

Appendix B

1993 Policy on All-Terrain Bicycles

APA/DEC MOU

Addendum to
Memorandum of Understanding
Between the
Adirondack Park Agency
and the
Department of Environmental Conservation

~~WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan was~~
amended in 1986 to include guidelines for use of all-terrain
bicycles on State land classified Wilderness, Primitive, Canoe,
and Wild Forest, and;

WHEREAS, uniform implementation of the guidelines was to be
accomplished through the completion of unit management plans and
promulgation of appropriate rules and regulations, and;

WHEREAS, the completion of Wild Forest Unit Management Plans
has not progressed as fast as anticipated and thus designation of
bicycle trails has also not progressed as fast as anticipated,
and;

WHEREAS, the lack of specific guidelines or criteria for
designation of bicycle trails will further delay unit management
plan completion, and;

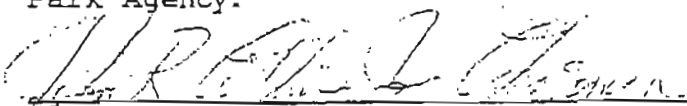
WHEREAS, there is a need to clarify to the public where
bicycles can and cannot legally be used.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE AGENCY AND THE DEPARTMENT AGREE AS
FOLLOWS:

1. The Department shall move forward with a regulation
prohibiting bicycle use in Wilderness areas and limiting use
in Primitive and Canoe areas to Unit Management Plan
approved designated roads as per the requirement of the
State Land Master Plan.
2. The Department shall publish a list of roadways on Forest
Preserve land opened to motorized use and thus also open to
use of bicycles.
3. The Department shall submit a combined Unit Management Plan
amendment designating bicycle trails for those Wild Forest
areas which have completed plans.
4. For Wild Forest areas without unit management plans,
bicycles will be allowed on existing trails and roads unless
specifically prohibited due to environmental damage, user
conflicts or safety concerns for a period of three years
ending December 31, 1995.

5. Such use will allow the Department to study bicycle use in the Adirondack Forest Preserve and fully assess the environmental and social impacts of bicycles, as well as the physical constraints on their safe use.
6. The Department will also assess use patterns, use level and user preferences.
7. The result of the study will be a set of guidelines or criteria for trail designation which will be jointly adopted by the Agency and the Department, and a network of trails which meet these criteria.
8. The work program for this study will be developed by the Department in consultation with Agency staff.
9. To the extent possible public, semi-public and private interest groups will be encouraged to assist the Department in undertaking this study.

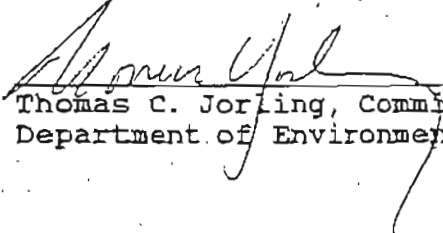
This Addendum to the April 1985 MOU between the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation will take effect upon its execution by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Chairman of the Adirondack Park Agency.



John R. Collins, Jr., Chairman
Adirondack Park Agency



January 22, 1993
Date



Thomas C. Jorling, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation



Feb 11, 1993
Date