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MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Kathy Regan, Supervisor of Natural Resource Analysis

DATE: November 1, 2018

RE: Staff Review of the 2018 Amendment to the Generic Unit Management Plan for Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations)

For Agency Board consideration, please find included on the Agency mailing CD the Proposed Final Draft of the 2018 Generic Unit Management Plan amendment to the Campground and Day-Use Areas (Electric Vehicle Charging Stations), dated October 2018 (October 2018 UMP Amendment). Agency staff recommend a determination by the Agency Board that the UMP amendment complies with Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP), and a draft resolution is attached.

The UMP amendment proposes the construction of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations at Intensive Use Area facilities which include Public Campgrounds and Day-Use Areas managed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Division of Operations. The EV charging stations will provide the public an opportunity to charge electric vehicles when using DEC campgrounds and day-use areas.

On September 13, 2018 the Agency Board authorized staff to proceed to public comment for the proposed UMP amendment. The public comment period ran from September 13 through October 12, 2018. The Agency did not receive any public comment letters during this period.

The Department did receive one letter that addressed APSLMP conformance and shared that letter with the Agency. That comment addressed a concern that the amendment does not conform to the APSLMP because Guideline 1 for Campgrounds states:

All campgrounds will be of a rustic nature without utility hookups and other elaborate facilities customarily provided by private campgrounds. (2016 APSLMP, page 43)

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Staff believe this guideline was developed to prevent utility hookups at individual campsites and to ensure DEC campgrounds were not competing with private campgrounds offering more facilities. The guideline does not otherwise prohibit providing or using electricity in DEC campgrounds, which do provide electrical outlets in campground buildings such as bathrooms and the registration building.

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