

Notice of Acceptance of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS), Positive Declaration, Draft Negative Declaration and Public Comment Hearings on 2016-2017 Adirondack Park State Land Classification Proposal

Acceptance of Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS)

The Adirondack Park Agency has prepared and accepted a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for classification and reclassification of State lands pursuant to Section 816 of the Adirondack Park Agency Act and the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. This notice is issued pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (SEQRA) and its implementing regulations at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and 9 NYCRR Part 586.

The classification proposals involve lands in all 12 Counties of the Adirondack Park. The state-owned lands affected include recently acquired State land parcels of approximately 50,827 acres and 13 State land reclassification proposals of approximately 1,642 acres. Total acreage involved in the action covered by this DSEIS is approximately 54,418 acres. The DSEIS containing more detailed maps, tables and narrative is available at the Adirondack Park Agency and on the Adirondack Park Agency's website at www.apa.ny.gov.

SEQRA Positive Declaration

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

The Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement: Guidelines for Amending the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (1979) (FPEIS) defines classification of any new acquisition of a parcel greater than 5,000 acres to Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe as a Type I action under SEQRA. The Agency is considering an alternative for classification of a portion of the Boreas Ponds Tract (20,543.23 acres) as Wilderness, Primitive or Canoe. Therefore this action is a Type I action under the FPEIS and SEQRA.

The Agency has determined that at least one of the classification alternatives may have a significant adverse impact on the environment. A DSEIS has been prepared in lieu of an EAF, pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.6(a)(4).

SEQRA Draft Negative Declaration

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

The proposed action includes classification of the MacIntyre East Tract in Towns of Newcomb & North Hudson, Essex County (6,059.54 acres) as Wilderness (4,446.55 acres), Primitive (8.26 acres), and Wild Forest (1,604.74 acres) and the MacIntyre West Tract (7,368.1 acres) as Wilderness (7,365 acres) and Primitive (3.1 acres). This is a Type I Action under the FPEIS because it involves the classification of a new acquisition over 5,000 acres in size to Wilderness. Wilderness is the most environmentally protective classification available, and therefore the proposal has no probable significant adverse environmental impacts.

Public Hearings

The purpose of the hearings is to afford an opportunity for public comment. Any person may present an oral or written statement in regard to the proposed classifications. Staff will be available to answer questions prior to the hearing. Public comment hearings will be held at the following times and locations:

November 9, 2016
7:00 pm (webcast available)
Adirondack Park Agency
1133 NYS Route 86
Ray Brook

November 29, 2016
6:00 pm
St. Lawrence County
Human Service Center
80 State Highway 310
Canton

November 14, 2016
6:00 pm
Northville Central School
131 S. Third Street
Northville

December 6, 2016
7:00 pm
Bear Mountain Inn
3020 Seven Lakes Drive
Tomkins Cove

November 16, 2016
7:00 pm
Newcomb Central School
5535 NYS Route 28N
Newcomb

December 7, 2016
2:00 pm
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany

November 21, 2016
7:00 pm
Schroon Lake Central School
1125 Route 9
Schroon Lake

November 28, 2016
7:00 pm
Rochester Institute of Technology
Golisano Institute for Sustainability in Sustainability Hall
Parking in lot "T"
Rochester

Written comments will be accepted by the contact person below through **December 30, 2016**.

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Additional hearings may be scheduled and posted on the Agency website: www.apa.gov.ny.