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Adirondack Wild applauds APA Decision to Table General Permit for Clear-cut logging in the Adirondack Park

Keene, NY – Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve is pleased with the NYS Adirondack Park Agency's decision to table a vote tomorrow by its commissioners on the General Permit for clear-cutting on the Park's private forest lands, and to allow instead for a more deliberative, inclusive, and transparent public process.

"The Agency has clearly heard the voices of over a dozen organizations and hundreds of citizens across the state who asked the APA to table this General Permit, and to include, not exclude, the public in any changes in its review of applications for clear-cut logging in the Park," said Adirondack Wild's Dan Plumley.

"As an alternative to this General Permit, we are pleased that tomorrow the APA will begin to discuss ways to streamline its current Class A regional permit application for clear-cutting, ways to involve the public in discussions about how to improve forestry standards and conditions in the Adirondack Park, and ways to modernize its regulations pertaining to jurisdiction and review of clear-cutting," added Adirondack Wild's David Gibson.

Yesterday, a group letter signed by twelve state, regional and national organizations was delivered to the Agency and Governor Cuomo asking that the General Permit be postponed or revoked, and stating that a much better public outcome would be for the APA to convene stakeholders to help the Agency to reform the APA's thirty-year old regulations governing forest clear-cutting.

Adirondack Wild: Friends of the Forest Preserve is a not for profit, membership-supported organization which advances New York's "Forever Wild" legacy and Forest Preserve policies in the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, and promotes public and private land stewardship consistent with wild land values through education, advocacy and research.