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Chairwoman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY
THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY
WITH RESPECT TO AMENDMENTS TO THE 2005 VANDERWHACKER MOUNTAIN
WILD FOREST UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN, 1995 LAKE HARRIS PUBLIC
CAMPGROUND UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN, 2000 CAMP SANTANONI HISTORIC
AREA UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN (COMMUNITY CONNECTOR TRAIL PLAN)**

July 9, 2015

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, in 2005 the Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) adopted the first unit management plan for the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest, located in Essex County, and has now prepared an amendment to the plan dated May, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in 1995 the Department adopted a unit management plan for the Lake Harris Campground, located in Essex County; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 the Department adopted a unit management plan for the Camp Santanoni Historic Area, located in Essex County; and

WHEREAS, the Department has prepared an amendment to these plans dated May, 2015 referred to as "Community Connector Trail Plan", which plan also contains a River Area Management Plan for the Boreas River; and

WHEREAS, the Community Connector Plan includes a proposed management action to establish a snowmobile and multi-use recreational trail system between the towns of Minerva, Newcomb and North Hudson across Forest Preserve and private lands; and

WHEREAS, the Department has filed a Notice of Positive Declaration and Acceptance of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on June 18, 2014 and thereafter, filed a notice of Acceptance of a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on June 17, 2015 in the Environmental Notice Bulletin; and

WHEREAS, the Department 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 amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is requested to determine whether the Final Amendments to the 2005 Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Unit Management Plan, the 1995 Lake Harris Public Campground Unit Management Plan, the 2000 Camp Santanoni Historic Area Unit Management Plan with an associated River Management Plan for the Boreas River (Community Connector Trail Plan) dated, May, 2015, are consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the proposed Community Connector Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment recognizes the need to protect the natural resources, improve public use and enjoyment of the area, avoid user conflicts and prevent overuse according to the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Amendments propose to provide a snowmobile and multi-use trail recreational trail system in the Towns of Minerva, Newcomb and North Hudson, Essex County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Final Amendments to the 2005 Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Unit Management Plan, the 1995 Lake Harris Public Campground Unit Management Plan, the 2000 Camp Santanoni Historic Area Unit Management Plan with an associated River Management Plan for the Boreas River (Community Connector Trail Plan) dated, May, 2015, conform with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; 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.

Resolution adopted on this date, July 9, 2015.

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ABSTENTIONS:

ABSENT:

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