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Review of Complete Draft, Cultural Landscape Report for the Barrett Farm Unit

We are pleased to share with you for review a complete draft of the Cultural Landscape Report for the Barrett Farm Unit. Designated by an Act of Congress in 2009, the 64-acre Barrett Farm Unit includes land owned by the Town of Concord, a private residence, and a 5.14-acre parcel owned by the National Park Service. The park-owned parcel includes the nationally significant Colonel James and Rebecca Barrett House—the destination of the British troops on April 19, 1775—now just over 250 years ago!

The enclosed draft report, authored by The Public Archeology Laboratory, Inc (PAL), plus staff and interns at Minute Man NHP, with period plans prepared by the NPS Olmsted Center for Landscape Preservation. Many others have contributed source materials and review comments. When complete, the CLR will serve as a companion volume to the Historic Structures Report authored by Frederic Detwiller in 2007 and the Completion Report authored by Frederic Detwiller and the late Jim Cunningham in 2016. The purpose of the CLR is to compile and analyze information on the physical evolution of the landscape and develop treatment recommendations. The enclosed report consolidates the first and second volumes—site history, existing conditions, & analysis, plus treatment. Further explanation is included in the introductory section of the report.

We welcome your comments by June 30th, and welcome you to attend virtual content discussions and we are circulating a doodle poll for a treatment workshop.

- **May 8th, 10:30 – 11:30 am, cursory review of document and content discussion**
- **June 10th 2:00 pm – 3 pm, continued review of document and content discussion**
- **June 12th or 16th and 30th, possible dates for treatment workshop at Barrett Farm with virtual option**

Our goal is to **gather comments by COB on June 30th**. If you have questions, feel free to contact me by email or cell. If you know of others who would be interested in reviewing the draft report, please let us know. Also, keep in mind that this is a draft report and all images will require permissions for use in the final report.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Draft Cultural Landscape Report for the Barrett Farm Unit

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