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# Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan Amendment Process

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# Adirondack Park Agency



In December of 2013, the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency) approved a State Land Classification Package for the Essex Chain Lakes Tract, Indian River Tract, and OK Slip Falls Tract. In the classification resolution, the Agency committed to consider a revision of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) for two items:

A revision of the APSLMP guidelines for Primitive Areas to allow for the use of All-Terrain Bicycles on appropriate all-season roads able to withstand such use on the Essex Chain Lakes Tract west of the Hudson River that could otherwise be designated as truck trails were they to be used by the Department to reach and maintain structures and improvements within the unit





To allow for a structurally safe crossing of the Cedar River at the location of the previous bridge while maintaining a park-like setting, the Agency has committed to considering a revision of the APSLMP Wild Forest guideline that currently would require that this bridge must be constructed of natural materials to allow a bridge containing non-natural materials at the crossing of the Cedar River

With the Agency's commitment to consider these two specific APSLMP issues, the Agency has an opportunity to identify and discuss additional issues.

# Staff are hosting four Listening-Post sessions

- These meetings are pre-State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) for the purpose of gathering ideas pertaining to amending the SLMP.
- These are not Public Hearings.
- Staff will also accept written comment until December 5, 2014

# The four meeting locations and dates:



- **Ray Brook**  
October 29  
5 - 8 pm
- **Newcomb**  
November 3  
4 - 7 pm
- **Albany**  
November 17  
11 am - 2 pm
- **Old Forge**  
November 18  
5 - 8 pm

Following the review of the public material, the Agency will host a stakeholder session to further review and analyze the material presented for APSLMP revisions.

Following the public and stakeholder engagement, the APA, in consultation with DEC, will undertake the SEQR process on the Essex Chain Lakes Complex proposals. APA will also develop a timeline to consider any other additional recommendations identified to amend the APSLMP.

# APSLMP Amendment Process



1. Present draft SEQRA assessment (DSEIS) & alternatives to Agency Board with request to accept the DSEIS and proceed to public hearings
2. Host public hearings and accept comments on the DSEIS

# APSLMP Amendment Process

3. Develop the record of **Public Comment & Final SEIS**
4. Present **preferred alternatives** to the APA Board
5. **APA Board votes** on preferred alternatives
6. APA Chairwoman & DEC Commissioner **forward preferred alternatives** to Governor
7. **Governor** approves (or modifies or rejects) the preferred alternatives



# Written comments should be directed to:

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Comments are due by December 5, 2014

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