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Chairman

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

MEMORANDUM

TO: Terry Martino

FROM: Kathy Regan

DATE: May 31, 2018

RE: Final Draft Amendment to the 1996 Black River Wild Forest Unit Management Plan (UMP)

Staff have completed review of the final draft amendment to the 1996 Black River Wild Forest UMP and believe it to be in compliance with guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP).

The Plan's primary objective is to classify the area's snowmobile trails and bring these existing trails and DEC's relevant management practices into conformance with the 2009 Snowmobile Guidance.

In addition to the snowmobile trail actions, the amendment proposes two new parking areas, improvements to one road, and new foot trails that connect existing foot trails to create a segment of the North Country National Scenic Trail.

The Agency held a public comment period from April 12 thru May 3, 2018. During that period, the Agency received seven comment letters. The majority of the comments received were concerning snowmobile trails, Forest Preserve Roads and the 2009 Snowmobile Guidance.

Some comments received were duplicative of comments received by the Department from their earlier comment period. Agency staff have reviewed all comments and believe that the UMP amendment complies with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP.