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Mr. Trask,

Thank you for the additional comments. These will be added to the record and considered as the Department completes its review.

Best,

-Jami MacNeil

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Dear Ms. Macneil,

I received the email copy of the DEP permit and I understand there are still some people who moved here from away and don't have history who say this boat launch area didn't exist before Jeff Spinney owned that property. My great Grandfather, Everett Trask, used to own that very property where the farm and brickyard were. As a kid I used to hunt with my father all over that property and my father talked about the brickyard and the use of the launching area in question. I am 50 now, so that would have been in the early 80s that he was telling me and it was stories from around when my father himself was a kid, My father would be 75now, so he was there in the 50s or 60s on the family farm. The point is this has been here for a very long time, and the use of launching boats, canoes, jon boats with motors at this spot (I had both jon boat and canoe and used them here) has been around for as long as I can remember and even before that as it was around for my father to tell me about.

All through the 80's I was the caretaker for this property. I was there at least once a week plus other times I was hunting and fishing.

I remember that just before Jeff, there was an short term owner who cut off our access for a summer and that's probably why some people may think its not there. When I go by or when im there, it looks practically the same today as it did when I was a kid. I am an avid hunter, fisherman and duck hunter, I have a blind in front of the now Bolen house just above Jeff's. It would be a shame to lose our ability to lose our access to the river where the state doesn't have any such access. More and more of these properties are becoming closed, private reserves that do not allow access to local people.

Thank you,

Michael Trask