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# FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

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**Fiscal Year 2023**  
**Project # 2023-RB-011: CO-WP-329**

<u>Region</u> 5	<u>Project Title</u> Follensby Clear Pond Campsites
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<u>Project Type</u> New Construction	<u>Town(s)</u> Santa Clara	<u>County</u> Franklin	<u>Management Unit</u> Saranac Lakes Wild Forest
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Description of Desired Condition(s) for Project

The desired conditions of this project are: The new campsites are able to sustain regular public use without degradation to the natural resources. The campsites do not degrade the natural character or water quality of the pond. There is adequate separation distance between the sites and the pond so that visual and noise impacts from use of the sites is limited. The sites that are closed are restored to a natural condition and become part of the natural scenery of the pond.

Description of Project Specifications

The 2019 Saranac Lakes Wild Forest Unit Management Plan (UMP) includes proposals to make changes to primitive tent site locations. Some of the tent sites will need to be closed because they are not in compliance with separation distances outlined in the Adirondack Park State Land Master Plan. In order to avoid causing a major disruption to public use, new tent sites will be built prior to the closure of sites which do not comply with separation distances. This effort to provide camping opportunities before closures will help ensure closed and rehabilitated sites do not illegally receive use, thereby ensuring successful naturalization.

This work plan is for the construction of five primitive tent sites at Follensby Clear Pond. Each tent site will have three tent pads, a fire ring, a canoe landing area, and a pit privy. The social area with the fire ring will be separated from the tent pads by about 100 feet. The tent pads will be made from mineral soil. The construction of the tent sites will follow the Management Guidance for the Siting, Construction, and Maintenance of Primitive Tent Sites in Wilderness, Primitive, Canoe, and Wild Forest Areas on Forest Preserve Lands in the Adirondack Park.

Locations of the tent sites: Site #1 UTM: 18T 0551705 4906858, Site #2 UTM 18T 0551157 4907109, Site #3 UTM: 18T 0552050 4909260, Site #4 UTM: 18T 0551826 4908896, Site #5 UTM: 18T 055174 4908472.

Following construction of the new tent sites, five current campsites on Follensby Clear Pond will be closed to camping and restored to a natural state. Restoration work will include discouraging access, breaking-up compacted soil, adding organic matter, placing large rocks in the site, planting trees or other vegetation, and controlling the flow of water across the site.

## Description of Measures Taken to Avoid, Mitigate and Minimize Impacts to Natural Resources

Trees to be removed: This project requires the removal of eighteen (18) trees between 1 and 3-inches diameter at breast height (DBH), and eleven (11) trees over 4 inches DBH. The cut material will be dispersed on adjacent State land.

Earthwork and Disturbance: Total developed area for all five tent sites will be about 3,160 square feet. This area includes 15: 12-foot by 12-foot tent pads, five fire rings areas (about 160 square feet each), and five canoe take out areas. Organic matter will be removed from the developed areas. Mineral soil will be used to raise the surface level of the tent pads and the fire pits.

Impacts to Streams, Waterbodies, and Wetlands: Water access to the primitive tent sites will require vegetation to be removed at the shore of the pond. These take-outs will be leveled and hardened to allow easier access. Hardening will also maximize longevity and minimize the risk of erosion. No grading will take place below the mean the high-water mark. The earthwork for the tent pads will occur away from the edge of the pond, so there will be no risk of erosion from the tent pads into the pond. The earthen tent pads will be better able to withstand public use without eroding than if tent pads were not constructed. The tent pads will also serve to guide people to set their tents at specific locations.

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Identification of Rare, Threatened or Endangered Species: No Rare, Threatened, or Endangered species are documented within 0.25 miles of the project site.

## Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

The closure of campsites is required to comply with management guidance. The creation of new campsites is not a mandate, therefore an alternative to this project could be not to build new campsites. This alternative could result in fewer direct impacts to the natural resources. However, there would be more disruptions in public use, and the resulting impacts to natural resources from illegal camping could outweigh the benefit of constructing designated sites at appropriate locations.

The selected campsites are at the most appropriate locations available. Alternative locations would include more tree cutting and more terrain manipulation.

## Description of Use of Motorized Equipment and/or Motor Vehicles (if any)

Hand tools should be sufficient for most of the work. Chainsaws may be needed for some of the tree cutting.

Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities

Given site constraints, the primitive tent sites proposed in this work plan will not be built to accessible standards for persons with disabilities. The Saranac Lakes Wild Forest Unit Management Plan calls for at least two tent sites on Follensby Clear Pond to be built to accessible standards. These accessible tent sites will be proposed in a future work plan.

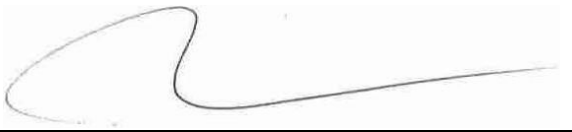
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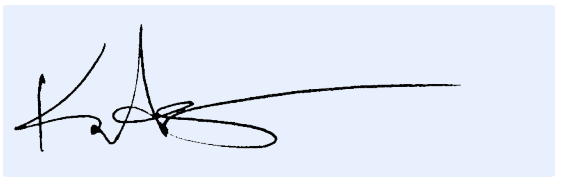
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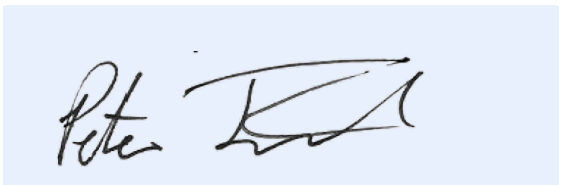
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Regional Program Manager  
Date: 4/17/2024



Supervisor of Natural Resources  
Date: 08/20/2024

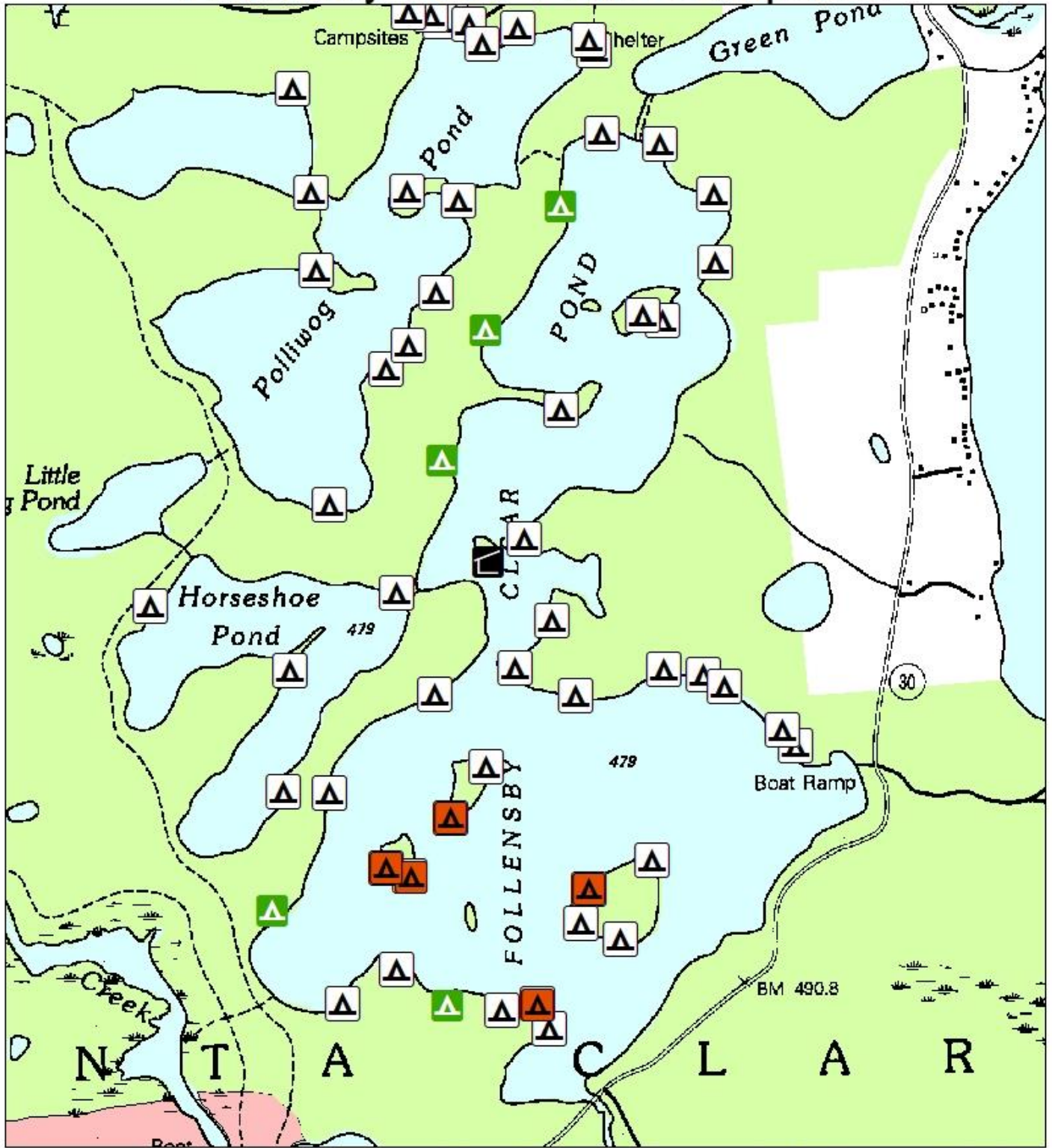


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Date: 06/25/2024

**REGULATORY CLEARANCE CHECKLIST – STATE LANDS and CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROJECTS**

PROGRAM	PERMIT	REQUIRED		SECURED BY	COMMENTS
		YES	NO	(NAME)	
Air Resources	Restricted Burning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Mineral Resources	Mining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Materials Management	Solid Waste Mgt. Fac.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Water	Dam Safety Review	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Const. in Flood Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Public Water Supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	SPDES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Spills Management	Petro. Bulk Storage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Lands and Forests	Unit Management Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Approved in 2019
	Tree Cutting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Included in this plan
	Protected Native Plants	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Historic Preservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Fish and Wildlife	Freshwater Wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Wild Scenic & Rec. River	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Compliance Services	Other Protection of Waters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	EAF	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Negative Declaration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Env. Impact Statement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Water Quality Cert.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
DEC (other)	CP-17	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Commissioner (aircraft,motorized equipment)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Flight Request	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Contract Clearance Sh.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	DOB Exemption	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Other Agencies	APA MOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	APA Wetlands Permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Corps. of Engineers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Building Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Local Permits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Easements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Highway Enter DOT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	Wastewater Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

# Follensby Clear Pond Campsites



## Legend

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|  Primitive tentsite |  Sites to be closed    |  Wild Forest   |
|  Lean-to            |  New sites to be built |  Intensive Use |

**FOREST PRESERVE WORK PLAN TREE TALLY**

Project Name: Follensby Pond Campsites  
 State Land Unit: Saranac Lakes Wild Forest  
 County: Franklin  
 Date Tallied: 4/16&17/2024  
 Tallied By: Steve Guglielmi

Town: Santa Clara

Species	Diameter															Total
	1 to 3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	
American beech		3	2													5
Balsam fir		1														1
Hemlock		5														5
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>													<b>29</b>

Note: 1"- 3" size class are trees from 1.0" to 2.9" DBH. 4" size class are trees from 3.0" to 4.9". 6" size class are trees from 5.0" to 6.9".