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# Adirondack Park Agency

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Date Issued: October 26, 2023

In the Matter of the Application of

MATTHEW SMITH AND WOODWISE FORESTLAND, LLC Permittees

for a permit pursuant to § 809 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act and 9 NYCRR Part 577

To the County Clerk: Please index this permit in the grantor index under the following names:

1. WoodWise Forestland, LLC

#### **SUMMARY AND AUTHORIZATION**

This permit authorizes the construction of a single family dwelling in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map in the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County.

This authorization shall expire unless recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office within 60 days of issuance of a signed and notarized permit. The signed and notarized permit shall be recorded in the names of all persons listed above and in the names of all owners of record of any portion of the project site on the recordation date.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein is in existence within five years of the date the permit is recorded in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office. The Agency will consider the project in existence when the camp has been constructed.

The project shall be undertaken in compliance with all conditions stated herein. Failure to comply with this permit is a violation and may subject the permittee, successors, and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings.

This permit does not convey any right to trespass upon the lands or interfere with the riparian rights of others in order to undertake the authorized project, nor does it authorize the impairment of any easement, right, title or interest in real or personal property.

Nothing contained in this permit shall be construed to satisfy any legal obligations of the permittee to comply with all applicable laws and regulations or to obtain any governmental approval or permit from any entity other than the Agency, whether federal, State, regional, or local.

## PROJECT SITE

The project site is a 6790±-acre parcel of land located on Sylvan Falls Road in the Town of Hopkinton, St. Lawrence County, in an area classified Resource Management on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as Tax Map Section 108, Block 1, Parcel 1.1, and is described in a deed from New Forestry, LLC to Woodwise Forestland, LLC, dated April 14, 2011, and recorded April 14, 2011 in the St. Lawrence County Clerk's Office under Instrument Number 2011-00005137.

The project site contains shoreline on the West Branch St. Regis River and is partially located within the designated West Branch St. Regis River Recreational River Area. Wetlands not described herein or depicted on the Site Plan are located on or adjacent to the project site.

The project site is improved by numerous hunting and fishing camps served by pit privys.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project as conditionally approved herein involves the construction of a 500-squarefoot cabin with a graywater treatment system

The project is shown on the following plans:

- A map entitled, "Site Plan For APAP Cabin Permit, Woodwise Forestland, LLC-Sylvan Falls Property," prepared by Pat Sadler and dated September 18, 2023 (Site Plan); and
- A plan titled, "Sylvan Falls Building Layout 2," received by the Agency on July 24, 2023 (Building Plan).

A reduced-scale copy of the Site Plan for the project is attached as a part of this permit for reference.

#### **AGENCY JURISDICTION**

Pursuant to Adirondack Park Agency regulations at 9 NYCRR Part 577, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to any new land use and development on Resource Management lands located within any designated Scenic river area in the Adirondack Park.

Pursuant to Section 809(2)(a) of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, a permit is required from the Adirondack Park Agency prior to the construction of any single family dwelling on Resource Management lands in the Adirondack Park.

## **CONDITIONS**

### THE PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

 The project shall not be undertaken until this permit has been recorded in theSt. Lawrence County Clerk's Office.

- This permit is binding on the permittee, all present and future owners or lessees of the project site, and all persons undertaking all or a portion of the project. Copies of this permit and Site Plan shall be furnished by the permittee to all subsequent owners or lessees of the project site prior to sale or lease, and by the permittee and/or any subsequent owner or lessee to all persons undertaking any development activities authorized herein.
- 3. In addition to complying with all terms and conditions of this permit, all future activities on the project site shall be undertaken in compliance with the requirements of New York State's Adirondack Park Agency Act, Freshwater Wetlands Act, Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act, and the Adirondack Park Agency's implementing regulations [9 NYCRR §§ 570-588].
- 4. All deeds conveying all or a portion of the lands subject to this permit shall contain references to this permit as follows: "The lands conveyed are subject to Adirondack Park Agency Permit 2023-0144, issued October 26, 2023, the conditions of which are binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the grantors and all subsequent grantees."
- 5. Subject to the conditions stated herein, this permit authorizes the construction of a cabin on the project site in the location shown on the Site Plan and as depicted on the Building Plan. Any change to the location or dimensions of any authorized structure shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 6. The undertaking of any new land use or development not authorized herein on the project site within one-quarter mile of the West Branch St. Regis River shall require a new or amended permit. The undertaking of any activity involving wetlands shall also require a new or amended permit.
- 7. Pursuant to the Adirondack Park Agency Act and Agency regulations implementing the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act, new structures are prohibited within 250 feet, measured horizontally, of the mean high water mark of the West Branch St. Regis River.
  - Docks and boathouses as defined under 9 NYCRR § 570.3 are excepted from this requirement. Fences, poles, lean-tos, and bridges are also excepted from this requirement, except that no fence, pole, lean-to, or bridge greater than 100 square feet in size may be located within 100 feet of the mean high water mark.
- 8. A pit privy and graywater treatment system shall be installed within the 1 Acre Cabin Site shown on the Site Plan to serve the cabin authorized herein. Construction of any other on-site wastewater treatment system shall require prior written Agency authorization.
- 10. Any new free-standing or building-mounted outdoor lights shall employ full cut-off fixtures that are fully shielded to direct light downward and not into the sky.

11. When brought from off-site, all equipment, including but not limited to trucks, excavators, tractors, etc., and hand excavation tools such as shovels, rakes, and picks, to be used on the project site shall be clean and free of soil, mud, or other similar material. If washed on the project site, equipment shall be washed in one location to prevent the distribution of propagules among different wash sites.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Agency has considered all statutory and regulatory criteria for project approval set forth in the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act and 9 NYCRR Part 577, and 9 NYCRR Part 574. The Agency hereby finds that the subdivision authorized as conditioned herein:

- a. will be consistent with the land use and development plan;
- b. will be compatible with the character description and purposes, policies, and objectives of the Resource Management land use area;
- c. will be consistent with the overall intensity guidelines for the Resource Management land use area;
- d. will comply with the shoreline restrictions of § 806 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act;
- e. will not have an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, wildlife, historic, recreational or open space resources of the Park or upon the ability of the public to provide supporting facilities and services made necessary by the project;
- f. will be consistent with the purposes and policies of the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers System Act;
- g. will comply with the restrictions and standards of 9 NYCRR § 577.6; and
- h. will not cause an undue adverse impact upon the natural, scenic, aesthetic, ecological, botanical, fish and wildlife, historic, cultural, archeological, scientific, recreational or open space resources of the river area, taking into account the commercial, industrial, residential, recreational or other benefits that might be derived therefrom.

PERMIT issued this 26 day of 0 that are , 2023.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

David J. Plante, AICP CEP

Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

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