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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Kathy Regan, Deputy Director of Planning

DATE: August 1, 2018

RE: Staff Review of the 2018 Olympic Sports Complex at Mount Van Hoevenberg Intensive Use Area UMP Amendment

For Agency Board consideration, please find included on the Agency mailing CD the Proposed Final Draft of the 2018 Olympic Sports Complex at Mount Van Hoevenberg Intensive Use Area UMP Amendment, dated August 2018. Based on the attached draft resolution, Agency staff recommend a determination by the Agency Board that the UMP amendment complies with Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

The UMP amendment proposes meeting international standards for bobsled, luge, biathlon and cross country skiing under developed, competitive conditions in a setting and on a scale that are in harmony with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Adirondack Park. A variety of construction activities are aimed at improving the quality of facilities at Mount Van Hoevenberg by enhancing existing activities and developing new opportunities to provide greater use of the complex.

On July 13, 2018 the Agency Board authorized staff to proceed to public comment for the proposed UMP amendment. The public comment period ran from July 13 – July 27, 2018. Five public comment letters were received during this period. Two public comment letters were received prior to the public comment period.

The majority of comments were in support of the UMP amendment. One comment addressed concerns on the amount of light emitted from the complex at night. The UMP amendment includes several proposals to address lighting exposure, including replacing outdated and not dark-sky friendly lighting with full cutoff lighting (no light emitted above horizontal or all light is projected downward), mounting lights at a level below the tree canopy height, and using photocells, timers and motion sensors to control lighting.

Staff recommend adoption by the Agency Board of the attached resolution determining that the proposed August 2018 UMP Amendment conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.