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Draft Minutes
State Lands Committee
February 11, 2016 Agency Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE STATE LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 11, 2016**

The State Lands Committee convened at approximately 10:15 a.m.

State Land Committee Members Present

Richard Booth, Chair, Sherman Craig, Arthur Lussi, William Thomas, Robert Stegemann.

Other Members and Designees Present

Karen Feldman, Daniel Wilt, Dierdre Scozzafava, Bradley Austin.

Local Government Review Board

Fred Monroe.

Agency Staff Present

Terry Martino, James Townsend, Kathy Regan, Kevin Prickett, Walter Linck.

Approval of the Draft October Committee Minutes

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by Richard Booth and was seconded by Sherman Craig. All were in favor.

Planning Division Report (Kathy Regan)

Kathy Regan reviewed the division report. Mr. Booth asked about the status of the proposed ski trail guidance and the primitive tent site guidance. Ms. Regan stated that both Department and Agency staff believe additional work is needed on these items. Mr. Booth said that the Agency Board should be apprised when items require additional review by staff. He also suggested that staff seek more Agency Board input on these types of items. Mr. Lussi stated he would like more Board discussion prior to making a decision. Ms. Feldman concurred and stated that she would like to see the whole discussion instead of seeing pieces of information that has been edited by staff. Mr. Craig stated that receiving approximately 800 comments on a CD only two days prior to a Board meeting does not allow enough time for review. He would like to receive the information sooner.

Santanoni Historic Area UMP (Kevin Prickett)

Kevin Prickett presented the draft UMP. He reviewed the proposed management actions which include construction of a new pole barn, fire protection measures site-wide, construction of a replica dairy barn on the original foundation, and a recommendation to extend the Historic Area classification boundary to include the apple orchard and the farm garden through a separate reclassification process. This separate process would also include reclassification of the same amount of acreage from Historic to Wild Forest.

Mr. Booth asked where the funds would come from for the rebuild of the dairy barn. Mr. Prickett responded he was unaware of where the funds would be taken from; the focus of his review was primarily on Master Plan compliance.

Mr. Craig asked if there is language within the SLMP that requires returning Historic Area acreage when taking acreage away from another classification category. Mr. Townsend responded that in this instance, the action is more to echo the history of the Camp Santanoni Historic Area when it was first created. He noted that at that time the area was classified, the footprints were carefully defined and limited. Article XIV also governs activities and tightly constrains the classification. Mr. Booth agreed and stated that what was done years ago was part of a compromise and what is proposed today is a continuation of that compromise.

Mr. Lussi and Mr. Booth asked if and when a reclassification might take place. Ms. Regan responded it is likely to occur later this year when a larger reclassification package is prepared.

Ms. Feldman stated it appears that little or no maintenance has occurred in the orchard area. Mr. Prickett responded that much of the management in this area has been focused on vegetation management.

Mr. Prickett stated that Agency staff believe the proposed amendment conforms to the Master Plan and referred the committee to a draft resolution. Motion was made by Mr. Stegemann to approve the draft resolution and move it to the full Agency for approval. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Black River Wild Forest UMP Amendment (Michael Marsh, DEC)

Michael Marsh, DEC Forrester, presented the draft UMP amendment. He reviewed the proposed snowmobile trails. DEC will seek another draft amendment before presenting a final UMP amendment to the Agency.

Mr. Booth asked if the proposed community connector trail parallels the road corridor. Mr. Marsh responded affirmatively. Mr. Marsh stated that the redundant trail is proposed to be closed. He noted that the base mileage prior to amendment is 67.5 and

will be 60.1 upon approval of the amendment. Mr. Lussi referred to page 25 and asked if the 79.8 mile figure was erroneous. Mr. Marsh responded affirmatively. Mr. Lussi noted that the error must not have been caught during the 2004 amendment process. Mr. Marsh responded that the 2004 amendment did not review snowmobile trails.

Mr. Booth commented that the existing maps might confuse the reader and suggested that staff prepare conceptual maps. Mr. Marsh agreed to consider the suggestion.

Mr. Craig noted that the Great South Woods includes the unit and asked why this area had not been included in the discussion. Mr. Stegemann responded that the UMPs will be influenced by the Great South Woods plan but current proposals should not be stalled because the Great South Woods plan has not been completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Remsen/Lake Placid Travel Corridor Amendment (Walter Linck)

Walter Linck presented the UMP amendment, jointly developed by DEC and DOT to add a new preferred alternative. Alternative 7 will extended rail service from Remsen to Tupper Lake (segment 1) approximately 85 miles. Segment 2 is a proposed multi-use recreation trail from Tupper Lake to Lake Placid approximately 34 miles in length. The proposal is for DOT to retain jurisdiction for the entire corridor, but to grant responsibility for maintenance to DEC on segment 2.

Walter Linck stated that the staff recommendation is that the proposed amendment is in conformance with SLMP.

Mr. Craig asked if removing the rails would cause the Travel Corridor Area to revert back to the original classification of that land. Mr. Townsend responded that there is no underlying classification for the Travel Corridor Area regardless of the placement of rails.

Ms. Feldman asked if the definition of travel corridor depends on actual use and if the rails are to be removed, would the area still then be considered a travel corridor.

Mr. Booth stated what is being proposed does make sense however he believes the problem is that the current SLMP defines the area as a rail corridor and noted that an amendment to the language in the SLMP should be made first.

Mr. Townsend stated that the definition that refers to the Remsen Lake Placid right-of-way is not a limiting term. It is designated as a travel corridor within the SLMP and can be used for various purposes. Therefore, it is not necessary to amend the SLMP.

Mr. Booth stated he believes a delay was necessary in consideration of the proposed UMP until the SLMP is amended to correct the definition of travel corridor and moved that the item be delayed accordingly. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Craig then moved to adopt the draft resolution and present the UMP amendment to the full Agency for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Mr. Lussi, Mr. Craig, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Stegemann were in favor of the motion. Mr. Booth was opposed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately at 2:15 p.m. .