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RESOLUTION**

**SECOND POND BOAT LAUNCH  
INTENSIVE USE AREA  
RECLASSIFICATION  
AND UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW  
DECEMBER 13, 2012**

**WHEREAS**, the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan adopted pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act (Executive Law, Article 27) provides guidelines for the classification of lands within the Adirondack Park; and

**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 and requires such management plans to conform to the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation have acted as co-lead agencies for the integrated series of reclassification and management actions contained in the Second Pond Intensive Use Area Unit Management Plan and associated SEQR documents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding providing procedures for Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan amendments related to classification and map boundary delineation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department, in consultation with Agency staff, has requested reclassification of 5.6 acres from Wilderness to Intensive Use in order to address the fact that the Intensive Use Area cannot be adequately developed due to presence of wetlands and has also requested reclassification of 6.8 acres of the existing Intensive Use Area to Wilderness; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed reclassification action results in a net increase of 1.2 acres of lands classified as Wilderness as shown in the maps accompanying this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency finds that the proposed reclassification results in the minimum acreage of Intensive Use Area land necessary to address the exceptional circumstances examined in the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement proposing the reclassification of Wilderness to Intensive Use is accompanied by a proposed Intensive Use Area Unit Management Plan, as required by the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, improvements to the Second Pond Boat Launch Intensive Use Area as outlined in the Unit Management Plan will provide: improved traffic flow and better use of existing space; improved and expanded accessible parking; visual enhancements through plantings of native vegetation and removal of the old cabin along State Route 3; improved safety by eliminating parking along State Route 3; enhanced visitor experience through rehabilitation of the vault toilet; improved control of invasive species and education concerning them; and reduced storm water runoff; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed final Unit Management Plan recognizes that management of the Second Pond Intensive Use Area has impacts on the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest and management actions in response to the required carrying capacity assessments for the Saranac Lakes Wild Forest may include changes to the management of the Second Pond Intensive Use Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agency and Department held two public hearings regarding the proposed reclassifications and Unit Management Plan on July 17 and July 18, 2012 in Ray Brook and Albany, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, a Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS), including an evaluation of alternatives and potential adverse impacts has been prepared, and notice of acceptance of the FSEIS was published in the Environmental Notice Bulletin on November 28, 2012; and

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**WHEREAS**, the Second Pond Boat Launch provides boat access to approximately 6,000 acres of water and camping opportunities on Lower and Middle Saranac Lakes, Weller Pond, Oseetah Lake, Lake Flower, Kiwassa Lake and the Saranac River; and

**WHEREAS**, public access by water to DEC campsites in the adjacent Saranac Lake Wild Forest offers recreational opportunities that attract visitors and support local economies in the neighboring communities while also providing recreational benefits to local residents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Adirondack Park Agency recommends that the areas shown on the attached maps be classified as Wilderness and Intensive Use, respectively; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Adirondack Park Agency finds the proposed Final Second Pond Boat Launch Unit Management Plan, dated December, 2012, conforms with the general guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations, from among the reasonable alternatives, the proposed Final Unit Management Plan seeks to minimize or avoid adverse environmental effects to the maximum extent practicable, including the effects disclosed in the environmental impact statement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Agency authorizes its Executive Director to advise the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the Agency's determination in the matter of conformance of the Second Pond Boat Launch Unit Management Plans with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Chair transmits the Agency's reclassification recommendation to the Governor for his review in accordance with Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act.

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