



RESOLUTION
ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO
WATSON'S EAST TRIANGLE WILD FOREST
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT
OCTOBER 11, 2012
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WHEREAS, section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency, individual management plans for units of land classified in the Master Plan for Management of State Lands and requires such management plans to conform to the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency) will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such general guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Department prepared a unit management plan amendment for the Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest, dated September, 2012 for which a public notice was published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on September 5, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the amended Unit Management Plan proposes a small parking area and motorized use of the Buck Pond Road to allow for motorized access under special permit for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the amended Unit Management Plan provides for the tentsite at Buck Pond to be made universally accessible to facilitate use by people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, a lean-to built to universal access standards will be constructed along the Middle Branch of the Oswegatchie to improve and facilitate camping experiences for people with disabilities; and

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WHEREAS, the Department has consulted with the Agency staff in the preparation of the Proposed amendment to the Unit Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is requested to determine whether the proposed amendment of the Watson's East Triangle Unit Management Plan, dated September, 2012 is consistent with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the proposed amendment to the Watson's East Triangle Wild Forest Unit Management Plan, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: