

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA GAME COMMISSION FIELD REGIONS

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Josh First President & CEO Appalachian Land & Conservation Services PO Box 5128 Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Mr. First:

I received your map of the proposed development by Appalachian Land & Conservation Services and Haines & Kibblehouse adjacent to State Game Land 156. On the map, a four lane paved access highway was proposed to be constructed on SGL 156 to connect this development to State Route 322.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission would not be supportive in the construction of this access road for numerous reasons. The road as proposed would almost split the eastern portion of SGL 156 in half. This would not only result in immediate on the ground habitat impacts of the road construction but would have long term lasting impacts on wildlife species using this corridor. The road would become an impediment for certain species and would lead to wildlife/vehicle collisions for other species.

If constructed, this road would also have a lasting impact for sportsman utilizing SGL 156. For safety concerns, hunters would lose opportunities to pursue game species in the vicinity of the road.

Having reviewed the map, there are other points for access to this proposed development that have no impact to SGL 156 that should be pursued. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 610/926-3136.

Sincerely,

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