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Keweenaw Dark Sky Wilderness Nomination Complete

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Hi John,

Thank you for your patience. It is not typical for me to take this long to respond to a DSPC review and provide guidance, and I appreciate your persistence in this matter. I am pretty busy this month but here are some opportunities where I am available:

Wednesday March 23 10 AM - 12 PM EDT; 1-2 PM EDT

Thursday March 24 10 AM - 1 PM EDT

Friday, April 1 1 - 4 PM EDT

Let me know if you would prefer to chat over the phone or by Zoom.

I will also let you know that I had another DSPC meeting this month and asked for them to provide an updated definition for the necessary level of protection and public access. They agree that we do not want to limit for-profit entities from applying to the Program, and they are now saying a conservation easement is not required. Instead, they state that the application itself is the agreement of protection and public access, so there are a few things that we could enhance to ensure this is properly conveyed.

I then looked at the few private Parks in our Program, and most are either non-profit entities or partner with a third-party entity that holds them accountable for their protection and/or public access. In your application, you mentioned that your deed restriction and the national register of historic places maintain your policy for public policy, so if you included these documents or excerpts in the application, that could be the right path for meeting these requirements. I am looking forward to hearing your potential options on how to meet the comments I shared with you last month and finally getting your application on the right track.

Talk to you soon,
Ashley

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