



**DRAFT
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO AN AMENDMENT TO THE
JAY MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS AREA
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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 prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such general guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, Article XIV of the New York State Constitution was amended by a vote of The People of the State of New York effective January 1, 2014 which amendment allows for exploratory mineral sampling on a tract of land located on the eastern edge of the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area; and

WHEREAS, the legal effect of the constitutional amendment is an amendment to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan and in particular the wilderness guidelines that apply to the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environmental Conservation has prepared an amendment to its June 2010 unit management plan for the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area in the Towns of Jay and Lewis, Essex County; the amendment contains proposed management actions relating to the activities authorized by the constitutional amendment taking place within the Jay Mountain Wilderness dated June, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Department has filed a SEQR Negative Declaration and published a notice in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on May, 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 amendment to the UMP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is requested to determine whether the Amendment to the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area Unit Management Plan, dated May, 2014, is consistent with the Standards and Guidelines of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan as those guidelines have been amended by the voter-approved constitutional amendment to Article XIV; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the proposed Amendment to the Jay Mountain Wilderness Unit Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the amendment contains an inventory of the biological and natural resources of the area, an inventory of the projected use and an assessment of the effect of the exploratory activities on the resources of the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area; and

WHEREAS, the amendment through a Temporary Revocable Permit provides for adequate management oversight of the exploratory mineral sampling activities and limitation on the impacts of those activities outside the disturbed areas; and

WHEREAS, exploratory mineral sampling activities must be undertaken in compliance with the terms of a Temporary Revocable Permit containing standard and special conditions governing these activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Amendment to the Jay Mountain Unit Management Plan, dated May, 2014, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan as those guidelines have been changed by the legal effect of the constitutional amendment to Article XIV effective January 1, 2014; 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.

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ABSTENTIONS:

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