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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: Essex Chain Lakes Complex Proposed Final UMP
APSLMP Compliance

This Proposed Final UMP is for the Essex Chain Lakes Complex, which includes the Essex Chain Lakes and Pine Lake Primitive Areas and sections of the Blue Mountain and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forests. This UMP also serves as a Final Rivers Area Management Plan for the Hudson and Cedar Rivers.

The Agency has received 154 public comments on this UMP. Areas of concern were focused on the following topics: Wild, Scenic, Recreational Rivers Act, The proposed Community Connector Trail between Indian Lake and Minerva, the designated parking area between Fourth and Fifth Lakes (aka "The Tube"), and bicycle use in Primitive Areas.

The Department has modified the Proposed Final UMP since it was released to the public in September of 2015 to address comments made by the public concerning conformance with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP. The changes appear in a red-lined version and address areas that were of the greatest concern to Agency staff. For instance, in sections where a change to the APSLMP is necessary to find a future action in conformance with the APSLMP, the UMP now states that the activity will be undertaken in conformance with the APSLMP. This change means that proposed activities such as construction of a bridge on non-natural materials or bicycling in primitive areas after the expiration of the lessees' use may only occur if the the APSLMP amendments are approved and accepted by the Governor.

Agency staff had reviewed the Proposed Final UMP for the Essex Chain Lakes Complex, dated November 2015, and found the plan conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. In addition staff have reviewed the alternatives for the proposed community connector snowmobile trail between Indian Lake and Minerva and find that the Preferred Alternative conforms to

the guidelines of the Management Guidance: Snowmobile Trail Siting, Construction and Maintenance on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park (2009).

A draft resolution is included with this memorandum and the amended UMP for your consideration.