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TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Jim Connolly JC (LHB)

DATE: June 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Highlights of Planning Division Activities for June 2012

STATE LAND ACTIVITIES

State land staff reviewed an 814 order (P2012-34) for a utility pole upgrade in the Towns of Inlet and Long Lake, Hamilton County.

State land staff conducted field work in the Saranac Lake Wild Forest area to determine sight/sound separation issues with campsites proposed to remain in the team draft UMP.

State land staff continued working with DEC staff on campsite sight/sound separation issues in the Ferris Lake Wild Forest. Staff visited several of the lakes in this Unit where possible non-compliance issues occur.

State land staff reviewed P2011-0178A (North Country School) application which includes forest management next to Sentinel Range Wilderness.

State land staff were consulted for P2011-0135 (NYSDOT) regarding beaver dam removal from Norton Brook.

State land staff responded to a question regarding procedure for a private landowner to do work on a road in State lands (Terry Mountain Forest, non Forest Preserve, Taylor Pond Wild Forest).

State land staff responded to a contractor working for the Wild Center regarding signage along Route 86 Scenic Byways project. They want to place a 30 x 72 inch sign along the

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route and wanted to know approvals would be needed from the Agency.

State land staff met with the new director of the Ausable River Association, Corrie Miller, to see if there is a way for ASRA to help finish up the Scenic Byways project along Route 86.

State land staff received the team draft UMP for Grass River Wild Forest area. Staff met with DEC at the Potsdam office and in the field to become oriented with the issues and the Unit.

State land staff attended a webinar on the Wooly Adelgid (invasive species).

State land staff reviewed a JIF (J2011-0372) for bog bridging in the Wilmington Wild Forest. A snowmobile trail is being relocated to reduce the square footage of wetlands being disturbed. Because wetlands are still impacted, the project requires a wetlands permit.

State land staff investigated an area at the junction of Routes 73 and 9N in the Town of Keene that had been bulldozed. That work is not part of the bridge replacement project, but rather the preparatory work for planting a snow fence (of trees) along that section.

A conference call was held between APA and DEC staff on June 12 to discuss the status of Unit Management Plans for wilderness and wild forest areas in the Park. Several plans are currently under development. A plan for the Taylor Pond Wild Forest was recently released for public review. Other plans which are expected to be released for public review later this year include Whiteface Mt Ski Center, Ferris Lake Wild Forest, Wilcox Lake Wild Forest, Lake George Wild Forest, Lake Champlain Islands and several unit plan revisions for reconfigured snowmobile trails. Several staff changes have recently been made within DEC's regional Lands & Forests units due to promotions.

CARTOGRAPHY AND INFORMATION ANALYSIS

Administrative Tasks - Staff attended the monthly general staff meeting.

GIS Agency Program Administration - Staff directed procurement of Feature Analyst software for an EPA funded RASS project.

GIS Consultation - Staff advised Agency Legal and IT staff in the export of mapped photo inventory data requested by the Lake George Park Commission.

GIS Consultation - Staff researched State land maps from 1974 and the present depicting fee and easement lands to assist a DEC Lands and Forests presentation to the Agency Board.

GIS Consultation - Staff assisted Regulatory Program staff with GIS Lookup System desktop PC configuration.

GIS Consultation - Staff researched land use area boundary archived maps and files to support State Land staff research of the Second Pond Intensive Use area.

GIS Consultation - Staff researched past Agency correspondence and contact information for electric utility GIS data in the park.

GIS Consultation - Staff provided direction on Agency wetland GIS data to Meredith Kane, DEC Fish & Wildlife.

GIS Consultation - Staff assisted State Land staff with DOT traffic count information.

GIS Data Analysis - Staff determined the approximate amount of Forest Preserve land in DEC Regions 5 and 6.

GIS Data Management - Staff performed ministerial edits to the APLUDP/SLMP GIS data to reflect best available base map information.

GIS Hardware/Software Management - Staff researched field GIS technology innovations for an EPA grant proposal. Prepared technology equipment, budget, and justification proposal to RASS staff.

GIS Hardware/Software Management - Staff installed Feature Analyst software on Stereo Photogrammetry workstation.

GIS Hardware/Software Management - Staff setup replacement desktop personal computers software and data.

GIS Map Production - Staff prepared a Park map of historic State land classifications and current easements for a DEC presentation to the Agency Board.

GIS Map Production - Staff prepared a series of maps and data for incorporation with written comments to the US Air Force regarding the F-35 flights in the Adirondacks.

GIS Training - Staff began learning Feature Analyst software using tutorial lessons. This software enables the Agency to better map features seen in aerial imagery such as forest cover, wetlands, surface water and impermeable surfaces. Staff experimented with mapping detailed surface water features using various classification techniques on 2008 12 inch and 2009 24 inch pixel color infrared imagery near Saranac Lake.

Map Amendments - Staff attended a meeting with representatives from the Town of Westport to discuss potential Hamlet expansion plan utilizing a Map Amendment conditional on the installation of public sewer.

LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry - Staff answered three inquiries about the location of the Park boundary or land use area boundaries.

GIS Training - Staff is working with GOER to develop a GPS training course for APA staff, tentatively scheduled for fall/winter 2012.

State Land Re/Classification - Staff has reviewed the file on the 1987 classification package to determine how the waters of Hitchin's Pond and Lows Lake were classified.

Training/Conferences - Staff attended the two-day ADK futures workshop in Blue Mountain Lake.

Administrative Tasks - Staff prepared monthly reports.

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Administrative Tasks - Staff attended the 40th Anniversary SLMP presentation at the monthly Agency Board meeting.

Administrative Tasks - Staff participated in a Planning staff meeting to discuss monthly report task accounting.

Web Administration - Staff configured Dreamweaver software on the new server. This software is used to manage the Agency website and is used by division staff to edit their website content.

Web Content Management - Staff edited the website for the monthly mailing package. Also provided assistance to Administrative staff posting the Communications Committee mailing package.

Web Content Management - Staff provided assistance to State Land staff posting information about an upcoming public hearing.

Web Content Management - Staff edited the Board Member web page.

Web Content Management - Staff posted content on behalf of Public Affairs following the June Agency meeting covering the Community Spotlight and the SLMP Anniversary. Staff prepared photos for web.

Web Content Management - Staff posted the EPS1 job vacancy.

June GIS/Web/Cartography/Map Amendment Task Summary:

Task	Count
GIS Agency Program Administration	1
GIS Consultation	6
GIS Data Analysis	1
GIS Data Management	2
GIS Hardware/Software Management	4
GIS Map Production	2
GIS Training	2
Map Amendments	1
LUA Boundary/Blue Line Inquiry	3
State Land -Re/Classification	1
Training/Conferences	3
Web Administration	1
Web Content Management	5
Administrative Tasks	4

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