



**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Terry Martino  
**FROM:** Jim Connolly  
**DATE:** October 3, 2012  
**RE:** State Land Committee Agenda

The State Land Committee Agenda is attached. There are three agenda items for October.

- 1) For the first agenda item, I will present basic background information on the classification process for the Board's reference. The information will assist Board members to understand the next steps for State classification actions and the Agency's process and role for making classification recommendations subsequent to State acquisition of former Finch-Pruyn lands which the Nature Conservancy will be transferring to State ownership. My presentation will be a general overview of the classification process and will be a useful follow-up to the information provided on the overall acquisition project which was provided by Karyn Richard's, DEC's Forest Preserve Coordinator, at the Agency's September meeting. A flow chart and description of the classification process is attached to this cover memo.
- 2) The second State Land Committee agenda item is final approval of the proposed amendment to the Watson's East Triangle Unit Management Plan amendment. A draft Agency resolution is attached for action by the Committee and full Board. I have also attached a description of the proposed management action and area map from the UMP which had been distributed for the initial reading of this amendment which was presented to the Board in September by DEC staff. The amendment proposes construction of a universally accessible tentsite and small parking area to be constructed on the Buck Pond Road in order to improve recreational opportunities for people with disabilities.

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- 3) The final agenda item will be a presentation by Steve Signell, from SUNY-ESF's Adirondack Ecological Center in Newcomb, on the topic of integrating Geographic Information System (GIS) technology with the collection of trail register & use data on Forest Preserve trails in the Park. Mr. Signell is a participant in the Adirondack Park Regional GIS Consortium and provides GIS support for DEC Unit Management Plans. Peter Frank, DEC's Forest Preserve Management Bureau Chief, will provide a brief introduction to this topic.

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Attachments