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March 13, 2013

Mr. Brett Edgerle  
Kohler Co.  
444 Highland Drive, Mail Stop 201  
Kohler, WI 53044

Re: Kohler Company "Tented Forest" Project  
Guest Entrance Location

Dear Mr. Edgerle:

The Department of Natural Resources is aware of the upcoming March 19, 2013 Town of Wilson Plan Commission meeting in which Kohler Co.'s application for a conditional use permit for your Tented Forest project will be acted upon.

It has come to our attention that local Timberlake subdivision residents are suggesting that all Tented Forest guest traffic be relocated from the proposed north entrance off of Timberlake Road to the south through the main entrance to Kohler-Andrae State Park located off of Beach Park Lane. Please be advised that the Department is exceedingly concerned with any proposed relocation of your guest entrance through our main state park entrance.

The Department's apprehension to any proposed relocation of your northerly guest entrance stems from serious concerns we have about traffic backups that may occur for both our state park guests, as well as your clientele, as they attempt to enter both properties through the same location. Park traffic can be very heavy at times, especially on the weekend and particularly on Friday evenings. In 2012 we had 432,763 recreational visitors enter the park and had 67,999 campers use our facilities. Additional traffic from your Tented Forest guests through our main park entrance will certainly cause unwanted difficulties for all parties concerned, including local residents.

The Department remains committed to work with Kohler Co. regarding your employee entrance via a new service road through the state park. However we cannot consent to any additional guest traffic through our main park entrance for the reasons stated above.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Department's position on this matter, please feel free to contact me at 608-266-5833.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt A. Thiede" followed by the initials "KAT" in a stylized, cursive script.

Kurt A. Thiede  
Administrator, Division of Land

cc: Dan Schuller, Bureau of Parks Director  
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