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TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino
Executive Director

FROM: Kathy Regan
Deputy Director of Planning

DATE: November 4, 2015

RE: Staff UMP Conformance Review and Summary of Public Comments
2015 Whiteface Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use UMP Amendment

State land staff have completed review of the Proposed Final Draft Whiteface Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use UMP Amendment (2015) and the public comments submitted to the Agency regarding this amendment.

The Agency received three letters during our public comment period, all in support of the proposed renovation of Porcupine Lodge and the addition to it of a non-permanent deck. In one letter, DEC and ORDA were urged to ensure the proposed renovation, construction and maintenance activities occur outside of the normal nesting season for the Bicknell's Thrush. Construction during this threatened species breeding season could reduce its breeding success. DEC and ORDA have revised the Amendment accordingly to clarify that work will occur outside of the breeding season.

In staff's opinion, the Proposed Final UMP Amendment to the 2004 Whiteface Mountain Ski Center UMP, dated November 2015, conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.