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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Executive Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of Parks and Recreation, Franconia Notch State Park respectfully requests an exemption of Administrative Rule, Adm 611.08 (g), to increase their fleet size by retaining one (1) of two (2) mini-shuttle buses slated for surplus, thus bringing the mini-shuttle bus fleet to three (3). Said vehicle will be utilized as a backup to 2 new mini-shuttle buses that will handle guest needs at the Flume Gorge during the spring-summer-fall and at Cannon Mountain Ski Area during the winter, to be effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

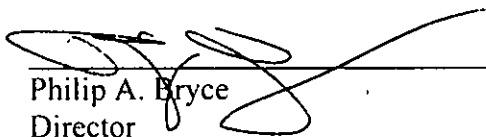
**EXPLANATION**

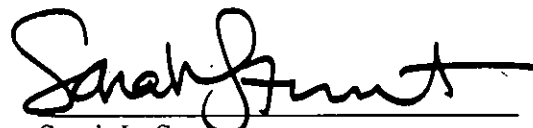
Franconia Notch State Park has slated both of its mini-shuttle buses, a 2013 Chevrolet Express 3500 (Plate #D277) and a 2008 Chevrolet Express 3500 (Plate #D340), for surplus. Both vehicles have seen heavy year-round use and while very well maintained and in good exterior condition, both are suitable for replacement by newer models. However, each of the 2 primary venues (Flume Gorge and Cannon Mountain) see high traffic bump periods often enough on weekends and holiday periods in which a third shuttle would be very helpful in transporting guests for 2-3 hours throughout the grounds and venues on an as-needed basis to more quickly service guests. Said periods are sporadic enough to negate the desire to purchase or lease a third mini-shuttle bus and the maintenance needs on the used unit would be inexpensive with a dramatic reduction in its typical use. Neither lease nor purchase of a third unit or the extra wait time for our guests is a suitable option. We are therefore seeking to retain a third mini-shuttle bus within the fleet that will offer a beneficial low-cost alternative in handling tens of thousands of guests each year in each location. The vehicle to be withheld from surplus is the 2013 Chevrolet Express 3500 (D277).

Respectfully submitted,

Concurred,

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