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To: [dec.sm.R5.UMP](#); [SLMP_UMP_Comments@apa.ny.gov](#)
Subject: Up for public comment: Campfires, horseback riding changes to Essex Chain Lakes area
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020 8:53:42 PM

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As an equestrian, I am always looking for new places to ride. I don't mind travelling so much to get there because I have a LQ horse trailer and I just need a place to park put up a highline for overnight. I'm self contained and am also a firm believer in carry in-carry out. I can go somewhere to ride and if I had to, I'd take my manure with me when I left. I'd rather spread it out in a discreet place away from where people gather but if it's an issue, I'll comply. I hope that this area can be set up for us to ride horses in. Many of us are self contained and we like to meet somewhere and ride. We help the local economy when we stay for a time period because we patronize the local businesses. The longer the better!! Please make it accessible for us!!

Cathy Floetke

From: Dan K <dankarns@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:45 AM
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Cc: Spencer Karns; Ken Karns
Subject: Proposed Amendment - Essex Chain Lakes area

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August 13, 2020

Richard Weber
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Dear Mr. Weber:

I have discovered with great interest the ongoing debate over the longstanding prohibition on campfires at the shoreline campsites at the Essex Chain Lakes Primitive Area.

I am also aware of the proposed "Amendment to the 2016 Essex Chain Lakes Management Complex Plan", which would eliminate, at least on a temporary basis, the restrictions on campfires at the shoreline.

I would like you to know that our family recently opted against visiting Essex Chain Lakes specifically because of this restriction. We love the Essex Lakes area and I encourage you to do all in your power to ensure passage of the amendment.

Very truly yours,

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Cc: Davies, Robert (DEC); Richards, Karyn b (DEC); Ernst, John L (APA); Martino, Terry (APA)
Subject: Essex Chain Lakes UMP Amendment Proposals
Attachments: letter to DEC and APA, Essex Chain UMP amendments, Aug 2020.docx

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Dear Corrie and Rick,

Attached please find our comments on the proposed Essex Chain Lakes Complex UMP Amendments.

Thanks very much,
Dave Gibson, Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve

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August 11, 2020

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Re. Proposed Essex Chain of Lakes Primitive Area UMP Amendments

Dear Ms. Magee and Mr. Weber,

The proposed amendments to the 2016 Essex Chain of Lakes Management Complex (ECLMC) Unit Management Plan (hereinafter, the "UMP") may appear trivial in terms of overall management of the unit and the amount of area affected. In fact, neither are trivial in terms of their purpose and priority, which is, as stated on page 3, "an interest in increasing visitor use of the ECLMC."

Herein lies *Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve's* principal concern with and objection to the proposed actions. As the sole or overriding motivation to amend UMPs, an interest in increasing visitor use is a poor reason. Under the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP), DEC and APA ought to prioritize resource protection, not increased visitor use of Forest Preserve which, while an important consideration, must not be the overriding one.

Another major concern of ours is that the proposed UMP amendment contains internal contradictions with the UMP. It quotes from the 2016 Essex Chain UMP about the many observed "impacts that campfires have on natural resources," but elsewhere curiously states that "the Adirondack region has relatively little observational data regarding the impacts of campfires on natural resources." Both statements cannot be true. The latter statement, unsupported and, in fact, contradicted by the UMP should concern both DEC and APA because it appears to violate the UMP and its SEQRA Environmental Impact Statement.

State Land Master Plan: Increasing visitor use is not a paramount or priority purpose of the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, or APSLMP. Rather, to quote the APSLMP on page 1, "if there is a unifying theme to the master plan, it is that the protection and preservation of the natural resources of the state lands within the Park must be paramount. Human use and enjoyment of those lands should be permitted and encouraged, so long as the resources in their physical and biological context as well as their social or psychological aspects are not degraded. This theme is drawn not only from the

Adirondack Park Agency Act...but also from a century of the public's demonstrated attitude toward the forest preserve and the Adirondack Park."

Considering the APSLMP paramount purpose, we examine the two proposed actions and UMP amendments intended by DEC, as plainly stated, to increase visitor use.

I. Removing the Campfire Prohibition at Primitive Tent Sites within 500 feet of the Essex Chain of Lakes

The proposed action and amendment would end the current prohibition of campfires within 500 feet of the shoreline of the Essex Chain of Lakes, classified Primitive. The amendment justifies the proposed action on three grounds: 1. Local community demand for increased visitor use; 2. "it is believed that a portion of the low public use is due to the waterfront campfire prohibition" based upon "anecdotal negative feedback"; 3. "the Adirondack region has relatively little observational data regarding the impacts of campfires on natural resources."

As to reason # 1, local community demand for increased visitor use is a perfectly legitimate demand so long as it is not the driving force behind this amendment, which it appears to be.

As to reason # 2, the statement that "It is believed that a portion of the low public use is due to the waterfront campfire prohibition" is hardly an actionable basis for campfires which have known negative impacts to the natural resources along these shores, as detailed in the 2016 UMP. Further, DEC knows that a more fundamental reason why visitation has been "below expectations" over the past five years is the long 12-mile, remote drive from State Route 28 N to Deer Pond parking area. Visitor deterrence is largely the result of the long, slow drive on mostly dirt remote roads.

As to reason # 3, it is contradicted by the UMP itself. The UMP devotes considerable attention on page 3 to the "ecological significance of the Essex Chain shoreline, and the impacts that campfires have on natural resources, especially understory trees and coarse woody debris removal from firewood gathering." In fact, the decision to classify the Essex Chain of Lakes as Primitive was due, in part, to the ecological significance of the lakes and their ecologically rare and valuable, fringing wetlands.

The Essex Chain UMP goes into considerable detail about campfire impacts, including the following statements on pages 35-36:

"The proliferation of fire blackened rocks, charcoal, particularly burned garbage, melted and broken glass, hacked trees, and litter continues to scar many primitive tent sites. There is no question that campfires have substantial environmental impacts....serious aspects involves firewood gathering which by itself causes widespread and often serious impacts...It is common that the disturbed area around a primitive tent site can be ten to twenty times greater in size than the actual primitive tent site zone. For example, in the eastern High Peaks Wilderness area, more than ¼ of the understory trees were cut for firewood around Marcy Dam before fires were prohibited in the 1999 UMP. Unburned refuse left in fire rings has attracted wildlife in search of food and leads to increased human/wildlife conflicts, especially with bears."

DEC's additional rationale for this amendment, that "removing the campfire prohibition" around these shorelines "will contribute to simplified management and ease in visitor understanding of the area" also makes no sense to us. The public grasps the reasons why campfires were prohibited in the first place to

protect the soil and vegetation on sensitive shorelines. Visitors generally understand that the act of searching for and obtaining firewood at a campsite and burning things like trash can cause serious environmental damage. They wish to be partners with DEC in protecting these beautiful, vulnerable lakeshores. What is not believable is DEC's insistence that it can now alter that understanding, allow campfires, devote staff time to monitor each campsite and then clamp down again and prohibit campfires once environmental damage is found. By remediating damage after-the-fact instead of preventing it, these steps strike us as the very opposite of "simplified management."

Given severe DEC staff shortages, future monitoring and tent site remediation appear to us and the public as expensive and unrealistic. The department's fundamental legal responsibility here, as elsewhere, is to proactively protect natural resources. In the 2016 UMP DEC presents documented evidence of the actual damage caused by firewood gathering at primitive tent sites elsewhere in the Adirondack Forest Preserve. That evidence led to the campfire prohibition. Ending the campfire prohibition now without strong justification based on new information sufficient to alter the UMP's natural resource assessment would be irresponsible of DEC and would violate the APSLMP and SEQRA.

II. Equestrian Facilities

This portion of the proposed amendment, as stated, concerns horse trailer parking, staging areas, and signage at the Outer Gooley Farmhouse. The precise number of vehicles with horse trailers, proposed as six (6), is unsupported by any analysis of actual or projected use or the ability of that area to withstand such uses. The number of proposed horse trailers may be larger or smaller but whatever the precise number it should have a substantive basis. UMP amendments are expected by the APSLMP to include the same kinds of information that a full UMP would contain. That absence of carrying capacity information for the Outer Gooley Farmhouse area alone should be sufficient to reject the proposed amendment's recommendation and return it to DEC for additional work.

In addition, this amendment pertaining to recreational use at the Outer Gooley Farmhouse is the first since the 2016 UMP, which stated that its preferred alternative for the farmhouse is to "retain the Outer Gooley farmhouse as a historic structure and for other compatible uses" (UMP, page 130), notwithstanding the fact that the former farmhouse ought to have been purposefully demolished as a nonconforming structure on the Forest Preserve, in violation of Article XIV, Section 1.

In fact, what has occurred since 2016 is UMP Alternative 1, the "No Action Alternative" which "would mean allowing the building to deteriorate, without maintenance performed or decision making about any potential uses or demolition. This deterioration is an adverse impact according to the SHPA and would result in a public health and safety hazard. This alternative will not be considered."

In fact, Alternative 1 was the de facto result of time, weather, and indecision. The UMP and DEC prevaricated. The farmhouse was permitted to deteriorate to the point where it become a public health and safety hazard and has been in the process of slow, non-purposeful demolition. This UMP amendment ought to acknowledge this fact – that despite DEC's original recommendation, Alternative 1 was the end result, which now leaves open a range of management actions contemplated after building demolition and reclamation are completed – including but not limited to horse trailer parking based upon some idea of demand and carrying capacity. The amendment's proposal to incorporate interpretive and informational signage here, consistent with the UMP, makes sense.

Conclusion: Adirondack Wild believes that both components of this proposed amendment, ending the campfire prohibition on Primitive area shorelines and providing facilities that contribute to equestrian use at Outer Gooley are poorly supported by information, analysis and assessment, and are also poorly supported by the Essex Chain Complex UMP itself. Neither (but particularly the shoreline recommendation) are supported by any natural resource analysis and assessments, which is DEC's paramount responsibility. The amendment's recommendation to allow open campfires on the shorelines is contradicted by natural resource information and assessment in the UMP itself. This proposed amendment and management actions should be rejected as out of compliance with the UMP, with SEQRQ and with the APSLMP. The amendment should be returned to DEC for additional work.

Thank you for the chance to offer our comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gibson".

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From: Barbara Frank <frank-guior@msn.com>
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Subject: Essex Chain draft amendment

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I am writing to regarding the draft amendment to the Essex-Chain Lakes Management Complex unit. I own a home on Woodys Road in Newcomb.

I do not believe we should allow campfires at the Essex Chain campsites. In spite of the statement that existing regulations will remain in place, I am very concerned that invasive species will be brought in with firewood. I also believe there will be a significant risk of forest fires during dry weather years. I am aware of a number of occurrences in which campfires at NYS locations similar to the Essex Chain that were not extinguished and left unattended. Please do not allow campfires at the Essex Chain.

Thank you.
Barbara Frank

From: Jackie Bowen <jbowen@adirondackcouncil.org>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:14 AM
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Cc: Weber, Richard E (APA); Cooper, Christopher (APA); Rocci Aguirre
Subject: Essex Chain of Lakes comment letter
Attachments: DEC_APA_Essex Chain of Lakes Mgmt Complex Draft Amend_Final.pdf

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Good morning. Attached are the Adirondack Council's comments on the Draft Amendment to the Essex Chain of Lakes Management Complex Plan. Please let me know if you have any issues opening the document.

Have a great weekend,

Jackie

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(Via electronic submission)

RE: Draft Amendment to the Essex Chain of Lakes Management Complex Plan

Dear Corrie & Rick,

On behalf of the Adirondack Council, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the *Draft Amendment to the Essex Chain of Lakes Management Complex (ECLMC) Plan*. While the Adirondack Council appreciates the Department's desire to make the ECLMC more attractive to visitors, the proposed management actions should be science-based, not anecdotal, and consistent with the State Land Master Plan (SLMP) to encourage human use while minimizing resource degradation.

The Council does not oppose the proposal so long as the Department is able to demonstrate for the record in the final draft how the decisions are based on science and data.

The 2020 draft amendment to the ECLMC Plan proposes the removal of the fire ban for a number of reasons, including low visitor use levels to the complex and surrounding communities expressed interest in increasing use to the area. In reviewing the draft amendment, the Council offers a number of suggestions to strengthen the document. In particular, we encourage the DEC to collect more data on the number of people visiting the complex, why visitor levels are low and if the fire ban is the primary factor for low use. Without data on public perspectives and a comprehensive understanding of use levels – beyond trail registers – the DEC cannot make fully-informed management decisions.

Discontinuation of Fire Ban

According to the 2020 draft Plan, "The fire prohibition is the other anecdotal negative feedback communicated about the ECLMC." (Page 4) The Council



does not believe that anecdotal feedback should guide management actions, particularly as the DEC notes, “Ideally, a public survey would help understand” the declining number of visitors to the ECLMC each year. (Page 4) As the SLMP outlines, the protection and preservation of natural resources on state land is paramount. The collection and use of data to inform proposed management actions, rather than basing it on requests, anecdotes or untested theory, is integral to making appropriate management decision to protect such resources.

In reviewing the 2016 ECLMC Plan, DEC intentionally prohibited the use of fires at campsites within 500 feet of the shoreline due the sensitive vegetation and the known impacts of campfires on surrounding natural resources. However, the 2020 draft amendment notes that there is “little observational data” regarding the impacts of campfires on natural resources. We remind the DEC of language used in the 2016 Plan that clearly outlines the degrading impacts campfires have on surrounding natural resources:

Although actual fire sites are usually quite small, a more serious aspect involves firewood gathering, which by itself causes widespread and often severe impacts. This activity greatly increases the area of disturbance around primitive tent sites and it is common that the disturbed area can be 10-20 times greater in size than the actual primitive tent site zone. Campfires consume wood which would otherwise decompose and replenish soil nutrients. Excessive firewood gathering has resulted in the removal of all dead and down material and fostered the cutting of live and standing dead trees in many popular areas. The latter are habitats to many birds and insects and pulling off limbs scars primitive tent sites for other users. For example, in the Eastern High Peaks Wilderness Area, more than ¼ of the standing trees were cut for firewood around Marcy Dam, before fires were prohibited in the Eastern High Peaks management zone (HPWA UMP 1999.) Unburned refuse left in fire rings has attracted wildlife in search of food and leads to increased human/wildlife conflicts, especially with bears. (Page 36)

Additionally, the Eastern High Peaks (where the fire ban in the 1999 UMP appeared to help stimulate a significant recovery of vegetation) provides ample observational information on the value of a fire ban in protecting and restoring vegetation.

Furthermore, the 2016 Plan stated that, “If and when the camping permit system is discontinued, camping in the entire ECLMC will be at designated primitive tent sites only, and the no fires rule will remain for primitive tent sites within 500 feet of the lakes/ponds.” (Page 135) Fires were not intended to be allowed at the primitive tent sites, and it is unclear as to why DEC would propose to allow for this type of use when there is no discrete data to back up the management decision.

The 2016 Plan also identified within its Action Steps that DEC would: “Monitor impacts of campfires and firewood gathering to identify potential degradation. Sites will be observed to ensure that fires only occur within designated fire rings, and that only dead and down wood is used for fuel.” (Page 37) Were these elements monitored at other tent sites in the ECLMC? In the final draft, we encourage the DEC to share if and what types of monitoring information has been collected and how it informs the proposed amendment. And, if the fire ban is lifted, what would

the thresholds be for reinstating the fire ban if the impacts on surrounding natural resources are too great?

Regarding the difficulty users have in understanding allowed uses in the ECLMC, the Council recommends changing the signage and labeling of the area to “Canoe” or “Canoe & Mountain Bike Area” if data collected shows that the labels lead to confusion. This would help alleviate the challenges of users understanding the complexity of permitted uses throughout the ECLMC. The Adirondack Council supports the goals of making sure the Essex Chain of Lakes is used for non-motorized recreation, without degrading the ecological integrity or wild character of the site.

Importantly, given the very recent and alarming discoveries of Emerald Ash Borer and Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the Park, minimizing opportunities for visitors to transport and potentially spread invasive species needs to be given serious consideration. Currently, the fire ban helps address this concern by dissuading users from bringing firewood to the area.

Outer Gooley Parking Area

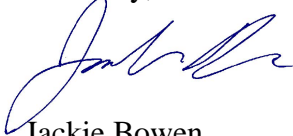
The Council does not oppose the expansion of the Outer Gooley Parking Area.

In closing, the Adirondack Council believes that the draft amendment to the ECLMC Plan could be strengthened by collecting and using more data to inform management actions that align with natural resource protection requirements outlined in the SLMP. **We do not oppose the draft amendment so long as the Department is able to demonstrate for the record in the final draft how the decisions are based on science and data.**

The issues with this amendment underscore how it is inappropriate to have concurrent comment periods for DEC’s draft plan and for the Adirondack Park Agency review of that plan. Doing this suggests that there is a predetermined outcome and that there will be no material changes to the draft DEC plan. Such a posture is inappropriate. The language of the Agency Act does not exempt the Agency from these SEQR requirements.

Thank you for reviewing our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jackie Bowen", with a stylized, flowing script.

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Just my own personal opinion. I don't think campfires should be approved just yet. In light of Covid 19, some people are coming to the ADKs for "entertainment" and cheap getaways and in doing so, many are leaving behind large amounts of trash, spraying graffiti, unlawful cutting of trees and bushes and doing other disgusting and disrespectful treatment of our area. I don't want to see one more area getting overused and abused. Let's try to handle the situation in the problem areas first. I wish I had better answers. I do clean up by my area (Schroon River, Warrensburg) but it's gotten overwhelming. People have made a fire ring right there at the launch site and are leaving so much trash, clothes, glass. Someone for many nights were shooting off fireworks for hours. If people can get away with doing this so brazenly in fairly populated neighborhood then I can only imagine what they could get away with in a more wilderness area like Essex Chain area. The vibes of the ADKs have turned a bit towards an under belly. Yes many people are very grateful and respectful to come or live here. But as the saying goes there's always a rotten apple in the cart, to me it's more than one rotten apple. Thank you for the opportunity to be listened to.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Roy Ginsberg <rginsber@skidmore.edu>
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Subject: comment on Essex Chain draft amendment

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Dear Mr. Weber

In response to the draft amendment to the Essex-Chain Lakes Management Complex unit, we write to you from the perspective of homeowners at 1640 Goodnow Flow Road in Newcomb.

We are concerned with increased traffic in our area, invasive species being brought in with firewood, and risk of forest fires during this and future dry years. Our neighbors have seen evidence of several campfires at Essex Chain already. Many but not all persons with a campfire are careful. We think it is not wise to allow campfires at the Essex Chain.

Sincerely
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I am writing to comment on the draft amendment to the Essex-Chain Lakes Management Complex unit. I own a home at 57 Woody's Road in Newcomb.

I do not support allowing campfires at the Essex Chain campsites. I am concerned about invasive species being brought in with firewood (despite the regulations that remain in place), and the risk of forest fires during dry years. We have heard from neighbors about a number of situations in similar campfires as would be at the Essex Chain which were left unattended and not fully extinguished. For the sake of our beautiful forest and homes in the area, please do not allow campfires at the Essex Chain.

Thank you.
Rick Guior

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Subject: Essex chain campfires

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Yes, allow campfires at the designated sights and I will go back again. Allowing a campfire makes the experience much more enjoyable, and with the very limited use the area is seeing the last few years it should not be a problem. I personally always paddle to a location somewhere along the lake other than near existing campsites , pull ashore and gather firewood randomly. I live in Lake Clear within a mile of the Lake Clear Fish Hatchery so spend most of my canoe camping in the SRCA where campfires are allowed and parts of the area see intense use, but the Essex Chain of lakes is a beautiful area with good Brook Trout fishing and I will definitely go back to the area if campfires are allowed. I was into the Essex Chain the first year it opened but have not been in since.

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From: Mr. Robin DeLoria <supervisor@newcombny.com>
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Subject: Town of Newcomb Resolution Regarding Essex Chain Lakes UMP

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Unanimous resolution from my Town Board. Hard copy to follow in USPS mail....

RESOLUTION OF NEWCOMB TOWN BOARD AT ITS REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 11, 2020 TO SUPPORT THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AMENDMENT TO THE 2016 ESSEX CHAIN LAKES MANAGEMENT COMPLEX PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Newcomb recognizes that the Essex Chain Lakes Complex is underutilized and believes a contributing factor to that statistic is the prohibition of campfires.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Newcomb recognizes the potential negative natural resource impact of allowing fires and suggest that if such impact is observed the use of certified kiln dried firewood be permitted before prohibition of fires is reinstated by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Newcomb agrees that the portage distance is another factor contributing to the low use of the Essex Chain Lakes and after the fire restriction has been lifted, if no substantial change in use occurs, a future amendment should be considered to decrease the portage distance.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Newcomb supports the removal of the structure on the Outer Gooley, and the increase of the parking spaces for equestrian use, and that such use of the parking lot not be restricted to equestrian use only.

RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Newcomb gives its full support of the Amendment to the 2016 Essex Chain Management Complex Plan and apposite consideration be given to the underlined recommendations.

Duly adopted on this 11th day of August 2020

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