



**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO BOG RIVER COMPLEX, HORSESHOE LAKE WILD FOREST
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 2**

DRAFT

JUNE 13, 2014

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Department of Environmental Conservation 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 (Master Plan) prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan conforms with such general guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation has prepared a unit management plan amendment for the Bog River Complex, Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest in the Towns of Colton and Piercefild, St. Lawrence County, and the Village of Tupper Lake, Town of Altamont, Franklin County, and includes proposed management actions for the Bog River Complex, Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest dated May, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Department has filed a SEQOR Negative Declaration and published a notice in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on May 28, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation is the lead agency, and the Adirondack Park Agency is an involved agency whose staff have been consulted in the preparation of the proposed plan; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is requested to determine whether the final Bog River Complex, Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment 2, (the Plan) dated May, 2014, conforms with the standards and guidelines of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the proposed Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recognizes the need to improve public use and enjoyment of the area, avoid user conflicts and prevent overuse of the area according to the guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan's objectives include providing reasonable public access where appropriate in order to provide visitors with recreational opportunities while minimizing resource impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the formal adoption and rerouting of a trail up Goodman Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the development of a six car parking area at Lumberjack Springs for access to the Goodman Mountain Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the development of a kiosk and trail register to be installed at the Goodman Mountain Trail Parking area; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recognizes that there is the potential to link several existing trails with herd paths and old hauling roads to develop a system of loop trails ranging from five (5) to eight (8)miles; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the formal adoption and rerouting of a trail system referred to here as the Otter Point Trail System; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the modification of the proposed parking area identified in the 2002 Bog River Complex UMP from a nine car parking area to a smaller four car parking area along State Route 421 for access to the trail for Twin Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the development of a second four car parking area along State Route 421 for access to another section of the Otter Point trail system, referred to as the Goodman Bridge Parking Area; and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the placement of Register boxes at both of the new State Route 421 Parking Areas; and

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WHEREAS, the Plan recognizes that the Department will work in cooperation with the Agency to determine if the use of Mountain Bikes on the Otter Point trail system is appropriate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Bog River Complex Unit Management Plan Amendment 2, dated May, 2014, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the 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: