
Subject: Hammond Pond Wild Forest UMP - Eagle Lake

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I wrote in January to DEC in its role as lead agency with regard to the draft UMP as it affects Eagle Lake.

In an attempt to discern the status of the UMP in the meantime, I have reviewed the information available at DEC's Hammond Pond UMP website (see <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/51337.html>), but that website appears to be incomplete. It lacks (i) an apparent proposed 2019 Draft UMP (the version on the website is dated November 2018), and (ii) it states that the public comment period has now closed, although I have been informed that there is to be a public meeting with regard to the UMP on March 14, 2019 at Ray Brook, which information is not contained on the website. Without the most recent drafts, in redlined form, being contained on the DEC website for the plan, the public is simply not being accurately apprised as to proposed changes. Please advise as soon as possible as to the most recent redline UMP version and further if there are to be additional meetings, as well as their location(s).

It is also my understanding that a FOIL request was made by residents of Eagle Lake, and that a letter that I sent DEC on January 23, 2019 which would have been responsive to the request was, oddly, not contained in the FOIL response. I have attached a copy of that letter hereto for ease of reference. My facsimile records indicate that the transmission was received by DEC. How has lake and campground usage by those who are disabled been addressed in the UMP? My letter further requests copies of the plans for Eagle Lake, which were never sent to me, nor was my request for documents acknowledged.

Please provide me with the requested documents and, more importantly, include my letter in the public comments presented at Ray Brook.

I remain gravely concerned that the proffered "improvements" to the boat launch and campground on Eagle Lake have both facial and as-applied discriminatory effects to those who are disabled, which impacts are not being considered, much less remediated, in the various versions of the UMP that I have seen (a number of which are not contained on the DEC UMP website).

I respectfully request that the public comment period, as least as to the portion of the UMP pertaining to Eagle Lake, be extended to permit the input and meaningful participation of Eagle Lake's seasonal residents so that all may view the final version of the draft UMP.

I will also copy this email and its attachment to Mr. Stegemann via facsimile (518-897-1394), Mr. Keith Scherer (518-743-0336), and Mr. Joseph Giordano (518-585-3279). I will also send a copy to the APA via facsimile in accordance with its Agency Public Comment Policy.

Very truly yours,

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- Stegemann (Eagle Lake Boat Launch) 1-23-19.pdf (176.92KB)