



**Adirondack
Park Agency**

Wild Forest Basic Guideline No. 4

No Material Increase Alternative #4

February 8, 2023

No Material Increase Interpretation Alternatives

NMI Alternative 1: 15% increase in road mileage

This alternative is consistent with the 2008 snowmobile trail NMI interpretation. Snowmobile trail and road mileage are both limited by Wild Forest basic guideline No. 4, such that the same threshold for what constitutes a material increase could be established for each.

NMI Alternative 2: Increase more than 15%

This alternative accounts for the fact that there is no replacement of road mileage closed due to reclassification of Wild Forest to Wilderness, Primitive, or Canoe areas (unlike snowmobile trails, see SLMP page 38). The Board would have to set the percentage or mileage increase if this alternative is pursued.

NMI Alternative 3: Increase less than 15%

This alternative recognizes that the SLMP treats roads and snowmobile trails differently in the SLMP, in the sense that snowmobile mileage that is lost due to reclassification may be replaced, but there is no such provision for roads. The Board would have to set the percentage or mileage increase if this alternative is pursued

No Material Increase Alternative 4

NMI Alternative 4:

The current estimated mileage of roads in lands classified as Wild Forest, 206.6 miles, does not constitute a material increase in road mileage since 1972, nor would increases of mileage up to and including the 1972 estimated mileage of 211.6.

Additional Considerations

Visitor Use Management Framework:

Board members have been discussing the potential role of a visitor use management framework (VUMF) in assessing road impacts and conditions and in informing management decisions. Staff are working on drafting desired conditions for roads.



Additional Considerations

Other Provisions of the SLMP:

Any proposals for the opening and/or maintenance of roads or CP-3 routes on Wild Forest lands shall be considered through the UMP process, and such proposals shall demonstrate adherence to desired conditions for Wild Forest roads, particularly in maintaining "wild forest character" as identified in Wild Forest Roads and Administrative Roads Guideline #3 (SLMP Page 38) and "wild forest atmosphere" identified in Wild Forest Basic Guideline #1 (SLMP Page 35).

Additional Considerations

Existing & Future Roads & CP-3 Routes:

Existing roads and CP-3 routes that have been approved in UMPs have been found by the board to be in conformance with the State Land Master Plan. All future proposed CP-3 routes must meet desired conditions set forth for roads regardless of whether the board determines that these routes meet the definition of road per the SLMP.

Road Mileage In Other Land Classifications:

The mileage of roads open for public use of motorized vehicles on lands under the jurisdiction of DEC in existing areas classified as Primitive, Historic, or Intensive Use will not be subject to Wild Forest Basic Guideline #4 but will be documented in the UMP process.

Questions? Discussion?



Public Comment on NMI Alt #4

The APA will accept public comments on No Material Increase Alternative #4 through **March 13, 2023**.

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