



# ADIRONDACK COUNCIL

## *ACTION ALERT*

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### **The Adirondack Park Agency Wants Your Input Please Help Expand the Five Ponds and Round Lake Wilderness Areas**

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Dear Adirondack Council member,

The Adirondack Park Agency (APA) is seeking public input on the proposed classification or re-classification of lands and waters in and around the Five Ponds Wilderness Area, including Lows Lake, Hitchens Pond and the Bog River. This area is located in the northwest part of the Adirondack Park in Hamilton and St. Lawrence Counties. This process will determine how the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will manage these lands and what public recreational uses will be allowed here in the future. How this area is classified has a tremendous impact on the ecology and environment of the entire Adirondack Park.

The Council supports these proposals as they would expand the Five Ponds Wilderness and Round Lake Wilderness and move toward the goal of a larger Bob Marshall Great Wilderness – a proposed 410,000 acre Wilderness Area or complex described in the Council's 2020 VISION series and endorsed by the state in its 1992 Open Space Conservation Plan.

**There is much opposition to these proposals from motorized users and those who are anti-Wilderness, so it is extremely important that you get involved.**

#### **What You Can Do**

**Please write to the Adirondack Park Agency and tell them in your own words that you support the proposals to:**

- **Upgrade the Lows Lake and Hitchens Pond Primitive Areas to Wilderness status and classify the newer Forest Preserve lands south of Lows Lake as Wilderness.**
- **Phase out float plane use on Lows Lake.**
- **Establish a wilderness canoe route leading up the Bog River into Lows Lake and the Five Ponds Wilderness Area.**
- **Classify the river and lake beds and waters of Bog River and Lows and Bog Lakes as Wilderness.**

**The APA Will Accept Written Comments Until 5pm on Friday, August 28, 2009.**

**Please mail or fax your letter to:**

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Assistant Planning Director  
PO Box 99  
Ray Brook, NY 12977  
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**Unfortunately, the Park Agency does not accept emailed comments.**

For more information on the APA's proposals, please visit the Adirondack Park Agency's website at:  
[http://www.apa.state.ny.us/State\\_Land/index.html](http://www.apa.state.ny.us/State_Land/index.html)

**Please be sure to send your letters so they arrive at the Park Agency before 5pm on Friday, August 28th.** If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail us. Also, please mail or e-mail us a copy of your correspondence, if possible. Thank you for your help and support!

Best Regards,



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