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Mr. Chris Hunsinger, Chairman
Town of Queensbury Planning Board
742 Bay Road
Queensbury, NY 12804

Re: General Timber – Bloody Pond Road (265-1-28)
Site Plan 50-2008

Dear Mr. Hunsinger:

The Lake George Waterkeeper has reviewed the submission material regarding the above referenced site plan application. The Planning Board should be aware of the level of public concern expressed at the Town of Lake George Zoning Board of Appeals meeting where the applicants requested a use variance for timber harvesting. At that meeting, the Town of Lake George ZBA determined the “public raised credible concerns” and determined to restrict timber harvesting on the acreage closest to Bloody Pond Road. The Lake George Waterkeeper would like to offer the following for consideration by the Board:

1. **There is concern about timber harvesting access on the steep slopes of French Mountain.**
There has been significant damage produced by a “logging” road constructed on the adjacent parcel to the south.
 - Will new haul roads and skid trails be installed or are existing trails present?
 - Has a sketch plan been prepared to locate the roads/trails?
 - Will roads and trails be restored after construction?
2. **The Waterkeeper is concerned about the protection of the existing streams and wetlands.**
 - Are any stream crossings proposed? If so, the applicant should be required to submit a crossing permit from the New York State Department of Environmental Protection.
 - Buffers should be required by the Planning Board as a condition of approval to protect the stream corridors and wetlands. It should be noted the “logging” roads on the adjacent parcel to the south completely removed all buffers along the streams resulting in significant environmental damage.
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Thank you for your consideration. The Lake George Waterkeeper looks forward to working with the Town of Queensbury Planning Board in defending the natural resources of Lake George and its watershed.

Sincerely,

Christopher Navitsky, PE



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cc: Brian Grisi – Adirondack Park Agency
Michael White – Lake George Park Commission