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The State of New Hampshire
Department of Transportation



David Rodrigue, P.E.
Commissioner

Michelle L. Winters
Deputy Commissioner

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Bureau of Right-of-Way
May 11, 2026

Requested Action

Authorize the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (NHFG) and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (DOT) to enter into an Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility Agreement for a parcel of land located along Squamscott Road in Stratham, New Hampshire. The impact areas on the parcel are identified on the enclosed DOT plan entitled "Town of Stratham Right-of-Way Layout Plans" dated December 1, 2025.

The unimproved land will be conveyed without explicit covenants, restrictions, or permissions regarding hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities, and applicable local and State laws will regulate such activities. The requested Transfer of Management Responsibility Agreement is effective upon approval by the Governor and Executive Council and signatures from both NHFG and DOT.

Explanation

The purpose of this Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility for real property is to denote the transfer of sole management responsibility from NHFG to NHDOT. The nominal value of the impacts on the land was determined to be \$500 in an approved waiver valuation completed by NHDOT on December 23, 2025.

Whereas NHFG and NHDOT are both agencies of the State of New Hampshire, which holds title to the subject land and will continue to do so, this Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility is not and cannot be construed as a sale, grant, or disposal of real property or any other transfer of title or any interest in the subject property. This Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility for Real Property shall nonetheless be recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.

We respectfully request your approval of this transfer.

David M. Rodrigue, P.E.
Commissioner
Department of Transportation

Stephanie L. Simek, Ph.D
Executive Director
Department of Fish and Game

Return to:

**Eric Sargent, Bureau Administrator
NH Department of Transportation
Bureau of Right of Way, Room 100
P.O. Box 483
7 Hazen Drive
Concord, NH 03302-0483**

**IF RECORDED, THIS IS A TRANSFER OF
RESPONSIBILITY BETWEEN AGENCIES
OF THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND
IS THEREFORE EXEMPT FROM THE NEW
HAMPSHIRE REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX
PURSUANT TO BY RSA 78-B:2(I)**

Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility
For Impacts on Land
Located along the Northerly Sideline of Squamscott Road
In Stratham, NH
From
The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department
To
The New Hampshire Department of Transportation

THIS IS NOT A TRANSFER OF TITLE

The State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department of 11 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301, County of Merrimack, State of New Hampshire, (NHF&G), transfers to the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation, whose address is PO Box 483, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302-0483, (NHDOT), the management responsibilities for the following tract of land held in title by the State of New Hampshire.

Certain impacts to a tract of land situated on the Northerly side of Squamscott Road, in Stratham, New Hampshire consisting of a drainage easement of approximately 150 square feet, more or less, and a temporary construction easement of approximately 390 square feet, more or less, and shown near station 109+50 on a plan entitled "Right of Way Layout Plans Town of Stratham" dated December 1, 2025. The plan is on file with the NH Department of Transportation.

Being a portion of a certain parcel of land conveyed to the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, by The Nature Conservancy in a deed recorded on October 25, 2000, at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds at Book 3513, page 2420.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility for real property is to denote the transfer of sole management responsibility of the permanent drainage easement and the temporary construction easement, as shown on the aforementioned plan, from the NH Fish and Game Department to the Department of Transportation. The nominal value of the impacts to the tract of land was determined to be \$500 in an approved waiver valuation completed by NHDOT on December 23, 2025.

Because NH Fish and Game and NH Department of Transportation are both part of the same government entity that holds title to the real estate and will continue to do so, this Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility is not and cannot be construed as a sale, grant, or disposal of real property or any other transfer of title or any interest in the property. This Interagency Transfer of Management Responsibility for Real Property shall nonetheless be recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds, so that in the event of any future conveyance of the property by the State of New Hampshire to another party, this instrument shall appear on record in the chain of title to confirm that no further fund reimbursement shall be required in the future.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the State of New Hampshire has caused its name to be set and its seal to be hereunto affixed by the Executive Director of the Fish and Game Department, duly authorized and executed this 12th day of May, 2026.

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of:



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
NH FISH & GAME DEPARTMENT

by: 

Stephanie L. Simek, Ph.D., Executive Director

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MERRIMACK COUNTY

On this 12th day of May, 2026, before me, Stephanie Simek the undersigned officer, personally appeared Stephanie L. Simek, Ph.D. who acknowledged being the Executive Director of NH Fish and Game, and that as such Executor Director, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation as Executive Director.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Tanya L. Haskell

Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

My commission expires: 10/29/30



IN WITNESS WHEREOF the State of New Hampshire has caused its name to be set and its seal to be hereunto affixed by the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, duly authorized and executed this 13 day of May, 2026.

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of:

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: [Signature]

David Rodrigue, P.E., Commissioner

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, MERRIMACK COUNTY

On this 13 day of May, 2026, before me, Jennifer Lane, the undersigned officer, personally appeared, David Rodrigue, who acknowledged as being the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, and that as such Commissioner, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation as Commissioner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

Jennifer D. Lane
Justice of the Peace, State of NH
My Commission Expires April 6, 2027

[Signature]
Notary Public/Justice of the Peace

My Commission Expires 4/6/27

The foregoing Agreement, having been reviewed by this office, is approved as to form and execution on May 27, 2026.

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: [Signature]
Kurt Neill
Assistant Attorney General