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**RE:** Draft Shandaken Wild Forest Unit Management Plan.

Dear Pine,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Shandaken Wild Forest Unit Management Plan. We are very pleased to see the focus given to Leave No Trace Principles throughout the draft document as well as the plans for trail monitoring. ADK fully supports the excellent action proposed on page 79 of integrating Leave-No-Trace Principles and wildland ethics into all messaging and educational outreach. We look forward to supporting the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) with this effort. We also suggest adding an educational goal of reaching visitors before they leave home with messaging and information.

We are concerned about the potential for riders on the Giggle Hollow mountain bike trails to access and use old logging roads in the adjacent Big Indian Wilderness. Any intersection of old roads (especially those that lead to the wilderness area) with the proposed mountain bike trails should be clearly marked as closed to mountain bike use. Having wilderness trails and wild forest mountain bike trails originating at the same trailhead and parking lot, as they do on Lost Clove Road, could be problematic. Clear signage indicating what trails are closed to mountain bikes will be very important.

Thank you for your good work on this UMP!

Sincerely,

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### Adirondack Mountain Club

ADK is dedicated to protecting and advocating for New York State's wild lands and waters while also teaching people how to enjoy natural places responsibly. Since 1922, the organization has offered people opportunities to stay and play in as well as protect, discover, and explore the outdoors. Today, ADK has 30,000 members in 27 chapters statewide and is served by a professional, year-round staff. The organization is recognized as a vital voice in the commitment to environmental stewardship and ethical outdoor recreation in New York State. ADK members hike, camp, snowshoe, cross-country ski, paddle, and cycle the lands and waters of the Adirondack Park and other state lands. Our members are also monitors and maintainers of trails and recreation infrastructure as well as watchdogs of public lands and watersheds to monitor for invasive species or irresponsible and destructive motorized trespass.