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October 21, 2015

Dear Constituent:

Thank you for writing regarding your concerns for public access in Wharton State Forest. Wharton is a valuable natural and recreational resource for the people of the State of New Jersey. DEP takes very seriously the importance of managing this resource, so that all recreational users have access to the Forest, while at the same time protecting the unique and ecologically sensitive areas of the Forest and ensuring public safety.

To ensure that we are meeting all of these goals, the Wharton State Forest Motorized Access Plan is under further review. DEP is conducting a series of stakeholder meetings with the leaders of key constituent groups throughout October. On November 5, the department will hold a public meeting at Hammonton High School at 6:30 p.m. to further discuss how best to develop this plan for implementation. If you are interested in providing input, please submit your comments to whartonmapcomments@dep.nj.gov. If you are interested in attending the public meeting, registration is required due to limitations of space. Please register by October 28 by sending an email to whartonmapcomments@dep.nj.gov or by calling 609-704-1964.

Sincerely,

Mark Texel, Director
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