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**To:** Ives, Wayne

**Subject:** Pawtuckaway Lake & Lamprey River Water Mgmt Report

Mr C. Wayne Ives  
NH Dept. of Environmental Services

Dear Mr. Ives,

I am writing to express my concern in using Pawtuckaway Lake resources in the water management of the Lamprey River. I respect the need to manage the Lamprey River resources, but I feel the impact to other resources in the water shed area has not been fully considered. I would like to comment on a few things:

- The 7' draw down of Pawtuckaway Lake is essential to protect lake front property. Annual repairs from winter ice damage are standard practice, and a lower draw down would cause extensive destruction.
- Draw down of Pawtuckaway Lake during the summer concerns me even more. I would like to know the impact to the Pawtuckaway wildlife, water quality, property, and recreation. Pawtuckaway supports a large ecosystem, that is not always in the best condition. Water level is always a major concern in our constant management of the water quality, temperature, algae plumes, Loon habitat, boating danger (rocks), and other issues. Endangering one resource to help another may not seem as practical when looked at from other perspectives.
- It would seem a thorough study has been performed on the Lamprey River ecosystem, but not on the areas where proposed water management changes may have a detrimental impact. Please correct this before considering implementing components of the Lamprey water management plan.

I am a member of the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association. The PLIA is active in all activities around the lake to preserve its natural resources. I urge you to keep the PLIA informed on activities that affect Pawtuckaway and to seek feedback from its members. The PLIA consists of some the most experienced conservationist in the area, and are very knowledgeable on the Pawtuckaway ecosystem.

Respectfully,

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