



**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO CRANBERRY LAKE WILD FOREST
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT 2
JUNE 13, 2014
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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 Cranberry Lake Wild Forest in the Town of Clifton and Fine, St. Lawrence County, and includes proposed management actions for the Cranberry Lake Wild Forest dated May, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Department has filed a SEQR 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 Cranberry 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 of the Cranberry 50 East and Cranberry 50 West connector trails, removing 4.14 miles of the Cranberry 50 Route off of State Route 3;and

WHEREAS, the Plan proposes the development of a designated camping site along the Cranberry 50 West Connector Trail;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Cranberry Lake Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment 2, dated May, 2014, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan.

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: