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Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Kathy Regan

DATE: August 1, 2018

RE: Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS)

Gore Mountain Reclassification Actions and Unit Management Plan (UMP)
Amendment Approval

For Agency Board consideration, please find attached a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) for the proposed reclassifications of Gore Mountain Intensive Use Area, Vanderwhacker Wild Forest, and Siamese Ponds Wilderness lands and an accompanying, proposed UMP amendment for the lands reclassified as Intensive Use. Also attached please find a recommended Agency Board resolution:

- (1) adopting the FSEIS and making required findings pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA);
- (2) determining that the proposed reclassification actions meet the guidelines and criteria set forth in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP); and
- (3) determining that the UMP amendment for the Gore Mountain Intensive Use Area conforms with the APSLMP.

In June of 2018 the APA, in consultation with the DEC, drafted a DSEIS which proposed to approve two reclassification actions involving the Gore Mountain Intensive Use Area:

- (1) The addition of 38.7 acres of the Gore Mountain Intensive Use Area to the Siamese Pond Wilderness Area; and
- (2) The addition of 29.0 acres of the Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Area to the Gore Mountain Intensive Use Area.

DEC, in consultation with the Agency and the Olympic Regional Development Authority, drafted an accompanying UMP amendment for Gore Mountain Intensive Use Area which proposes a ski lift realignment and new alpine trail ski construction. The draft UMP amendment was included as an appendix to the DSEIS and was described in the DSEIS as part of the Preferred Alternative accompanying the proposed reclassification actions.

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On June 7, 2018 the Agency Board accepted the DSEIS for the proposed reclassification actions and UMP amendment and authorized staff to seek public comment and to hold public hearings on the proposals. Two public hearings were held: June 27, 2018 in Albany and June 28, 2018 in North Creek. Fourteen people attended and three people spoke at the hearings. The public comment period ran from June 13 through July 13, 2018. During the public comment period APA and DEC received four comment letters, all of which were in support of both the proposed reclassification actions and the UMP amendment.

The FSEIS has been developed in compliance with the substantive and procedural requirements of SEQRA. Staff have reviewed the proposed reclassification actions and UMP amendment and believe that they comply with the APSLMP.