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**ADIRONDACK PARK AGENCY OPENS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON HURRICANE
MOUNTAIN PRIMITIVE AREA UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

RAY BROOK, NY - The Adirondack Park Agency is accepting public comments on Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan (APSLMP) compliance for the Hurricane Mountain Primitive Area unit management plan (UMP). A final draft plan was completed by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and was subject to a series of public meetings and public input during the planning process. The Adirondack Park Agency will now consider compliance of the final draft plan with the State Land Master Plan prior to final adoption by DEC. The Agency will accept public comments on the proposals contained in the draft plan until 12:00 PM on June 2, 2010.

The Hurricane Mountain Primitive Area (HMPA) is located in the northeast portion of the Adirondack Park in the towns of Elizabethtown, Jay, Keene and Lewis in Essex County. The unit is comprised of one Forest Preserve parcel covering approximately 13,784 acres in area and has approximately 34.3 miles of boundary line.

The Planning area is bounded on the North by the Jay Mountain Wilderness Area, on the south by the Giant Mountain Wilderness Area, and on the east and west by private lands. Other nearby

Forest Preserve units include the Sentinel Range Wilderness Area, The High Peaks Wilderness Area, the Taylor Pond Wild Forest and the Wilmington

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The UMP is available for viewing or downloading from the Adirondack Park Agency website at: http://www.apa.state.ny.us/State_Land/index.html

Please address all written comments pertaining to State Land Master Plan compliance to:

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Depending on the level of public comment received, the Adirondack Park Agency Board may consider compliance of DEC's Unit Management Plan with the State Land Master Plan at the June or July 2010 Agency meeting.