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TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Terry Martino
Executive Director

From: Kathy Regan
Deputy Director, Planning

Date: November 4, 2015

Re: Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS)
for amendments to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan
(APSLMP)

Staff, in consultation with Department of Environmental Conservation (Department), have drafted an Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for several amendments to the APSLMP, including major changes to basic guidelines, minor changes, and ministerial changes.

Major Changes to Basic Guidelines

This category includes the two items the Agency agreed to consider following the 2013 Resolution for the Classification of the Essex Chain Lakes Tract and Indian River Tract:

- a) Revision of Master Plan guidelines for Primitive Areas to allow for the use of All-Terrain Bicycles on appropriate all-season roads able to withstand such use on the Essex Chain Lakes Tract west of the Hudson River. Alternatives include:
 - No Action
 - Amend Primitive Guidelines to allow biking on former all season roads in Essex Chain Lake Tract and amend area description(s).
 - Expand Bicycle use to all Primitive Areas.

- b) The use of non-natural materials for bridge construction on the Cedar River. Alternatives include:
 - No Action

- Allow the use of non-natural materials for the construction of the bridge crossing the Cedar River.
- Allow the possible use of non-natural materials on bridge designs in Wild Forest areas following a minimum requirements decision approach. The guidelines for this analysis would be developed by the Agency and the Department and added as an appendix to the MOU between the Agency and the Department for the management of State lands. The intent would be to enable the design of a stronger bridge that would be less intrusive to the natural environment.

Minor Changes

The proposed action includes updating terms such as “State Truck Trail” to “Administrative Road” and “All Terrain Bicycle” to “Bicycle”, adding definitions for terms which are referenced in the guidelines but not defined (Administrative personnel, Bicycle Trail, Horse mounting platform), etc.

Ministerial Changes

The proposed action includes grammatical corrections, updates to figures, removing the names of Agency Members no longer serving on the Board and other additions or deletions that would not change the meaning of the document.

Staff are requesting acceptance of the DSEIS and authorization to proceed to Public Hearing.