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Mr. Keith Hanchett, Chairman
Town of Lake George Planning Board
Old Post Road
Lake George, NY 12845

Re: Brand Family Trust (225.00-1-5)
Site Plan 34-2009

Dear Mr. Hanchett:

The Lake George Waterkeeper program has reviewed the above referenced site plan application and would like to offer the following comments for consideration by the Board:

Timber Harvesting Management Plan

The amount of total basal area to be harvested, the total number of trees, and their size at dbh has not been quantified. Because this land has steep slopes and is located between parcels that are currently under review for future development, or have approvals for development, the amount of total deforestation is critical.

Stream Protection

The Waterkeeper program is concerned with the protection of the existing streams, including intermittent streams. The location of all streams should be identified and submitted to the Planning Board with the completed application.

The applicant has filed in their **Timber Harvest Summary** dated September 14, 2009, that "...an undisturbed strip of land, a minimum of 50 feet in width, will be left on both sides of the brooks and around ponds". This proposed protection of all watercourses on the property should be enforced for all streams (perennial and intermittent).

Thank you for your thorough discussion of this timber harvesting application. Although the Waterkeeper supports sustainable timber harvesting, a portion of the property has steep slopes, and attention to the long term affects of removing vegetation on these slopes should be a priority. The Lake George Waterkeeper looks forward to working with the Town of Lake George Planning Board in defending the natural resources of Lake George and its watershed.

Sincerely,

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Natural Resource Specialist / Lake George Waterkeeper

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



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