

February 27, 2008

James Connolly
Deputy Director, Planning
Adirondack Park Agency
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Dear Deputy Director Connolly:

I am writing to voice my opposition to the NYSDEC's "No Material Increase (NMI)" proposal.

I am an avid Snowmobiler in the Adirondack Park, and support the New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA) and my local snowmobile club in their position that NMI is outdated, misinterpreted, and in desperate need of immediate rework by the NYSDEC.

I am standing by the position of the NYSSA and their recommendations that:

1. All trail mileage located on private land at the time of purchase to NYS be added to the mileage cap ceiling
2. Any additional mileage added to the snowmobile trail system because of environmental or safety concerns should result in the mileage cap ceiling being increased
3. Our interpretation of "state truck trails #3 is any snowmobile trails on acquired parcels will be added to the ceiling. This should also include any snowmobile trails that are not on motor vehicle roads, therefore I stand by the recommendation that snowmobile trails on motor vehicle roads not count toward the mileage cap ceiling
4. All future easements or purchases include language that will convey snowmobile trails municipalities on newly acquired acquisitions

My family and I love snowmobiling and patronizing local businesses in the Adirondack Park, and would hate to think that my children or grandchildren would not be able to have this wonderful outdoor sport available to them due to a misinterpretation of regulations that result in the closure of trails needed to insure our safety and sustain our sport well into the future.

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,