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TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

To: Terry Martino, Executive Director

From: Kathy Regan, Deputy Director, Planning

Re: 2016 -2017 Classification Package (excluding the Boreas Ponds Tract)

Date: January 25, 2018

For Agency Board consideration, please find attached a draft Agency resolution determining that the 2016-2017 Classification Package (excluding the Boreas Ponds Tract) meets the criteria set forth in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP). For the MacIntyre East and MacIntyre West tracts, the draft resolution additionally determines that the proposed classification would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment for purposes of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). Staff recommend Agency Board adoption of the draft resolution.

The 2016-2017 Classification Package (excluding the Boreas Ponds Tract) involves State lands in all twelve counties in the Adirondack Park. This package proposes thirty-two State land classifications (approximately 30,284 acres), eleven State land reclassifications (approximately 132 acres), and fifty-six map corrections (1,949 acres).

Except for the MacIntyre tracts, the ninety-seven other proposed classifications/reclassifications are Type II SEQRA actions requiring no further SEQRA review. The proposal to classify the MacIntyre tracts is a Type I SEQRA action because it involves more than 5,000 acres. Accordingly, it requires a SEQRA determination of environmental significance from the Agency Board. That determination may be made concurrently with the APSLMP determination.

For the MacIntyre tracts, Agency staff have prepared Parts 1 and 2 of a SEQRA Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed classification of those lands. Staff have also prepared a draft FEAF Part 3 determining that the proposed classification would not have a significant adverse environmental impact, which is a Negative Declaration. The SEQRA documentation is attached to this memorandum for Agency Board review and consideration.

These proposed classifications/reclassifications were the subject of an extensive public hearing and comment process required by the APSLMP. At the same time, public comment was solicited on a draft SEQRA Negative Declaration for the MacIntyre tracts. Based on public comment, the proposed reclassification of the Cathead Mountain Primitive Area was removed from the 2016-2017 Classification Package.

Additional materials are on the CD accompanying this classification/reclassification proposal.

Attachments