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Subject: Doudlah's Dirt LLC. FRPP Easement for Auction (Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program)

Dear Mr. Travis Smock:

Thank you for contacting me regarding the auctioning of Mr. Mark Doudlah's FRPP easement (Doudlah's Dirt, LLC.) located on Weary Road in the Township of Center, Wisconsin (Rock County Tax Parcel 6-4-45). Your inquiry expressed interest on whether the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, as the State Grantee, would be interested in exercising its right-of-first-refusal. You also requested that a formal letter would be written to address the Department's decision.

The Conservation Easement Warranty Deed, recorded on May 25, 2010 in the Rock County Register of Deeds, was conveyed between the Porter Family Trust (Grantor), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (State Grantee), and the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (Federal Grantee; USDA-NRCS Nest# 735F480700HT1), which was later transferred to Mr. Mark Doudlah in 2013/14. Section 11 of this Warranty Easement Deed includes the following language:

Grantor agrees to offer the State Grantee the right-of-first-refusal if the Grantors decide to sell the property.

Upon review as the State Grantee, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will not exercise its right-of-first-refusal in the event of Mr. Mark Doudlah auctioning and transferring the property through the Peoples Company. This decision was based on the Department's right (as the State Grantee) to offer public access in perpetuity, and therefore any transfer of ownership outside of the Department will not limit the original intent of the easement. All potential buyers and new owners of the property must be appropriately appraised of and abide by the explicit intentions as stated in the aforementioned Warranty Easement Deed.

Please direct any questions to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Cotter'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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