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

Proposed for Adoption
by the Adirondack Park Agency
November 9, 2018

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act) directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) 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 (APSLMP) and requires such management plans to conform to the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the APSLMP prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan (UMP) complies with such guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, DEC adopted a UMP for the Grass River Wild Forest in 1990 (1990 Plan); and

WHEREAS, DEC amended the 1990 Plan in 1993 to provide for bicycle trails, and in 2004 to provide for the Lampson Falls Accessible Trail; and

WHEREAS, DEC issued a new draft UMP in September 2016 (2016 Draft UMP) and, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, DEC determined that the 2016 Draft UMP would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and filed notice thereof in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on September 14, 2016 and November 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, DEC held a public hearing on the 2016 Draft UMP, in conjunction with a hearing on the Grass River Conservation Easement Recreation Management Plan, on October 3, 2016 in Colton, NY and accepted public comments on the 2016 Draft UMP from September 14, 2016 until December 15, 2016; and

WHEREAS, DEC presented a Proposed Final UMP, dated June 2018 (June 2018 Proposed Final UMP) to the Agency on June 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Agency established a public comment period on conformance of the June 2018 Proposed Final UMP with the APSLMP, which ran from June 7, 2018 through July 13, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Agency received seven written comments during the public comment period which generally supported the June 2018 Proposed Final UMP; and

WHEREAS, the Agency reviewed these public comments regarding APSLMP conformance during Agency staff's November 8, 2018 presentation; and

WHEREAS, DEC has finalized the new UMP, dated November 2018 (November 2018 Proposed Final UMP), and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the foregoing recitals, the November 2018 Proposed Final UMP, Agency staff's November 1, 2018 Memorandum, Agency staff's November 8, 2018 presentation, public comment, and the deliberations of Agency Board Members and Designees at the Agency's November 8-9, 2018 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Agency finds the November 2018 Proposed Final UMP for the Grass River Wild Forest conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

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

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: