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TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Terry Martino
Executive Director

From: Kathy Regan
Deputy Director, Planning

Date: November 10, 2015
(updated from November 3, 2015)

Re: Essex Chain Lakes Complex Proposed Final UMP
APSLMP Compliance

This Proposed Final UMP is for the Essex Chain Lakes Complex, which includes the Essex Chain Lakes and Pine Lake Primitive Areas and sections of the Blue Mountain and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forests. This UMP also serves as a Rivers Area Management Plan for the Hudson and Cedar Rivers.

The Agency has received 154 public comments on this UMP. Areas of concern were focused on the following topics: Wild, Scenic, and Recreational Rivers System Act, the proposed Community Connector Trail between Indian Lake and Minerva, the designated parking area between Fourth and Fifth Lakes (aka "The Tube"), and bicycle use in Primitive Areas.

The Department has modified the Proposed Final UMP since it was released to the public in September of 2015 to address comments made by the public concerning conformance with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP. The Department no longer proposes to undertake actions which would require a future APSLMP amendment. Further revisions clarify that the use of former all-season roads for bicycling will only be allowed while the Inner Gooley Club and Polaris Club lessees are using the roads under their respective leases until 2018, after which time bicycling will be limited to roads open to the public, if any, unless and until the Agency amends the APSLMP.

Agency staff have reviewed the Proposed Final UMP for the Essex Chain Lakes Complex, dated November 2015, and found the plan conforms to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. In addition staff have reviewed the alternatives for the proposed community connector snowmobile trail between Indian Lake and Minerva and find that the Preferred Alternative conforms to

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the guidelines of the Management Guidance: Snowmobile Trail Siting, Construction and Maintenance on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park (2009).

A draft resolution and the pages of the Essex Chain Lakes Management Complex Proposed Final Plan revised since November 4, 2015, are attached for your consideration.