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APA General Permit/Order 2024G-1

Permit #: **2023-0167A**

Certificate for Certain Minor Regulated Activities in APA Jurisdictional Freshwater Wetlands

This certificate under General Permit 2024G-1 is granted to National Grid, authorizing a minor regulated activity in a freshwater wetland pursuant to the Freshwater Wetlands Act (Environmental Conservation Law, Article 24) and the Adirondack Park Agency Act (Executive Law, Article 27, including Section 809(13)(e)), in an area classified Rural Use by the Official Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan as described in the application received by the Agency on April 12, 2025 and as depicted on the attached reduced-scale Project Plans. The project site is in the Town of Pitcairn, St. Lawrence County.

The project shall not be undertaken or continued unless the project authorized herein, including site restoration, is completed within four years of the date of issuance of this certification.

This certificate 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 certificate 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.

Failure to comply with this general permit and approved attached Project Plans is a violation and may subject the project sponsor, successors and assigns to civil penalties and other legal proceedings, including modification, suspension or revocation of the permit.

PROJECT SITE

The project site is located on a parcel of land containing the Brownsfalls to Taylorville transmission line in the Town of Pitcairn, St. Lawrence County, in an area classified Rural Use on the Adirondack Park Land Use and Development Plan Map. The site is identified as Tax Map Section 221.000, Block 1, Parcel 8.

The project site contains wetlands associated with a series of beaver ponds along a perennial stream. Additional wetlands not described herein or depicted on the Project Plans may be located on or adjacent to the project site.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AS PROPOSED

The project as conditionally approved herein involves the use of a temporary mat bridge wetland crossing to access structure #136 on the Brownsfalls to Taylorville Transmission Line.

The project is shown on a two-page set of plans titled "National Grid-Maintenance on structures 136, 137, 138 of the Taylorville to Brownsfalls transmission line", received by the Agency on July 10, 2025 (Project Plans).

A reduced-scale copy of the Project Plans for the project is attached to this certificate for easy reference. The original, full-scale maps and plans described in this paragraph are the official plans for the project, with copies available upon request from Adirondack Park Agency headquarters in Ray Brook, New York.

CONDITIONS

1. This permit is binding on the permittee(s) and all contractors undertaking all or a portion of the project authorized herein. Copies of this certificate and Project Plans shall be furnished by the permittee to all contractors prior to undertaking the activities authorized herein.

2. This certificate authorizes minor regulated activities in a freshwater wetland as depicted and described in the Project Plans. Any change to the location, dimensions, materials, or other aspect of the activities authorized herein shall require prior written Agency authorization.

3. Prior to construction, including clearing and grubbing, temporary erosion and sediment control measures shall be installed and maintained as depicted and described in the Project Plans. All silt fence shall be properly installed with the bottom buried at a depth of at least 4 inches. Once the site has been stabilized, silt fence and any other temporary erosion and sediment controls shall be completely removed.

4. All site restoration activities depicted and described in the Project Plans shall be implemented within three days of project completion, and in accordance with the approved implementation schedule.

5. The permittee shall notify the Agency in writing within five business days after the work authorized by this certificate including any required restoration of temporary wetland impacts has been successfully completed. Written notification shall include color photographs which clearly show the completed work and site restoration and identify the date and location that the photographs were taken.

6. The authorized work shall be scheduled and conducted during drier periods (not during major storm events, spring runoff, and thawing conditions) to avoid and minimize erosion of soils and to prevent silting and muddying of wetlands or surface waterbodies.

7. No mechanized equipment shall be driven in wetlands unless expressly authorized herein. Every effort shall be made to work from upland areas and to minimize disturbances to areas adjacent to wetlands. Only tracked equipment shall be used in wetlands. Vehicular access in wetlands shall be under frozen conditions when possible. If work cannot be performed under frozen conditions, timber mats shall be used for access in wetlands, to be removed within three days of project completion and areas beneath timber mats restored to pre-construction condition. No temporary

access structures shall be located within a wetland for more than 30 days.

8. Wetland disturbance including grading and grubbing of stumps and roots shall be limited to the area depicted and described on the Project Plans.

9. No waste disposal, material or excavation stockpiling, or dewatering discharge shall occur in or within 100 feet of wetlands unless specifically authorized in the Project Plans.

10. 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. All construction equipment and vehicles operating in areas that may contain existing invasive species shall be thoroughly cleaned prior to moving to other areas.

11. Any cutting of vegetation along the shorelines of navigable waterbodies shall be in conformance with the Shoreline Restrictions of Section 806 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act. A copy of the Shoreline Restrictions or the Citizen's Guide is available upon request.

12. All tree cutting and/or vegetation removal shall be limited to the area depicted and described on the Project Plans. All cut vegetation shall be immediately removed from the wetland and adjacent area upon completion of the activity.

13. Temporary construction access, detour and work pad facilities (including necessary fills) shall be located so as to avoid or minimize disturbance of the wetland, and appropriate temporary drainage measures must be taken to maintain pre-construction water flows and water table characteristics.

14. Temporary construction access, detour, and work pad facilities (including necessary fills) shall be entirely removed following completion of construction activities, and the affected and adjacent area successfully restored to its pre-construction condition, including any necessary replacement planting of native trees and shrubs.

CERTIFICATE issued this 24th day of July, 2025.

ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY

BY: _____
John M. Burth
Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ESSEX

On the 24th day of July in the year 2025, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared John M. Burth, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their capacity, and that by their signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Stephanie L. Petith
Notary Public

Stephanie L Petith
Notary Public, State of New York
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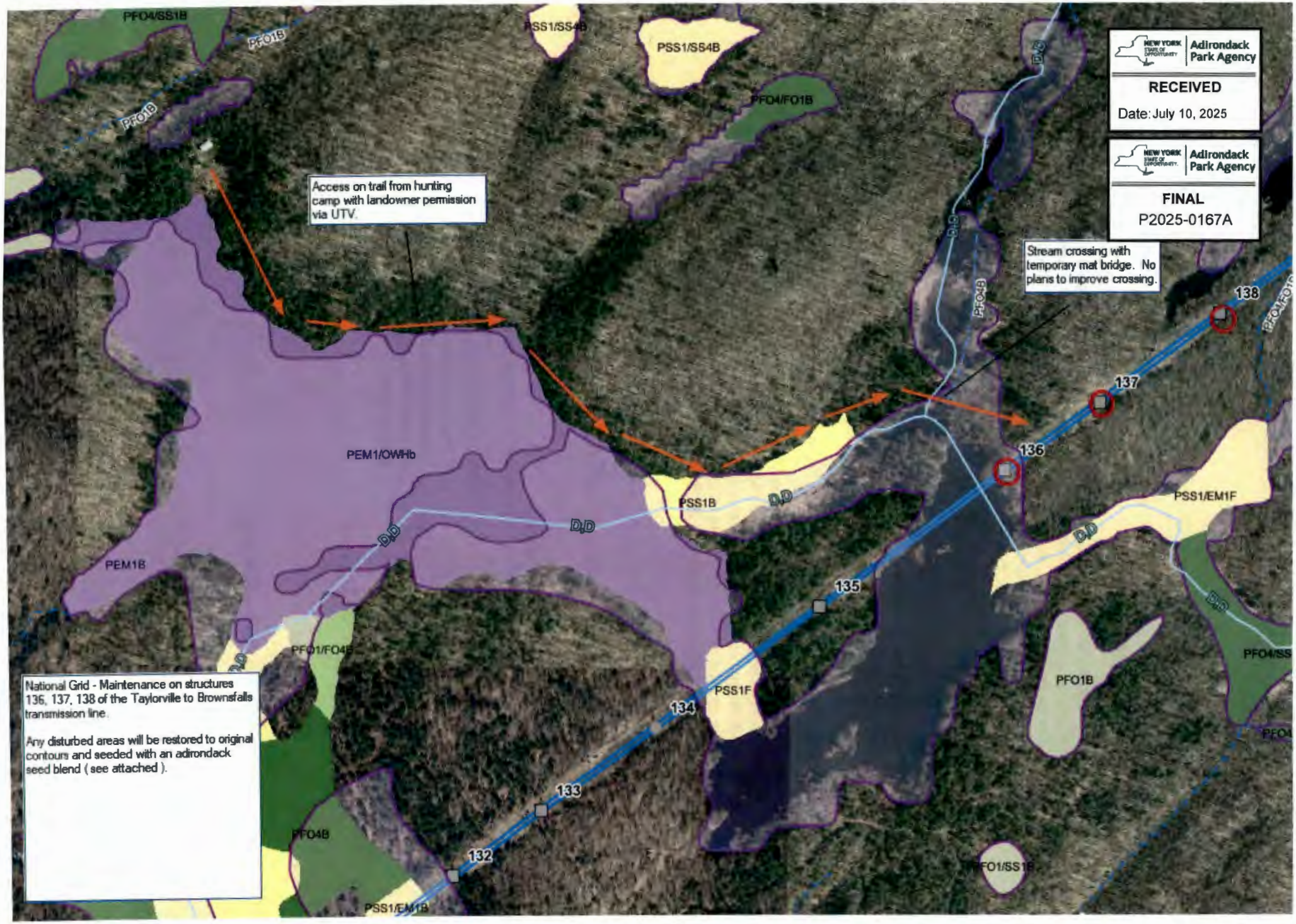
Qualified in Franklin County
Commission Expires April 15, 2029


PFO4/SS1B
PFO1B
PSS1/SS4B
PSS1/SS4B
PFO4/FO1B
D,D
Access on trail from hunting camp with landowner permission via UTV.
PEM1/OWHb
PEM1B
PSS1B
D,D
D,D
PFO1/FO4B
PSS1F
PFO4B
PSS1/EM1B
Stream crossing with temporary mat bridge. No plans to improve crossing.
PFO4B
138
137
136
135
134
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132
PSS1/EM1F
D,D
D,D
PFO1B
PFO4/SS
PFO1/SS1B
National Grid - Maintenance on structures 136, 137, 138 of the Taylorville to Brownsfalls transmission line.
Any disturbed areas will be restored to original contours and seeded with an adirondack seed blend (see attached).
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Subject: Adirondack Seed Mixes

The Adirondack Park Agency has recently denied the use of certain grass seed mixes for stabilization on projects in the Park because the mixes contain grass species that are not native to the Park. In the past, we specified the Agway "Adirondack" mix, however that seed mix was recently turned down because it contains seed that is not native. We found a custom grass seed mix that does contain species that are native to the Park. The mentioned seed companies do not regularly sell this particular mix so it will have to be custom mixed. This seed mix is composed of:

25% Virginia Wild Rye (*Elymus virginicus* var. *virginicus*)
25% Canada Wild Rye (*Elymus canadensis*)
25% Autumn Bentgrass (*Agrostis perennans*)
25% Camper Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)

seeded at a rate of 15 to 25 lbs per acre.

We can purchase the seed from LESCO in Malta, NY for $9.76 per pound or from Ernst Conservation Seeds in Meadville PA for $8.53 per pound. LESCO requires a purchase of 5 pounds minimum, and Ernst requires a minimum purchase of $25.00. It can take 1 to 2 weeks to mix the seed and send it out. Shipping costs will also apply.
PRICES ARE FEROM JUNE OF 2009 AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

Another variation with more species:

Upland forest restoration seed mix for use in the Adirondack Park

% by weight	Common Name	Scientific Name
20%	Autumn Bentgrass	*Agrostis perennans*
20%	Canada Wild Rye	*Elymus canadensis*
20%	Little Bluestem	*Schizachyrium scoparium*
20%	Virginia Wild Rye	*Elymus virginicus*
10%	Wild Brome Grass	*Bromus latiglumis* (= *B. altissimus*)
5%	Wood Reedgrass	*Cinna arundinacea*
5%	Bottlebrush Grass	*Elymus hystrix*

Seeded at a rate of 15-20 lb per acre