



**SHERMAN CRAIG**  
Chairman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

**RESOLUTION  
ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY  
WITH RESPECT TO  
THE MOOSE RIVER PLAINS WILD FOREST  
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT**

**March 9, 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (Executive Law, Article 27), directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (Master Plan) and requires the unit management plans to conform to the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan conforms with such general guidelines and criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has adopted a unit management plan for the Moose River Plains Wild Forest Area in January 2011; the unit includes lands in the Towns of Webb and Ohio in Herkimer County and the Towns of Arietta, Inlet, Long Lake, Lake Pleasant and Morehouse in Hamilton County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has prepared a draft unit management plan amendment for the Moose River Plains Wild Forest (the Plan) dated January, 2017 which proposes an overall framework for mountain biking, trail construction and proposes new or expanded parking opportunities and ADA accessible facilities along Route 28; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan contained a commitment to work with groups, individuals and communities to develop a comprehensive mountain bike plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive mountain bike plan was completed in December 2013 and certain trail proposals from the comprehensive plan have been included within this amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has declared the Plan to be a type II Action under SEQR and published a notice seeking public comment in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on June 8, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department is the lead agency, and the Agency is an involved agency whose staff have been consulted in the preparation of the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency is requested to determine whether the Plan dated January, 2017, conforms with the standards and guidelines of the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency has reviewed the Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan recognizes the need to improve public use and enjoyment of the area, avoid user conflicts and protect the resources of the area by preventing overuse and directing use to specific areas according to the guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Plan's objectives include providing reasonable public access where appropriate in order to provide improved recreational experiences while minimizing resource impacts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Moose River Plains Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment, dated January, 2017, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Adirondack Park Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSTENTIONS:**

**ABSENT:**