



Fact Sheet

March 2019

Great Divide Unit Management Plan

Public Input Requested

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has begun the process of revising the **Great Divide and Erwin Unit Management Plans** (UMP). The two plans will be combined into one and called the Great Divide UMP. The first Great Divide UMP was finalized in 2006 and the first Erwin UMP was finalized in 2008. The plans are available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4979.html#Public>.

The purpose of a unit management plan is two-fold: 1) to define management goals and objectives for state land and, 2) to prepare a ten-year plan of action to achieve those objectives.

Public involvement is an important component to the UMP process. We invite you to provide us with your comments or concerns regarding the past or future management of any of the DEC properties included in this UMP. Your comments may be general or specific, and will be accepted at any time throughout the process. Please email or mail them to the addresses located in the left column.

The UMP consists of three Wildlife Management Areas and six State Forests, in Steuben, Schuyler and Chemung Counties. (See map on back).

Once the draft plan is completed, the public will be invited to review it and attend a public meeting to share your views on the Draft UMP. Comments will be weighed against law, regulations, DEC Commissioner's directives and other public comments before changes are made to the draft plan. Public questions and/or comments will be included in the Final UMP.

It is DEC's policy to manage state lands for multiple benefits to serve the people of New York State. Benefits such as good water quality, a diverse and healthy wildlife population, and recreational enjoyment are ensured by thoughtful land management, including selectively varying the types and growth stages of forested stands within this unit, maintaining and creating grasslands, and enhancing wetland areas. The plan will offer general information on the unit's history and geology, an inventory of the unit's resources, such as vegetative types and stages, fish, wildlife and habitat. It will also describe the proposed goals and objectives along with policy considerations for managing the unit.

Accomplishments from the 2006 and 2008 UMPs include: successful completion of timber management; construction and maintenance of roads and parking lots; the protection, study and improvement of habitat for rare, threatened, or endangered species; the addition of Big Flats WMA; construction of the McCarthy Lean-to on McCarthy Hill State Forest; and the creation and maintenance of additional grassland and vernal pools.

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Comments, concerns or suggestions may be mailed to:

NYS DEC
State Land Mgmt.
7291 Coon Rd
Bath, NY 14810

or emailed to:

r8.ump@dec.ny.gov

Great Divide Unit
Management Plan web
page:

[www.dec.ny.gov/lands/
22562.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/22562.html)

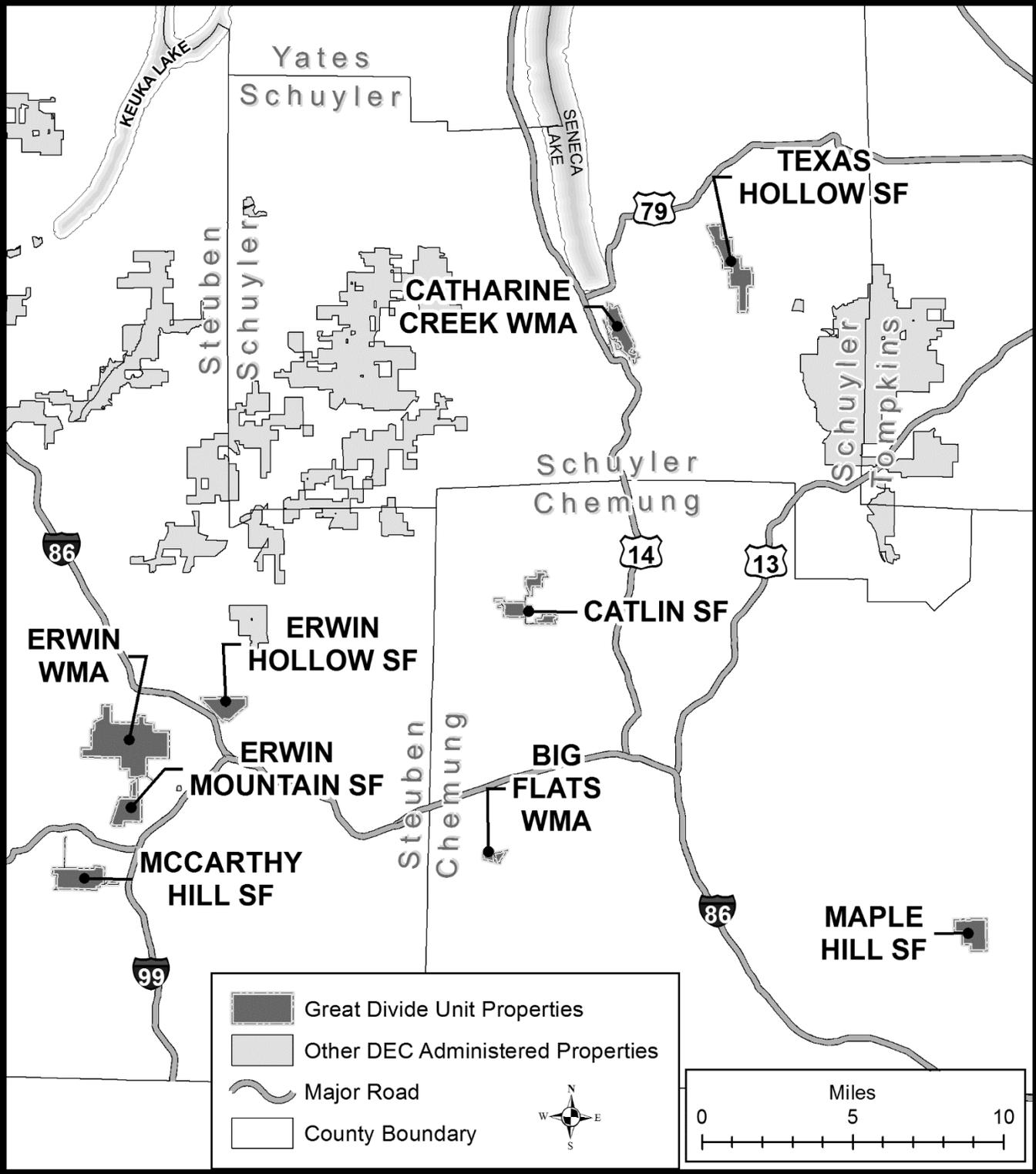
Phone Number:
585-226-5324

For additional
information on the Unit
Management Plan
process:

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Great Divide Unit Management Plan Map:



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