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MEMORANDUM

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TO: The Record

FROM: Commissioner Alexander B. Grannis *ABG*

RE: Adirondack Snowmobile Guidelines

I hereby approve an amendment to the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Adirondack Park Agency and the Department of Environmental Conservation Concerning the Implementation of the State Land Master Plan for the Adirondack Park (APA/DEC MOU)* to include the Management Guidance: Snowmobile Trail Siting, Construction and Maintenance on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park, 11-2009 (Management Guidance) as determined by the APA to be in conformance to the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan.

This amendment to the APA/DEC MOU provides guidance to DEC and APA staff in the planning and management of snowmobile trails on Forest Preserve lands in the Adirondack Park and thus replaces DEC policy ONR-2 (Snowmobile Trails – Forest Preserve) for the management of this recreational resource in the Adirondack Park only.

At this time, ONR-2 is rescinded as it applies to the Adirondack Park and I direct DEC staff to develop an appropriate policy for the management of snowmobile trails on State Lands in the Catskill Park, based on the guidelines in the Catskill Park State Land Master Plan and applicable provisions from the adopted Management Guidance. ONR-2 shall continue to be in effect until such time as a new policy can be developed for the Catskill Park.