Summary of Meeting #26
High Peaks Strategic Planning Group
Virtual Meeting - November

**HPAG MEMBERSHIP**

- Dr. Jill Weiss, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- Chris Morris, OPHRP Statewide Trails Program Planner
- Joe Pete Wilson, Supervisor, Town of Keene
- Rocci Acquire, Adirondack Council
- Pete Nelson, Adirondack Wilderness Advocates
- Charlie Wise, The Mountaineer
- Seth Jones, Adirondack Mountain Club
- Theresa Cheetham-Palen, Rock and River Guide Company
- James McKenna, Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism
- Shaun Gilliland, Chair, Essex County Board of Supervisors
- Sandi Allen, Retired DEC Counsel
- Pat Barnes, DOT Region 1 Director
- Rick Weber, APA Deputy Director
- Mike Pratt, ORDA CEO, (Alternates: Emma Lamy, Sustainability Officer and Kris Cheney-Seymour, Nordic Program Manager)
- Rob Davies, DEC Director of Division of Lands and Forests
- Joseph Zalewski, Acting DEC Region 5 Director

**HPAG DEC Staff Support**

- FACILITATOR: Mary Roy, Strategic Planning/Performance Management Office Director
- Karyn Richards, Special Assistant to the Commissioner
- Erin Hancyck, Public Participation Specialist
- Laura DiBetta, Director of Outdoor Recreation
- Peter Frank, Bureau Chief, Forest Preserve and Conservation Easements

**Goals for Managing Public Use in the High Peaks Region**

- Ensure public safety within communities, along roadways, at trailheads, and in interior areas
- Protect natural resources and recreation infrastructure
- Provide a quality recreation experience
- Supporting local economic vitality
- Make decisions based on science using the best available data

**HPAG Charge**

Undertake a collaborative process to provide a strategic framework to address public use in the High Peaks Region of the Adirondack Park which will:

- Include short, medium and long-term recommendations (strategies, actions and tactics) to achieve the goals of the initiative
- Incorporate, expand, and/or modify recommendations made to date
- Identify additional data necessary to inform the HPAG recommendations
• Identify priorities for the implementation of recommendations

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, only one meeting was held in the month of November.

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Meeting goals:
➢ Review draft sections of report
➢ Agree on review process and editor of final report

Achieved during meeting:
➢ Draft report sections reviewed, led by drafters, included Visitor Experience, Community and Overall Recommendations
➢ Agreed on a plan for reviewing and editing final report

NEXT Steps agreed to:
➢ Continue reviewing draft sections
➢ Determine flow and structure of final report