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Chairwoman

**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  
Summary of Public Comment

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. These comments have been organized into areas of concern under the following topics:

- Wild, Scenic, Recreational Rivers Act
- Motorized Access-Motor Vehicles
- Motorized Access-Float Planes
- Motorized Access-Snowmobile Trails
- Existing Buildings and Historical Status
- Mountain Bikes in Essex Chain Lakes Primitive Area
- Horses and Horseback Riding
- APSLMP should be amended prior to action on the UMP
- Non-natural Materials
- Article XIV of the New York State Constitution
- Natural Resource Preservation is Paramount

The summary of the comments, along with the responses, is attached.