack

Comments

Tim Larney -DNR-
Tue, Oct 20, 9:31 AM (13 days ago)
to Katharine, me

Jack, the Regional Operations Program of the WHS has no concerns with this. Kathy, if NHP has any comments please provide them directly to Jack. No need to cc me, thanks.
Tim

Tim Larney
Associate Director
Wildlife and Heritage Service

Mike Schofield -DNR-
Tue, Oct 20, 11:49 AM (13 days ago)
to Matthew, Alex, me

The Forest Service is in favor of this proposal since it will cover the cost of improving the existing road (desperately needed) along with creating access to the eastern portion of the tract. In addition, the land conveyed by CleanBay will add to the overall biodiversity of the tract by the addition of a hardwood component. The road extension will provide improved access for timber operations and greatly enhance our ability to conduct prescribed burning on the property, which is necessary for DFS management.

The right-of-way agreement will remove the costly burden of road repair and maintenance from the State. Furthermore, I recommend that the right-of-way be restricted for CleanBay and for the activity of transporting fertilizer products to the railroad only. In other words, it cannot be used for any other reason and it does not convey with a future sale of the CleanBay property.

Mike Schofield
Forest Manager
Maryland Forest Service

Matt Lawrence
Tue, Oct 20, 12:10 PM (13 days ago)
to me

Hi Jack,

Fisheries has reviewed this project and has no concerns with the plan as described.

Thank you,
Matt Lawrence
Natural Resources Biologist
Fishing and Boating Services

Shane E Johnston -DNR-
Fri, Oct 23, 10:12 AM (10 days ago)
to Tim, Andy, Beth, Matthew, Mike, me, James

No issues, Jack.

Shane Johnston, GISP
Project Review
Maryland Park Service

Andy Hanas -DNR-
Fri, Oct 23, 12:36 PM (10 days ago)
to me, Tim, Shane, James, Beth, Matthew, Mike

No issues from E&C on the Easement.

Andy Hanas
Eastern Regional Engineer
Engineering and Construction

Katharine McCarthy -DNR-
12:38 PM (1 hour ago)
to Jonathan, me

Jack,
The Natural Heritage Program has no comments on this proposed easement.
Kathy

Katharine A. McCarthy
Southern Region Ecologist
Natural Heritage Program