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Keith Park
President
Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc.
31 Barkwood Lane
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Dear Keith Park and Eagle Lake Property Owners, Inc., Board of Directors:

Governor Hochul asked us to respond to your letter regarding the Eagle Lake boat launch. Thank you for your interest in the planning and management of the Adirondack Park Forest Preserve.

As explained during your meeting with Adirondack Park Agency (APA) and Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) staff on February 1, 2023, APA has informed DEC that Alternative 2, described in the approved 2019 unit management plan for the Hammond Pond Wild Forest, is the only option that conforms with the guidelines and criteria of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. Alternative 2 entails converting the existing non-conforming boat launch site to a waterway access site. The site will accommodate water's edge trailered launching of small and light trailered boats but will not provide float-off/float-on trailered boat launching, pursuant to Wild Forest guidelines. This approach is consistent with how other non-conforming boat launch sites have been managed across the Adirondack Park.

APA and DEC recognize the longstanding use of this site and its importance to Eagle Lake landowners. For this reason, the management action described above will not be implemented until the close of the 2024 boating season. This timeline enables users of the lake to plan for the pending management action and explore alternative launching opportunities, if necessary.

Respectfully,

Barbara Rice

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