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TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino
Executive Director

FROM: Kathy Regan
Deputy Director, Planning

DATE: April 4, 2018

RE: Staff UMP Conformance Review and Summary of Public Comments for
2018 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 (2018) and the public comments submitted to the Agency regarding this amendment.

The Agency's public comment period ran from March 12, 2018 through March 26, 2018. The Agency received fourteen letters or emails. The majority of comments addressed management actions proposed in the amendment rather than conformance with the management guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. Comments pertaining to the conformance included:

- Concerns of tree cutting for a new lodge facility;
- The importance of detailed trail inventory, particularly as it relates to measuring trail mileage;
- Concerns to ensure the proposed renovation, construction and maintenance activities occur outside of the normal nesting season for the Bicknell's Thrush.

Changes were made to the amendment to clarify the trail inventory and to specifically reference guidance for construction activities in the Bicknell Thrush's habitat.

In staff's opinion, the Proposed Final UMP Amendment to the 2004 Whiteface Mountain Ski Center UMP, dated April 2018, conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.