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The following is a copy of a letter from Chilson Volunteer Fire Department Chief Paul LaRock to the New York State Department of Conservation. Chief LaRock is reacting to DEC's published plan to make it impossible for trailer-launched motorboats to use the Eagle Lake boat launch and to modify the vehicle-access and parking area at the launch.

Re: NY'S DEC Hammond Pond Wild Forest Draft Unit Management Plan

Dear Sir/Madam:

As chief of Chilson Volunteer Fire Department, I am writing to you today to voice my concerns regarding the closing/redesign of the boat launch facility at Eagle Lake.

First, I must advise you that there are only three fire hydrants within the Chilson Fire Protection District. This complicates things as the only hydrant in the Eagle Lake area is the one that is at the east side of the lake. This hydrant is at many times out of service and is a very difficult hydrant to use as it is the first hydrant in the Gooseneck water system, which I might add is being abandoned within the next few years as mandated by New York State to the Town of Ticonderoga.

The closing of the boat launch will definitely negatively affect the operations of Chilson Volunteer Fire Department in many ways.

First, we have this on our pre-plans as a drafting source for our larger pumpers to either fill tankers or to use as a large diameter hose relay.

Also, this is a launching point for the west side of the lake should we need to do a water rescue or if a commercial truck were to crash into the water. We would have to launch a boat and set up containment booms/ perform a rescue of an entrapped victim or try to control a fire.

This letter serves as a notification to you that any changes that you make will affect us dramatically in the ability to perform our jobs in a timely, effective manner.

I would ask that the design of such launch be as such that could accommodate the apparatus/needs of the community, which I believe far outweigh the needs of the trail.

I would also like to point out that the amount of commercial truck traffic, hazardous materials that is transported through this area is staggering along with the multitude of accidents that we have responded to.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter. If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,

Paul LaRock, Chief
Chilson Volunteer Fire Department