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RE: Inter-Agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices to Control Invasive Species on DEC Administered Lands of the Adirondack Park

Dear Peter,

The Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) fully supports and appreciates the efforts of the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Adirondack Park Agency (APA), and agency partners (i.e., the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program--APIPP) in compiling the *Inter-Agency Guidelines for Implementing Best Management Practices to Control Invasive Species on DEC Administered Lands of the Adirondack Park*.

The Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) is dedicated to the conservation, preservation, and responsible recreational use of the New York State Forest Preserve and other parks, wild lands, and waters vital to our members and chapters. ADK is a nonprofit organization with 30,000 members in 27 statewide chapters served by a year-round staff offering programs that help people discover, play in, and protect natural places. Since its founding in 1922, The Adirondack Mountain Club has protected wild lands and waters through the work of its dedicated member volunteers and staff. ADK members hike, camp, snowshoe, cross-country ski, paddle, and cycle the lands and waters of the Adirondack Park.

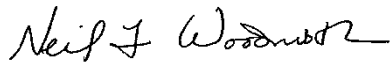
This essential guidance will facilitate the protection of the Adirondack Park by DEC, APA, and agency partners against invasive plants and pests. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) have been of particular concern to ADK. ADK staff and volunteers have been engaged in combating invasive species in the Adirondack Forest Preserve through educational awareness about spread prevention, through early

detection trainings and outings, and through advocating for funding in the New York State Budget to support invasive species spread prevention initiatives.

We are pleased to see that the Forest Pests category has been added to this guidance. We are also pleased with and support the Management Options and Best Management Practices for the suppression of Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA), which incorporate both short-term spread prevention measures using pesticides, and a long-term maintenance strategy using bio-controls from the Pacific Northwest, including predator beetles (*Laricobius nigrinus*), and Silver flies (*Leucopis argenticollis* and *L. piniperda*).

Thank you for your work in updating this important guidance and your continued efforts to protect the Adirondack Forest Preserve.

Sincerely,



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