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**Draft Minutes
State Lands Committee
May 2015 Agency Meeting**

**MINUTES OF THE STATE LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 14, 2015**

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

State Land Committee Members Present

Richard Booth, Sherman Craig, William Thomas, Robert Stegemann.

Other Members and Designees Present

Karen Feldman, Arthur Lussi, Daniel Wilt, Dierdre Scozzafava, Lani Ulrich.

Local Government Review Board

Fred Monroe.

Agency Staff Present

Terry Martino, James Townsend, Matthew McNamara, Walter Linck, Kathy Regan.

Approval of the April Committee Minutes

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by Sherman Craig and was seconded by William Thomas. All were in favor.

Planning Division Report (Kathy Regan)

Kathy Regan reviewed the division report. Ms. Regan also reminded members of public comment periods for a number of UMPs and announced the Public Hearing dates for the Camp Santanoni Historic Area UMP (May 28th) and Meacham Lake UMP amendment (May 20th).

Jessup River Wild Forest UMP Amendment (Walt Linck)

Mr. Linck reviewed the UMP amendment for the Jessup River Wild Forest which proposes to provide better access to the area's snowmobile trail network by allowing public motor vehicle access along 900 feet of road. The Agency's public comment period for this UMP amendment closed on May 8, 2015 and no public comments were

received. Staff have determined this UMP amendment is consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan and provided a draft Resolution.

For action: Adoption of Resolution on compliance with SLMP.

Motion was made by Sherman Craig and seconded by Robert Stegemann. All were in favor.

Alger Island Campground and Fourth Lake Day Use Area UMP (Josh Houghton, DEC)

Mr. Houghton presented a summary of the UMP, which includes management recommendations to improve the parking area at Fourth Lake Day Use Area as well as improved pit privies and shoreline stabilization for the campground. Staff have determined this UMP amendment is consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan. The Agency will accept public comment until June 12, 2015.

For Action: Board authorization to proceed to public comment.

Motion was made by William Thomas and seconded by Sherman Craig. All were in favor.

Meacham Lake Campground UMP Amendment (Nick McKay, DEC)

Mr. McKay presented a summary of the UMP amendment, which proposes the relocation of the boat launch facility. The proposed location is better suited for trailered launches, addresses aquatic invasive species issues, and incorporates a sound engineering design. Staff have determined the UMP amendment is consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the State Land Master Plan. The Agency will accept public comment until May 29, 2015.

For Action: Board authorization to proceed to public comment.

Motion was made by Robert Stegemann and seconded by Sherman Craig. All were in favor.

Community Connector Trail Plan (Josh Clague, DEC)

The Agency first saw this UMP amendment in June of 2014. Mr. Clague presented a modified version of the UMP amendment, which analyzes alternatives and preferred locations for proposed community connector multiple-use trails between the Towns of Newcomb, Minerva and North Hudson. The plan will amend three UMPs: the Vanderwhacker Mountain WF UMP (2005), the Lake Harris Public Campground UMP (1995), and the Camp Santanoni Historic Area UMP (2000). The maps and description for the amendment were presented in 5 sections. The fifth section, located in the

Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Area, had been modified following the Department's public comment period.

For Action: Board authorization to proceed to public comment.

Richard Booth stated a number of reasons for opposing a decision to seek public comment at this time regarding the proposed Community Connector Trail Plan, including the recent addition of a snowmobile trail on the east side of the Hudson leading to the Polaris Bridge, shown as Section 5. He said if the draft did not include Section 5, he could support moving the plan out for public comment. With Section 5 included, there are numerous issues such as the need to explore Community Connector snowmobile trail alternatives which connect to Newcomb, a discussion that is required by SEQR, the State Land Master Plan and the Snowmobile Guidance agreed to by both the Agency and the Department. He noted the classification did not make determination about the use, non-use, or future of the Polaris Bridge. He said he believed it is possible to accomplish the trail connector plan by amending various existing legal requirements. He said for these reasons, this document is very premature because it does not begin to discuss comprehensively the issues of Community Connector snowmobile trails connecting to Newcomb and/or Minerva.

Motion was made to proceed to public comment by Robert Stegemann and seconded by William Thomas. The motion was then amended to extend the public comment period to 60 days. Sherman Craig, William Thomas, Robert Stegemann were in favor. Richard Booth opposed.

Camp Santanoni Historic Area UMP (Chuck Vandrei, DEC)

Mr. Vandrei presented a summary of this UMP for informational purposes. The UMP includes a request to have 2 acres of land reclassified from Wild Forest to Historic in the Orchard area in exchange for an area of the same size to be reclassified from Historic to Wild Forest. Additionally, a snowmobile trail is proposed near the Gate House, bringing primitive tent sites into compliance with the State Land Master Plan, as well as rebuilding a structure that was lost in a fire.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:40.