

Changes to Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

- Page 5 – Revised Executive Summary to reflect date of acceptance of DSEIS as well as public hearing and public comment information:

The public was provided with the opportunity to comment at three public hearings and to submit written comments during the scheduled timeframe (October 12- November 27, 2023). Agency staff considered all public input that was received during the comment period and have incorporated those comments as well as the State response into the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS). This FSEIS provides a basis for SEQRA compliance and for evaluation of the proposed classification recommendations as required by the APSLMP.

- Page 6 – Updated Summary of Proposed Action to include information about public hearing attendance and number of written comments received:

There were thirteen total members of the public in attendance at the hearings. The public was provided an opportunity to provide oral comments at the public hearings and to submit written comments between October 12 and November 27, 2023. A total of five written comment letters received. Agency staff considered comments on the proposed alternatives and have incorporated them into the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS). The FSEIS includes a written response to public comments and final alternatives.

- Page 34 – Additional justification provided for Intensive Use classification for FR-6-D under “Intangible Characteristics”:

FR-6-A, FR-6-C and FR-6-D offer limited intangible resources, for example a sense of adventure, freedom, self reliance, solitude, and discovery. Visitors may experience a connection with nature and natural surroundings. FR-6-D’s intangible characteristics are impacted by the abutting Remsen-Lake Placid Travel Corridor to the north and Rollins Pond Campground to the south. Campsites and a supporting access road at Rollins Pond Campground are approximately 500 feet away. The lands of FR-6-D can absorb human use without detracting from the overall character of the area. The rail corridor is a well-defined boundary for the Intensive Use Area’s northern extent.

- Page 35 – Added language regarding the 2006 Blue Ridge Wilderness UMP to the section on HA-6-B under “Environmental Setting”:

The 2006 UMP for the Blue Ridge Wilderness identifies the septic system as a non-conforming improvement and contains a management action related to the reclassification of the area.

- Page 47 – Added the following language under “Alternative Regional Boundaries”:

FR-6-D is also proposed for reclassification to clarify boundaries and more accurately represent the character of the area abutting the campground and the travel corridor on the north end of Rollins Pond. Other boundaries could have been selected but they would have left portions of land classified as Wild Forest in an area with the character of Intensive Use.

- Added new Appendix C – Written Comments Received.
- Added new Appendix D – Response to Comments Received.
- Added new Appendix E – Changes to FSEIS.
- Added new Appendix F – Changes to Area Descriptions.
- Updated Appendix B – Adjusted classification boundary for ES-2 (East Branch Ausable – Jay).
- Updated Appendix A – Reflected accurate acreage as a result of adjusted classification boundary for ES-2 (East Branch Ausable – Jay). The total acreage of the parcel was changed from 149.1 to 134.5 acres. Corrected the total acreage for parcel FR-2 from 59.7 to 40.6 acres.