

FOREST PRESERVE DETAILED PROJECT WORK PLAN

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Project # WF-EV-2025

2025-ORDA-008

CO-WP-395

<u>Region</u> 5	<u>Project Title</u> EV chargers install
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<u>Project Type</u> Modification of Existing Facility	<u>Town(s)</u> Wilmington	<u>County</u> Essex	<u>Management Unit</u> Whiteface Mountain Intensive Use Area
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Description of Desired Condition(s) for Project

2022 UMP for Whiteface Mountain approved the installation of Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers in the section "Prioritization and Schedule of Management Actions" Please see the attached document 2022 Unit Management Plan (UMP) for Whiteface Mountain, Section 2 - 6. Whiteface Mountain would like to install 10 new dual port EV chargers in the River Lot parking area. The approved action to install EV chargers will significantly improve the experience for guests with electric vehicles visiting the venue. Since few charging options are available in the area, this addition is expected to attract more visitors and generate greater interest in the local region.

Description of Project Specifications

We will install a new five foot by five-foot concrete vault to place a new 750 kilo volt-amperes (KVA) transformer on in the River Lot to support the installation of the new EV chargers. It is important to note that the project does not require any tree cutting. We will have to trench from the transformer to the new dual port chargers. Please see attached map for reference.

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

The work area will be lined with a silt fence. All trenching will be backfilled once the conduit is installed. All disturbed areas will be mulched and seeded when the project is complete. It will not impact any wetlands or water bodies. Additionally, there will be no adverse effects on any rare, threatened, or endangered species.

Analysis of Project Location and Design Alternatives

There are alternative locations that have been evaluated however they are all in a similar area and would all require a new vault and transformer. The design is standard for the installation of EV chargers.

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

To effectively install the chargers, we will use a small excavator, trailer, and loader.

Description of Applicable Standards for Accessibility by People with Disabilities

Whiteface Mountain has many opportunities for adaptive winter recreation and have instructors trained to teach the adaptive skiing participants.

Other Relevant Considerations

The project has been developed in a location that provides easy access to chargers by our summer and winter guests. Any location at the resort will require the installation of a new transformer and vault to support the chargers. A Wild Scenic Rivers Act permit has also been approved for this project.

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Comments:



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Date: 9/17/2025



On Behalf of the Division

Director Date: 9/5/2025

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		The EV chargers in the River lot were mentioned in the 2022 UMPA
	Tree Cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		The WSR Permit application has been approved.
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"/>		

Satellite image of River lot and locations of EV chargers



No trail construction will occur until DEC has finalized the comprehensive review of applicable trail construction policies. All proposed trail work will be reviewed in accordance with that policy, and final siting and design must be approved through the updated Work Plan process.

13. Expand NYSEF Building – NYSEF is proposing to construct a 25-foot by 70-foot, two floor addition to the north side of their existing building in the base lodge area.

14. Install Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargers – ORDA has installed three (3) dual port charging units in the open parking area adjacent to the Bear Den Mountain Trailhead and desires to install additional EV Chargers in the River Lot. Project specifics shall be outlined through the Wild, Scenic and Recreational Rivers Act permit required by DEC. ORDA supports EV usage and wants to encourage those with electric vehicles to come to Whiteface Mountain.

15. Install Prefabricated Freestanding Restroom – an approximately 10 feet by 20 feet precast concrete restroom building will be installed adjacent to the Timing Building and replace the existing outhouse building. The building will house two toilet rooms served by non-potable snowmaking water and a proposed onsite wastewater treatment system. The exterior of the building will employ stained concrete form liner patterns to simulate a stone and/or clap board siding.

C. Projected Use

The actions proposed in this UMPA are intended to better distribute skiers on the mountain and not necessarily to significantly increase the levels of use at Whiteface.

See section IV.B of the 2018 UMPA for a discussion of attendance numbers and projected future use.

D. Actions Approved in Previous UMPs which are Part of this UMP Amendment

The status of all pre-2018 UMPA management actions remain the same as they were in the 2018 UMPA. Per section 1 above, some of the new management actions in the 2018 UMPA have been completed and other actions approved in the 2018 UMPA are no longer proposed. **Table 1**, Status of Management Actions, in **Exhibit 1** has been updated to reflect changes in the status of previously approved actions and to include the new 2021 management actions.