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Chairwoman

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO AMENDMENT OF THE 2006 JESSUP RIVER WILD FOREST UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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May 15, 2015

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act directs the Department of Environmental Conservation to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency, individual management plans for units of land classified in the Master Plan for Management of State Lands and requires such management plans to conform to the general guidelines and criteria of the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Adirondack Park Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such general guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) adopted the first unit management plan for the Jessup River Wild Forest, located in Hamilton County, and has now prepared a second amendment to the plan dated April, 2015 that includes a proposed management action to reestablish use of 900 feet of a Department road on Forest Preserve; and

WHEREAS, the Department has filed a SEQR Negative Declaration and published a notice in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on May 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department is the lead agency, and the Adirondack Park Agency is an involved agency whose staff have been consulted in the preparation of the proposed plan amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency is requested to determine whether the final Jessup River Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment, dated April, 2015, is consistent with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Agency has reviewed the proposed Jessup River Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment; and

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WHEREAS, the Amendment recognizes the need to improve public use and enjoyment of the area, avoid user conflicts and prevent overuse according to the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Amendment proposes to provide public motor-vehicle access along 900 feet of existing road in the unit, beyond which safer public parking and improved public access to the area's snowmobile trail network will be developed on the Perkins Clearing Conservation Easement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Adirondack Park Agency finds the Jessup River Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendment, dated April, 2015, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Adirondack Park Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in this matter.

Resolution adopted on this date, May 15, 2015.
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