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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY  
WITH RESPECT TO THE  
WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN SKI CENTER INTENSIVE USE AREA  
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMMENDMENT**

Proposed for Adoption  
by the Adirondack Park Agency  
November 13, 2015

WHEREAS, section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency, individual management plans for units of land classified in the Adirondack Park State Land Master (APSLMP) and requires such management plans to conform to the guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the APSLMP 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 guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, the DEC has prepared an amendment to the 2004 unit management plan for the Whiteface Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use Area (2004 Plan) on behalf of ORDA, dated November 2015, which includes a proposal to rehabilitate Porcupine Lodge located near Lookout Mountain and the Wilmington Trail including the construction of a non-permanent deck next to Porcupine Lodge; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of Porcupine Lodge will allow ORDA to serve the general skiing public by providing a warming hut and modest offerings of light food and warm beverages; and

WHEREAS, this action is a Type I action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617 and 9 NYCRR 586 for which the Olympic Regional Development Agency is the lead agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Adirondack Park Agency are involved Agencies; and

WHEREAS, a negative declaration stating that DEC has determined that the proposed amendment will not have a significant adverse environmental impact was filed in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on October 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Agency established a public comment period on conformance of the draft unit management plan amendment with the APSLMP, which ran from October 8, 2015 through October 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Agency and DEC/ORDA received a total of five written comments during the respective public comment periods regarding the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has reviewed the proposed Whiteface Ski Center Intensive Use Area Unit Management Plan Amendment for conformance with the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, DEC/ORDA have revised the proposed amendment to clarify that mitigation measures outlined in the 2004 Plan to protect Bicknell's thrush during its breeding season from harm that could be caused by ORDA's proposed renovation, construction and maintenance activities will be taken by ORDA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Whiteface Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use Area Unit Management Plan Amendment, dated November 2015, conforms with the 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 and the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Olympic Regional Development Authority of the Agency's determination in this matter.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: