

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino, Executive Director

FROM: Jim Townsend, Counsel

DATE: April 2, 2014

RE: State Land Committee Agenda

The State Land Committee Agenda is attached. There are four agenda items for April.

- 1) The first agenda item is the presentation of a Public Draft of an amendment to the Bog River Complex UMP. The Horseshoe Lake Wild Forest is located on either side of Route 30 south of Tupper Lake. This amendment will establish new trails and related parking facilities in the area of Goodman Mountain, recently renamed to honor Andrew Goodman, a civil rights activist, and in the Otter Point area. This draft is being presented for information only; no action will be required until the DEC presents its Final Draft.
- 2) The second agenda item is the presentation of an amendment to the Cranberry Lake Wild Forest UMP which proposes to add two connector trails to the Cranberry 50 in place of 5.7 miles of road walking along Route 3.
- 3) The third agenda item is the presentation of an amendment to the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area UMP to reflect the recently approved amendment to Article XIV which allows exploratory mineral sampling by NYCO on that portion of the JMWA known as Lot 8. The legal effect of the constitutional amendment is that the SLMP's Wilderness Guidelines do not apply to Lot 8; thus there is no discretion for the Agency or DEC whether to permit this activity and no question about the activity's conformance with the SLMP. The activity must still be documented in an amendment to the JMWA UMP so that if the lands are not acquired by NYCO the lands will be reclaimed and remain part of the unit and be governed by the UMP. Staff will ask the Agency to authorize a public comment process to be

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held concurrently with DEC's public comment period on the UMP amendment and the TRP (see next item). Once the comment periods are complete, a final version of the amendment will be presented for a conformance determination by the Agency.

4) The final agenda item is a presentation by DEC of the Temporary Revocable Permit (TRP) to be issued by DEC to NYCO for the activities authorized under the UMP amendment (see previous item). The TRP is on the agenda for information only; no Agency action is required.

JTT Attachments