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Dr. Pamela Hunt  
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Dear Dr. Hunt:

Thank you for contacting us regarding your request to collect dragonflies on the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF). We understand that as part of the Dragonfly Society of the Americas' meeting in Lancaster this summer, some participants may wish to collect a few dragonflies to validate occurrence records, to support research or general education purposes, or for other personal reasons.

We have determined this activity does not require a Special Use Permit. Instead, this letter will serve to authorize collection of dragonfly specimens by meeting participants only, during the week of July 10, 2017, on the WMNF. All collectors must abide by the following conditions:

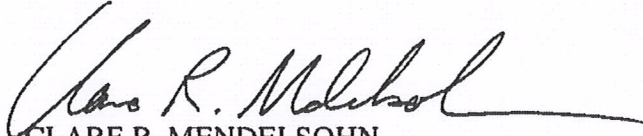
1. Collections may not occur in designated Wilderness or Research Natural Areas. Please direct participants to any WMNF visitor center if they are unsure where these areas are located, as not all boundaries are marked in the field.
2. Please ask participants to take care when moving through sensitive areas such as alpine or near some riparian edges. A number of rare plants occur in these areas that can easily be damaged by trampling.
3. Dragonflies not collected as specimens must be released unharmed in the same location where they were collected.
4. As soon as possible following the conclusion of the meeting, please submit a list of specimens (identified to species if possible) collected from the WMNF, including GPS coordinates or other specific location information. We have included a sample form that you may hand out to participants for their use if desired. We would be especially interested to know about any sightings of the incurvate emerald (*Somatochlora incurvata*), even if it is not collected, as this is a designated Regional Forester sensitive species on the WMNF for which we have little information.
5. Specimens should be deposited in academic or personal collections; they may not be used for commercial purposes.

You may wish to make copies of this letter for meeting participants to carry in case they are questioned by WMNF employees. Please be advised that you may also need to obtain appropriate permits from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department and Maine Department of Inland



Fisheries and Wildlife (if collections may occur in the Maine portion of the WMNF). If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Leighlan Prout, at (603) 536-6223 or [lprout@fs.fed.us](mailto:lprout@fs.fed.us).

Sincerely,



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