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FROM: TARA GERMOND, SENIOR PLANNER

RE: MONADNOCK REGION FUTURE: A PLAN FOR SOUTHWEST NEW HAMPSHIRE

Please, find enclosed the draft Regional Plan for Southwest New Hampshire and supporting documents. These materials were prepared by Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) as part of its work on an initiative known as *Monadnock Region Future*, and are described in more detail below.

This Plan, which is advisory in nature, is intended to be a resource for communities and other partners in the Region to use in local decision-making and planning. It maps out a vision and goals for the future based on an understanding of the Region's assets as well as ongoing initiatives and current challenges. It encourages the reader to think broadly about the Region and presents strategies that can enhance current efforts, as well as promote new and emerging opportunities. A number of supporting documents specific to the Southwest Region, including a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, Housing Plan, Long Range Transportation Plan, Natural Resource Plan, and Broadband Plan are included as appendix items and are therefore considered part of the Regional Plan.

Please, make this memorandum and attached compact disc containing the Plan documents available for the public to review through December 15, 2014. Comments may be sent either electronically to Tara Germond at tgermond@swrpc.org or by mail to Southwest Region Planning Commission, 37 Ashuelot St, Keene, NH 03431. The Plan and supporting documents can also be viewed online at the website: www.swrpc.org/regionalplan.

On December 16, 2014, SWRPC will be holding a public hearing to consider adoption of the draft Regional Plan. The hearing is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at SWRPC's office located at 37 Ashuelot Street, Keene, NH 03431.