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Dear Michael Trybendis,

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

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) has determined that the continued operation of the existing boat launch at Eagle Lake as a trailered boat launch is not in conformance with the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. The Agency has informed the Department of Environmental Conservation (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 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.

Motorboats are not being prohibited from use on the lake and may still be launched from the water's edge but must be lifted off of the trailer and rolled over a low barrier or alternative locations on the lake. Emergency services, including firefighters and emergency medical technicians, will be able to utilize a key to unlock the bar when they need to access the lake, ensuring they can quickly respond to any potential emergency. 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.

Respectfully,

Barbara Rice
Executive Director