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Reminder and notification for those who may be intere far as I know this is still on. Dead line for comment is tl of the month.

If DEC see's or hears nothing, they will assume and m drafted. May move as drafted even if you do comment least you tried. They continue to take an inch which ev equates to miles.

They "say" they are making floatplane provisions, I do believe it. There ability to not manage lands and trails them the excuse that they need to close trails and roa when will enough of this mindset get us all pissed eno ask questions and fight back as the general public. I h back for 8 months and seen nothing happening in rega this plan. Quiet is not good. Speak up when you have opportunity. This is right in our backyard and WILL hav economic effects on our communities.They sweeten th saying they are going to give us, when in fa should have had it all along, if it pertains to recreation. This property was purchased and promoted as "Moose Plains recreational area", now they want to turn much

"Forrest preserve". No matter what they propose, it is wrong in theory and principle.

Please try to go and at least listen to the proposal and speak your peace if so inclined.

Sorry for the long email, but this issue was one of my top priorities and still is, regardless of political status.

Gregg

DEC, APA ANNOUNCE PUBLIC MEETINGS ON MOOSE RIVER PLAINS PROPOSALS

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DEC, APA ANNOUNCE PUBLIC MEETINGS ON MOOSE RIVER PLAINS PROPOSALS

RAY BROOK, NY - The New York State Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced three public hearings to discuss a series of comprehensive, integrated management actions proposed for the Moose River Plains Wild Forest.

Located in the central and southwestern portion of the Adirondack Park, the Moose River Plains Wild Forest offers many year-round recreational opportunities including hiking, fishing, canoeing, skiing, mountain biking, snowmobiling, horseback riding, hunting and camping, making it an ideal destination for recreationists with varied interests and abilities. The management proposals include:

- Creating the Moose River Plains Intensive Camping Area along the Limekiln Lake-Cedar River Road.
- Expanding the West Canada Lake Wilderness, which

borders the
Moose River Plains.

- Closing certain trails and roads in the wild forest to snowmobiling, many of which are dead-ends or spurs, or receive little or no snowmobile use.
 - Creating a new community-connector snowmobile trail from Limekiln Lake-Cedar River Road to Lower Sargent Pond, which will provide connections to Indian Lake, Inlet, Raquette Lake and Long Lake.
- Resulting overall snowmobile mileage would be approximately 59 miles.
- Creating the Beaver Lake Special Management Area, which includes areas south of the South Branch of the Moose River and west of the proposed intensive use area boundary along Otter Brook Road.
 - Discontinuing public motor vehicle and snowmobile use on Indian Lake Road and the former Otter Brook truck trail.

The action also includes the APA's separate but related proposals to amend the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (SLMP) including the proposed reclassification of lands for the creation of a new Moose River Plains Intensive Use Camping Area, reclassification and expansion of the West Canada Lake Wilderness Area and related revisions to Master Plan Area Descriptions and Intensive Use Area Guidelines. The state land classifications proposals and minor amendments to the Master Plan were derived from a comprehensive planning effort to address the unique circumstances of the Moose River Plains area.

The Intensive Use proposal would allow drive-in camping sites to remain along the Limekiln Lake-Cedar River Road at levels not compatible with lands designated as "Wild Forest." The wilderness

proposal
would change the classification of some 15,000 acres from
Wild Forest to
“Wilderness,” the state’s most protective land classification. In
addition, the creation of the Beaver Lake Special Management
Area will
provide a unique opportunity for float plane access into
Beaver, Squaw
and Indian lakes in a remote corner of the Wild Forest.

The agencies have scheduled three public hearings to explain
the
proposals and provide the public opportunities to ask
questions and give
input. The hearings will be held at:

Indian Lake Central School
28 W. Main St
Indian Lake, NY
1 p.m., August 16

Inlet Town Hall
160 Route 28
Inlet, NY
6:30 p.m., August 16

DEC Headquarters
625 Broadway
Albany, NY
1 p.m., August 18

Copies of the documents are available on compact discs (CD)
at
DEC offices in Albany, Ray Brook, and Lowville. To request a
copy,
e-mail r5ump@gw.dec.state.ny.us or call 518-473-9518.

CDs containing all of the documents are also available for
public review at the town offices of Webb and Ohio in
Herkimer County
and Arietta, Inlet, Long Lake, Lake Pleasant and Morehouse
in Hamilton
County.

In addition, information may be viewed at, or download from:

- Environmental Notice Bulletin including SLMP Amendments/State Land Reclassification
http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/mrpwfdgeis.pdf
- Revised Draft Unit Management Plan for the Moose River Plains Wild Forest <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/22571.html>

Written comments on the management actions proposed in the two Draft Unit Management Plans may be sent to:

Josh Clague
Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, 5th Floor
Albany, NY 12233
or e-mailed to lfadk@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Written comments on the proposed reclassification, proposed SLMP amendments and the DEC's proposed management actions' consistency with the SLMP may be sent to:

Richard Weber
Adirondack Park Agency
P.O. Box 99
Ray Brook, NY 12977
or e-mail to apa_slmp@gw.dec.state.ny.us

The deadline for comments is August 30, 2010.

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