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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12233-1010

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Record

FROM: Alexander B. Grannis, Commissioner

DATE: **OCT 27 2008**

SUBJECT: Gore Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use Area and the Historic North Creek Ski Bowl Ski Trails and Lifts Interconnect

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), as lead agency, and in coordination with Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) and Adirondack Park Agency (Agency), finalized the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), assessing the potential cumulative impacts associated with the ski trails and lifts interconnect between the Gore Mountain Ski Center Intensive Use Area (Gore Mountain) and the Historic North Creek Ski Bowl (Ski Bowl), Town of Johnsbury, Warren County, New York. This SEIS was noticed as final in the September 17, 2008 issue of the Environmental Notice Bulletin (ENB) pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

This proposed interconnection is shown on maps contained in Appendix 1 of this SEIS and was originally proposed in the 2005 Amendment of the 2002-2007 Unit Management Plan (UMP) and Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for Gore Mountain (2005 UMP Amendment). Specifically, this interconnection consists of the proposed ski trails and lifts identified as lifts #12 and #14 and trails #12-b through #12-j in Figure 1-1 of the 2005 Amendment (map attached). This SEIS and that portion of the 2005 UMP Amendment associated with the ski trails and ski lifts interconnect was approved by the Agency at its October 10, 2008 meeting, whereby the Agency found them to be consistent with guidelines and criteria for the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan, the State Constitution, Environmental Conservation Law, and Department Rules, Regulations and Policies.

Having fully considered potential cumulative impacts assessment of this SEIS, and documents incorporate therein,
I HEREBY ADOPT the SEQRA findings set forth below and,
I HEREBY APPROVE that portion of the 2005 UMP Amendment associated with the above described Gore Mountain Interconnect.

OCT 27 2008

Date

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alexander B. Grannis', written over a horizontal line.

Alexander B. Grannis

Attachments: SEQRA Findings, Final SEIS, 2005 UMP Amendment
cc w/o attachments: Ted Blazer, CEO ORDA
Mike Pratt, GM Gore Mountain