



M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Agency Members and Designees

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RE: SLMP Review of Road Mileage Guidelines

The State Land Master Plan contains guidelines for each classification of State owned land within the Park. Wild Forest Guideline #4 states "Public use of motor vehicles will not be encouraged and there will not be any material increase in the mileage of roads and snowmobile trails open to motorized use by the public in Wild Forest Areas that conformed the Master Plan at the time of its original adoption in 1972."

This is the familiar guideline examined several years ago when the Agency adopted a materiality threshold for snowmobile trail mileage.

The Department and Agency staff have been consulting historical records of road mileage as it existed in 1972 and as it exists today. Josh Clague (DEC) and John Barge (APA) will present their findings and look for questions and comments.

It is important to keep in mind that these figures show only roads under the control of DEC ("Forest Preserve Roads") and not town, county, state or federal roads. It also includes only roads open to the public and not DEC administrative roads.

After a period of public review, the Agency will be asked to adopt an approach that addresses Basic Guideline #4.

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