

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## RESOLUTION NO. 322 OF 2018

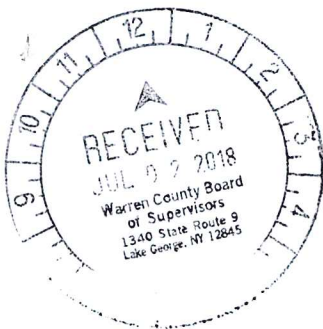
**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISORS STROUGH, LEGGETT, BRAYMER, WILD, MCDEVITT, DIAMOND, DICKINSON, GERAGHTY, MAGOWAN, SOKOL AND DRISCOLL**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADIRONDACK PARK LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW BOARD'S RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HIGH PEAKS WILDERNESS COMPLEX AND VANDERWHACKER MOUNTAIN WILD FOREST UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board adopted Resolution No. 3 of 2018, supporting the High Peaks Wilderness Complex and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendments, a copy of which is attached hereto as Schedule "A", and is requesting that the Warren County Board of Supervisors lend their support to the proposed plan amendments, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Warren County Board of Supervisors hereby supports the High Peaks Wilderness Complex and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo; Senator Elizabeth O'C. Little; Assemblyman Daniel G. Stec; the New York State Association of Counties; Intercounty Legislative Committee of the Adirondacks and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

**Resolution #3 of 2018****IN SUPPORT OF THE HIGH PEAKS WILDERNESS COMPLEX AND VANDERWHACKER MOUNTAIN WILD FOREST UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS.**

**Whereas**, DEC has drafted High Peaks Wilderness Complex and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest Unit Management Plan Amendments in consultation with the APA; and

**Whereas**, the DEC and APA are holding concurrent public hearings and public comment periods on the amended plans; and

**Whereas**, the Review Board has reviewed the amendments and generally supports the proposed actions; and

**Whereas**, the Board believes that concurrent APA and DEC public hearings and comment periods are beneficial to the public because it allows the public to make comments regarding both the specific plans (DEC) and state land master plan (SLMP) conformance (APA) without having to draw technical distinctions between them; and

**Whereas**, the Board specifically supports the proposed parking lot near the Boreas Ponds Dam for disabled visitors as well as universal access, and generally appreciates the attention paid to the needs of disabled and limited mobility visitors; and

**Whereas**, the Board supports the proposal for seasonal hunting vehicular access on the Boreas Road; and

**Whereas**, the Board specifically supports the proposed changes and reroutes to the Wright Peak Ski Trail to connect to the Whale's Tale Ski Trail and the completion of Ski Trail Guidance as soon as possible; and

**Whereas**, the Board requests that any necessary SLMP amendments to allow further backcountry ski trails, as requested by the Adirondack Powder Skiers, be approved as soon as possible, and that additional backcountry ski trails be added to the High Peaks Wilderness and Vanderwhacker Mountain Wild Forest, because it may be many years before new amendments to those plans are proposed; and

**Whereas**, the Board supports prevention of the introduction and spread of invasive species, particularly aquatic invasive species by watercraft;

**Now, therefore it is hereby**

**Resolved** that the Review Board supports APA and DEC concurrent public hearings and public comment periods; and it is further

**Resolved** that the Board generally supports the proposed UMP amendments and requests that the Ski Trail Guidance Document and any necessary SLMP amendments be completed and approved, and that additional backcountry ski trails be added to the High Peaks Wilderness Complex UMP; and it is further

**Resolved** that the Board requests the addition of at least one watercraft inspection and decontamination station at the Frontier Town Visitors Center, or near the Gulf Brook Road, to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species; and it further

**Resolved**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Deputy Secretary for the Environment Venetia Lannon, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senator Charles Schumer, Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, Senator Elizabeth Little, Senator Jim Tedisco, Senator Joseph Griffo, Senator Patty Ritchie, Senator Kathy Marchione, Senator David Valesky, Senator Liz Krueger, Assemblyman Dan Stec, Assemblyman Billy Jones, Assemblyman Mark Butler, Assemblyman Ken Blankenbush, Assemblyman Steve Englebright, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, DEC Region 5 Director Bob Stegemann, DEC Region 6 Director, Judy Drabicki, the twelve Counties of the Adirondacks, the Adirondack Park Agency and the Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages.