

624.35 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUNNING SOUTH 51 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST 312.48 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUNNING SOUTH 64 DEGREES 40 MINUTES 58 SECONDS EAST 179.02 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUNNING NORTH 46 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 13 SECONDS EAST 12,723.48 FEET TO A POINT INTERSECTING THE SOUTHERNMOST EDGE OF THE HIGH ROCK FIRE TOWER ROAD, THEN RUNNING WITH THE SOUTHERNMOST EDGE OF SAID ROAD SOUTH 60 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 01 SECONDS EAST 367.54 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUNNING SOUTH 76 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 39 SECONDS EAST 747.93 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUNNING NORTH 87 DEGREES 32 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 558.94 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUNNING SOUTH 52 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST 379.26 FEET TO A POINT, THEN RUNNING NORTH 82 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST 112.27 FEET TO A POINT IN THE WESTERNMOST RIGHT OF WAY OF WESTERNPORT ROAD, THEN RUNNING WITH THE WESTERNMOST RIGHT OF WAY OF SAID ROAD SOUTH 34 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 733.80 FEET TO A POINT, THEN LEAVING SAID ROAD AND RUNNING SOUTH 22 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 38 SECONDS WEST 1,285.97 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

(2) (I) THE SOUTH SAVAGE WILDLAND AREA PROVIDES A UNIQUE SITE FOR THE STUDY OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES AND OFFERS AN OUTSTANDING VALUE FOR EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND ENHANCED UNDERSTANDING OF NATURAL PROCESSES AND RELATED ECONOMIC, SOCIOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL BENEFITS.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE DEPARTMENT MAY ALLOW RESEARCH STUDY IN THE SOUTH SAVAGE WILDLAND AREA THAT INVOLVES SOME ACTIVITIES THAT ARE GENERALLY RESTRICTED OR PROHIBITED IN STATE WILDLAND AREAS, IF THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES THAT THE ACTIVITIES WILL NOT CAUSE ADVERSE IMPACTS TO THE WILDLAND RESOURCES AND THE ECOLOGICAL VALUES OF THE SITE.

(III) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SYSTEM, THROUGH ITS CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BIOTECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE, SHALL DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE SITE SETTING FORTH THE TIMING, DURATION, AND GENERAL SCOPE OF THE RESEARCH ACTIVITIES TO BE ALLOWED, SUBJECT TO PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT AND SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today