

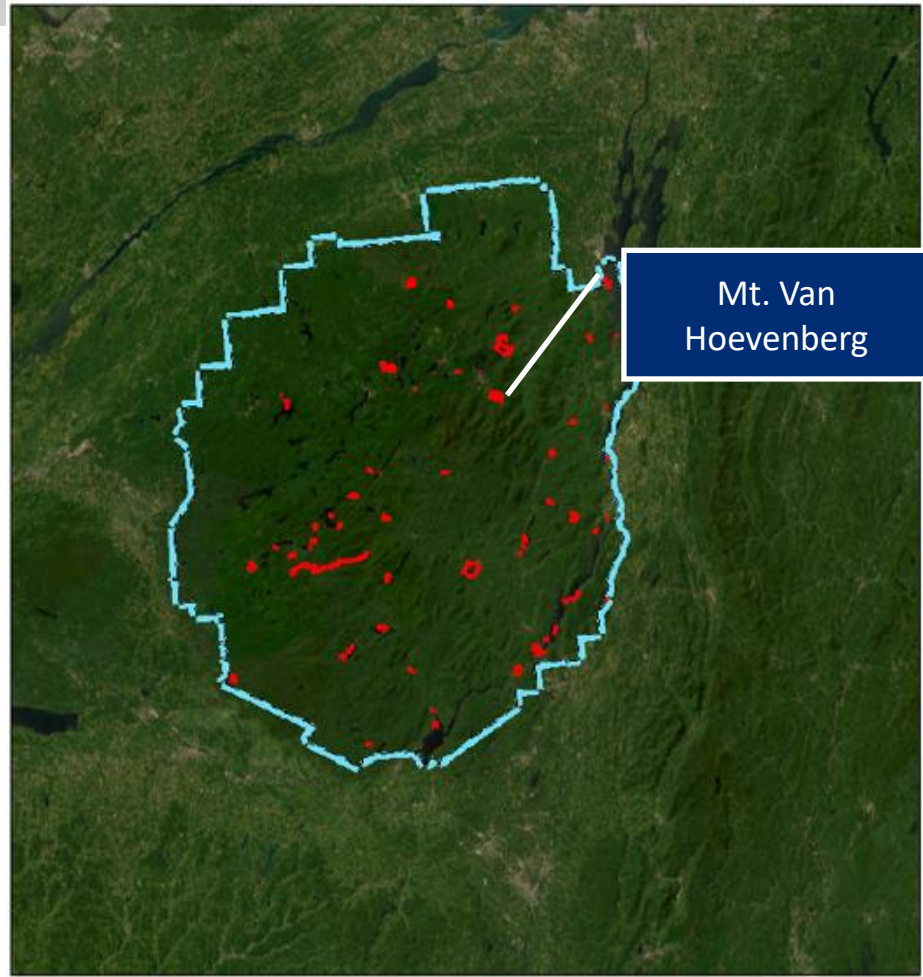


**Adirondack
Park Agency**

Mt Van Hoevenberg Intensive Use Area

2025 Amendment to the 1986 UMP

January 9th, 2025



Mt. Van Hoevenberg

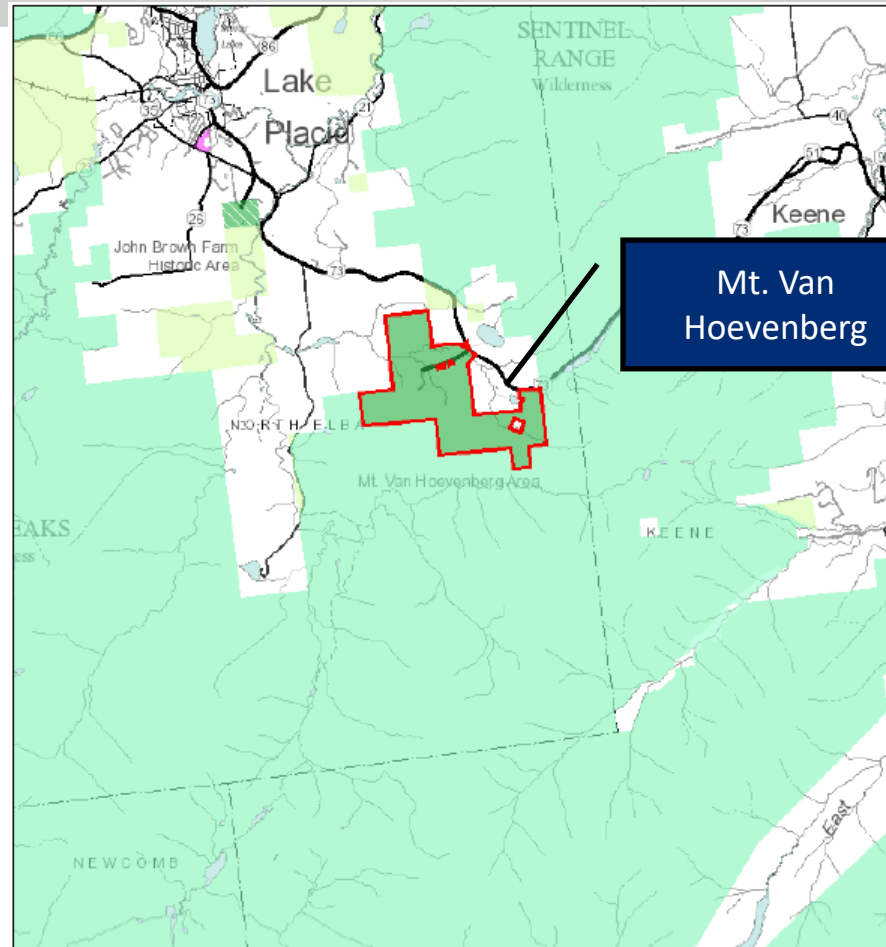
10/10/2024, 9:08:49 AM This is advisory only, not to be used to confirm exact boundary location or for determining Agency jurisdiction.

1:2,311,162

- Forest Preserve
- Intensive Use Area
- Intensive Use Areas
- Park Boundary Blueline

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere

NYS Adirondack Park Agency
Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar, Geographics, and the GIS User Community



10/16/2024, 9:38:29 AM This is advisory only, not to be used to confirm exact boundary location or for determining Agency jurisdiction.

1:144,448

- | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Intensive Use Areas | Canoe Area | State Administrative |
| Intensive Use Areas | Primitive Area | Pending Classification |
| Park Boundary Blue line | Wild Forest | Water |
| SLMP | Intensive Use | Water |
| Wilderness | Historic | |

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere

NYS Adirondack Park Agency

**Adirondack Park State
Land Master Plan
Conformance Review**

State Ownerships (APSLMP at 1-2)

“While the Act does not define the term “state lands,” the Agency has interpreted it to mean land held in the name of, owned by or under long-term lease to the State of New York or a state agency. In addition, due to the extensive State control in the form of a permanent easement over the North Elba Park District lands on Mt. Van Hoevenberg, these lands have also been considered State lands for the purposes of the Plan.”

Guidelines for Management and Use – Basic Guidelines (APSLMP at 41)

Primary management guideline will be to provide:

- public opportunities for recreation
- in a setting and scale in harmony with the relatively wild and undeveloped character of the Adirondack Park

Guidelines for Management and Use – Basic Guidelines (APSLMP at 41)

All intensive use facilities should be located, designed and managed:

- to blend with the Adirondack environment;
- to have minimum adverse impact on surrounding state and private lands

Guidelines for Management and Use – Basic Guidelines (APSLMP at 41 & 42)

Construction and development activities will:

- avoid material alteration of wetlands;
- minimize extensive topographic alterations;
- limit vegetative clearing;
- preserve the scenic, natural and open space resources of the intensive use area.

Ski Areas and the Mt Van Hoevenberg Recreation Area (APSLMP at 45)

"The Mt. Van Hoevenberg Recreation Area should be maintained as a year-round sports facility meeting international standards for such sports as bobsled, luge, biathlon and cross country skiing on improved cross country ski trails under developed, competitive conditions."

APSLMP Conformance Review

The 2025 Mt Van Hoevenberg UMP Amendment's proposed management actions:

- Sliding Sports Complex Developments
- World Cup Mountain Biking Developments
- Wax Cabins

APSLMP Conformance Review

Sliding Sports Complex Developments

Repair/Maintenance

1. Repair Track Curves 6, 7, and 8

Expansion/Extension of Existing Facilities

2. Expand Elevated Walkways for Track Maintenance and Spectator Access
3. Extend/Upgrade Water and Sewer Services
4. Alpine Coaster Spectator Improvements

Rehabilitation or Replacement of Existing Facilities

5. Upgrade Existing Track Shading
6. Start 1 Building Improvements
7. Replace Start 3 Building
8. Replace Refrigeration Building/Infrastructure

New Facility Construction

9. New Consolidated Timing/Operations Building
10. Site Improvements in The Heart
11. Site Improvements at Curve 10
12. Install People Mover Between Lodge Area and Curve 10 and Between Curve 10 and Start 1

APSLMP Conformance Review

World Cup Mountain Biking Developments

Proposed Management Action (New Construction):

- Relocate (11) features, constructed temporarily for the 2024 UCI event course, to permanent locations
- Identify natural features to be included in the eleven (11) relocated features
- Create connections between technical features through the forested lands on uphill and steep sections by creating rock armoring and switchbacks on steep sections of the course in these areas. Uphill sections will not change year to year
- Create connections between technical features through the forested lands on downhill and flat sections by removing duff and debris from the forest floor to create a course. The corridor will return to its natural state after the event

APSLMP Conformance Review

Wax Cabins

Proposed Management Action:

- Inventory the wax cabins located in Parking Lot 1 as structures currently conforming to intensive use guidelines

Joint Public Comment Period

On October 17th, 2024, the Agency Board authorized staff to proceed with a joint public comment period with ORDA for the proposed 2025 UMP Amendment. The public comment period ran from October 23rd, 2024, through November 25th, 2024. ORDA and the Agency received 10 written comments during this period. Responses to public comments are attached to the 2025 UMP Amendment as Exhibit 11.

Staff Recommendation

The proposed final 2025 Mt Van Hoevenberg Unit Management Plan Amendment conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.



**Adirondack
Park Agency**