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Draft Minutes
State Lands Committee
March 10, 2016 Agency Meeting

**MINUTES OF THE STATE LANDS COMMITTEE MEETING
March 10, 2016**

The State Lands Committee convened at approximately 10:30 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 February Committee Minutes

A motion to approve the draft committee minutes was made by Mr. Craig and was seconded by Mr. Stegemann. All were in favor.

Planning Division Report (Kathy Regan)

Ms. Regan reviewed the division report. She discussed the LEAN process in which Agency and Department staff have been engaged. The overall goal is to streamline the review process for unit management plans and several working groups have been formed. One objective that Agency staff have identified is developing a checklist and consistent internal review procedures for SLMP compliance review of UMPs.

Ms. Regan noted the public comment period has closed for the Primitive Tent Site guidance and the Cross Country (XC) Ski Trail guidance. Regarding Primitive Tent Site Guidance, public comment and additional staff reviews revealed that ADA compliance issues need to be better addressed. An updated document should be forthcoming which will need to be released for public comment. Regarding XC Ski Trail guidance, questions were raised during the public comment period that the proposed XC Ski Trail

guidance was not in conformance with the State Land Master Plan. Staff of both the Agency and the Department will address these concerns. In conclusion she noted that staff continues to be involved with the core team review of The Great South Woods Area.

State Land Master Plan Amendments (Kathy Regan)

Staff sought Board acceptance of the FSEIS for the proposed amendments to the State Land Master Plan. Ms. Regan discussed the review process to date and presented the proposed amendments with the preferred alternatives.

Discussion ensued regarding the minimum requirements approach analysis proposal concerning the use of non-natural materials for bridge construction. Mr. Booth stated that the proposed language defining the minimum requirements approach analysis does not state clearly the parameters that would be used in such an analysis. Mr. Townsend responded that any new bridge proposal would be included in a draft unit management plan which would come before the Agency for final approval and adoption. Mr. Booth responded that the State Land Master Plan is a policy document and should therefore set forth the basic principles guiding the development of future unit management plans. Mr. Stegemann stated that the guidelines would set forth the acceptable requirements and would be instrumental in the crafting of the unit management plans that would come before the Agency for approval. Mr. Booth responded that he believed the language in the proposed amendment of the State Land Master Plan leaves open the possibility for proposals that exceed what the original intent of the Master Plan was.

Mr. Craig moved the FSEIS and resolution as written, including the appendices, for acceptance by the committee. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Mr. Booth countered the motion asking to delay for one month and table the item. Mr. Booth's motion to table failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Booth then offered an amendment to the motion on the table to delete the second whereas clause on page 3 of the draft resolution regarding parking near the tube area of the unit and the amendment made to the area description for Blue Mountain Wild Forest. The amendment to the motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Monroe stated that local governments are concerned that the existing drainage structures are proposed to be removed and asked what the intent is to replace them to avoid potential erosion issues. Mr. Stegemann responded that the Department is comfortable with the amendment to the APSLMP as written and is confident that the culvert issue will be addressed by staff.

Ms. Feldman asked for further clarification of the all-season roads that are proposed to be converted to trails. Ms. Regan responded that currently these are old logging roads that are wide and have non-conforming drainage structures. The proposal is to remove the non-conforming culverts and to make the roads narrower and trail-like in character.

Ms. Feldman referred to page 56 of Appendix B and asked why the language regarding the travel corridor spanning from Remsen to Lake Placid was added. Ms. Regan responded that staff edited the section Ms. Feldman was referring to for consistency. Ms. Feldman then referred to the date references on page 26 of Appendix B and asked if the dates should be edited. Ms. Regan responded staff decided to maintain the dates as originally written. Additional ministerial edits were discussed.

Mr. Booth then made a motion to amend the draft resolution and all necessary places within the FSEIS regarding the use of natural materials to the Alternative 2 proposal (the use of non-natural materials for only the bridge over the Cedar River) as the preferred alternative. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Booth then made a motion to amend the draft resolution to select the Alternative 2A proposal (the use of bicycles in the Essex and Pine Lake Primitive Areas without the use of motor vehicles and motorized equipment) as the preferred alternative. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Mr. Lussi asked for further discussion of Mr. Booth's last motion to select Alternative 2A as the preferred Alternative for the use of bicycles in the Essex and Pine Lake Primitive Areas. Mr. Booth responded the Agency is being asked to make two very large changes to the State Land Master Plan regarding what is permissible within Primitive Areas. He added that he believes the impacts of Alternative 2A are less than the impacts would be from Alternative 2B. Mr. Lussi then seconded Mr. Booth's motion to select Alternative 2A as the preferred alternative. Ms. Ulrich asked staff to again review their preferred alternative.

Ms. Regan stated staff were comfortable with Alternative 2B as the work plan will be overseen by Agency staff prior to any work being undertaken, and the proposal is to maintain the roads as trails, not roads, and will be done on a limited basis.

Mr. Booth called for a vote to amend the draft resolution to accept the preferred alternative as Alternative 2A. Mr. Lussi was in favor. Mr. Thomas, Mr. Stegemann, and Mr. Craig were opposed. The motion failed.

Discussion continued regarding the intent of the original purchase and the various commitments that were made to integrate the land into the Forest Preserve.

Mr. Booth then called for a motion to accept the draft resolution for approval of the FSEIS and appendices as they are written and to move the item to the full Agency for approval. Mr. Craig made the motion and was seconded by Mr. Thomas. Mr. Lussi and Mr. Stegemann were in favor. Mr. Booth opposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 1:05 p.m.

Lake Durant Campground UMP (Josh Houghton, DEC)
Eighth Lake Campground UMP
Limekiln Lake Campground UMP

These UMPs were presented for informational purposes only.

Josh Houghton gave an overview of the Generic Unit Management Plan that exists for all campgrounds and then gave specifics for the UMPs proposed for each of these campgrounds. He reviewed the general management objectives as well as attendance and revenue data for each unit.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m.