



MEMORANDUM

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Executive Director

FROM: Kathy Regan
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DATE: June 2, 2014

RE: Bog River Complex
UMP Amendment 2
Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest (HLWF)
Goodman Mountain Trail and Parking & Otter Point Trail and Parking

This memo provides my comments on the May 2014 Proposed Final Draft of the Bog River Complex UMP Amendment 2, located in the HLWF, for compliance with the APSLMP and a summary of the public comments received by the Agency for this amendment.

Goodman Mountain was renamed by The U.S. Geological Survey in 2002 to honor the memories of Charles and Andrew Goodman. Andrew, at the young age of 20, was murdered. His murder occurred on June 21, 1964 while he was helping African-American citizens in the state of Mississippi register to vote. Andrew's grandfather, Charles, developed Lumberjack Spring near the base of Goodman Mountain.

The summit of Goodman Mountain is a popular hiking destination with 365 degree views. The trail to the summit has never been designated by DEC and does not follow a route that reflects best management practices for siting foot trails. This Amendment proposes relocating a section of the informal trail to a better location and also provides parking area. A kiosk with a trail register at the trailhead will also provide the public with the historical background to the naming of this mountain.

The second part of this UMP Amendment proposes designation of an existing set of loop trails known as the Otter Point Trails. Two parking areas will be established for this loop system, a shorter 5-mile loop and a longer 8-mile loop.

While the majority of the Otter Point Trail is within the HLWF, a section of the trail is in the Round Lake Wilderness and the Winding Falls Primitive Area. This amendment is only for the HLWF. The trail sections in the additional units are existing trails not being designated through this amendment and may be maintained as per the Memorandum of Understanding between the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation Concerning Implementation of the State Land Master Plan for the Adirondack Park (APA/DEC MOU) (March 2010). Use of the existing trail in the Winding Falls Primitive Area will not preclude the possibility of using this Primitive Area for a potential snowmobile trail.

This UMP amendment formalizes and improves two trails and parking areas. Although these trails are currently being used by some members of the public, this process will result in additional awareness of these trails and increased recreational opportunities for the HLWF.

The Agency received one comment during its public comment period and that was in favor of the management actions proposed for this amendment.

State land staff have determined that this UMP amendment is compliant with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

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