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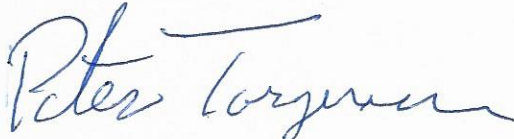
Re: Endangered Species Report for Hartwood Club Subdivision

Dear Mr. Fuller,

The above 2.3 acre site is located on the westside of Hartwood Club Road in the Town of Forestburgh, N.Y.. The lot itself is on the south west edge of a small residential development. The site is for the most part mature forest habitat with a small area that appears to have been cleared quite a few years ago. In almost all directions are thousands of acres of undeveloped land.

NYSDEC has stated that the Timber Rattlesnake has been documented within a short distance from this site. During the site review no rattlesnakes were observed but that was to be expected because of the late season. A few miles to the east by Prospect Hill Road are steep stony hillsides that are textbook snake habitat. Rattlesnakes usually emerge from their winter dens in late April or early May depending on the weather and stay out until mid-October. They winter in tunnels and dens found along steep stony slopes that have cracks, crevasses and talus piles. These dens are used year after year. These locations usually receive allot of sunlight that allows the snakes to sun themselves in the early and late parts of their seasons. Female snakes can travel up to 2.5 miles from the den while males have been found up to 5 miles away. The project site does not have any potential den type habitat within its boundaries or visible on any adjacent property. The entire part of this town qualifies as potential summer feeding habitat because of the thousands of acres of undisturbed woods. The impacts proposed by the development are so miniscule in regards to lost habitat that it is impossible to claim that this action will in any way impact Timber rattlesnakes

Yours truly,



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