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May 28, 1941

Mr. William F. Tracy
Passadumkeag, Maine

Dear Mr. Tracy:

Reference your occupancy of certain land situated in T. 4, R. 9, W.E.L.S., Piscataquis County, now a part and portion of the Baxter State Park, on the westerly side of Russell Pond.

Our Supervisor, Harold J. Dyer, advised you by letter under date of April 30, 1941 that your lease given by Percival P. Baxter expired on October 1, 1940 and would not be renewed. Following this letter, Mr. Dyer contacted you personally in regard to moving your personal property. Under date of May 14, 1941 Mr. Rendall of the Park Authority confirmed by letter the action of Mr. Dyer, explaining that it would not be our policy to lease camp sites to private interests and stated that you would be requested to make complete removal on or before June 1. On May 19, 1941 you contacted Mr. Rendall and stated you would like to appear before all three members of the Authority in the interest of trying to obtain permission to operate your camps this season and, if possible, for a longer period. Mr. Rendall advised Supervisor Dyer to withhold any action in taking possession of your camps until your request was presented to the other members.

Yesterday, May 27, it was unanimously decided that we had no alternative but to enforce our original decision not to renew the lease granted you by Mr. Baxter. We do not, however, wish to subject you to any undue hardship although we do feel that you have had a sufficient knowledge of the probable transfer in title of the land referred to. No attempt was made on your part for a renewal of the lease either upon the expiration date or at the time title passed to the State. Furthermore, the terms of the lease were clearly stated and its conditions should have been clear to you.

We will be glad to give you ample opportunity to not only remove your personal effects but to remove any or all of your camps and will so instruct our Supervisor, Harold J. Dyer. The removal date of June 1, stated in letter of May 14, shall be changed to read July 1, 1941.

Very truly yours,

S/ Frank I. Cowan
For Baxter State Park
Authority