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Draft Minutes  
State Lands Committee  
April 2015 Agency Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE STATE LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 17, 2015**

The State Lands Committee convened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

**State Land Committee Members Present:**

Richard Booth, Committee Chair, Sherman Craig, William Thomas, and Designee Robert Stegemann (DEC).

**Other Members and Designees Present:**

Karen Feldman, Arthur Lussi, Lynn Mahoney (substituting for Dierdre Scozzafava) (DOS), and Chairwoman Ulrich. Daniel Wilt was absent from the meeting.

**Local Government Review Board:**

Fred Monroe, Executive Director.

**Agency Staff Present:**

Terry Martino, Executive Director, James Townsend, Counsel, Matthew McNamara, Environmental Program Specialist I, Walter Linck, Associate Natural Resource Planner, and Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning.

**Planning Division Report (Kathy Regan)**

Kathy Regan briefly reviewed the division report that was included in the mailing packets to the Board.

**Jessup River Wild Forest UMP Amendment 2 (Jonathan Desantis, DEC)**

This was a first reading of the proposed Final Unit Management Plan Amendment 2 for the Jessup River Wild Forest. This UMP amendment is to provide motor vehicle access across approximately 900 feet of Forest Preserve to reach a parking area on easement lands.

Designee Mahoney asked how many cars/trailers could be accommodated in the new parking area. Mr. Desantis responded approximately 8.

Agency staff person Walter Linck noted that the parking area will be an improvement to what currently exists. Snowmobilers are parking their cars and trailers along NYS Route 30 causing potentially dangerous conditions.

Staff stated the proposed UMP Amendment is compliant with the State Land Master Plan.

Designee Stegemann noted the effort to connect Forest Preserve to adjacent easement lands, improving access to these lands.

Member Craig moved the item for approval by the full Agency to proceed to public comment. Member Thomas seconded the motion and all were in favor.

#### **Pepperbox UMP Amendment 1 (Matt Nowak, DEC)**

This was a first reading of the proposed unit management plan amendment for the Pepperbox Wilderness Area. The amendment proposes construction of a lean-to near Gregg Lake, and the designation of a foot trail to the lean-to.

Matt McNamara stated that staff believe the proposed UMP amendment is compliant with the State Land Master Plan.

Committee Chair Craig moved the item to full Agency for approval to proceed to public comment. Member Thomas seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **Alger Island UMP Amendment (Josh Houghton and DEC staff)**

This item was presented for informational purposes only.

Mr. Houghton provided an overview of the Unit, highlighting some of the proposed management recommendations.

Agency Chair Ulrich then asked if generators are allowed in the camping area. Mr. Houghton responded affirmatively, but stated that they are typically allowed to run during appointed hours.

Member Thomas asked for an explanation between the different types of drafts presented to them today. Ms. Regan responded that a new UMP comes before the board initially, as a courtesy, as a first reading. Some amendments are handled differently depending on the nature of the proposed management actions. Less complex amendments may be introduced to the Agency without a courtesy reading if agreed to

between the Agency and the Department. However, typically there are 3 times a UMP is presented to the Board: (1) a courtesy reading, (2) as a Public Draft which would include public comments gathered by the Department, and (3) as a Proposed Final which includes any public comment collected by the Agency on SLMP compliance .

Agency Chair Ulrich asked if users going to a water access only campground, are limited with their use of a generator because that is an area where campers are expecting a quiet experience. Designee Stegemann responded that most campgrounds have a quiet time.

Member Lussi asked about the design of the parking area in terms of water flow - would the flow of water be directed to or away from the lake. Mr. Houghton responded the design would utilize the existing drainage in conformance with Agency recommendations.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10