



**SHERMAN CRAIG**  
Chairman

**TERRY MARTINO**  
Executive Director

**DRAFT  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY  
WITH RESPECT TO THE  
BLACK RIVER WILD FOREST AREA  
UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT**

Proposed for Adoption  
by the Adirondack Park Agency  
June 7, 2018

WHEREAS, Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (APA Act) directs the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to develop, in consultation with the Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), individual management plans for units of land classified in the Adirondack Park State Land Master (APSLMP) and requires such management plans to conform to the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

WHEREAS, in addition to such guidelines and criteria, the APSLMP prescribes the contents of unit management plans and provides that the Agency will determine whether a proposed individual unit management plan complies with such guidelines and criteria; and

WHEREAS, DEC prepared a unit management plan for the Black River Wild Forest Area in 1996 that was amended in 2004; and

WHEREAS DEC has prepared a second amendment to the 1996 Plan, dated June 2018 (Proposed Final 2018 Amendment); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment to the 1996 Plan proposes a snowmobile trail system designed to provide connections between important destinations and communities within and surrounding the Black River Wild Forest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, DEC determined that the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment would not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and filed notice thereof in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on January 27, 2016; and

WHEREAS, DEC received public comment on a 2016 draft of the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment from January 27 until February 26, 2016 and responses to those public comments are provided in the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2018 DEC presented a March 2018 draft of the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment to the Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Agency established a public comment period on conformance of the March 2018 draft of the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment with the APSLMP, which ran from April 18, 2018 through May 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Agency received seven written comments during the public comment period regarding the March 2018 draft of the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Agency reviewed issues raised by the public comment regarding APSLMP conformance during Agency staff's June 7, 2018 presentation; and

WHEREAS, the Agency has considered the foregoing recitals, the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment, the May 31, 2018 Memorandum from Kathy Regan to Terry Martino, Agency staff's June 7, 2018 presentation, public comment, and the deliberations of Agency Board Members and Designees at the Agency's June 7, 2018 2018 meeting.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act, the Agency finds the Proposed Final 2018 Amendment to the 1996 Black River Wild Forest Area UMP, dated June 2018, conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the APSLMP; and

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

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent: