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## Group Submits Plan to Create Wilderness Area in Adirondacks

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The Adirondack Council is the latest conservation group to release a plan for New York State's newly acquired land in the Adirondacks.

In August, New York State officials announced the state will purchase 69-thousand acres of former Finch-Pruyn lands in the Adirondacks over the next five years. Those lands must be classified under DEC Unit Management Plans.

Recently the group "Protect the Adirondacks" suggested using 39-thousand acres to create an Upper Hudson Wilderness Area. Now, the Adirondack Council has released its own proposal to create a new 72-thousand acre Wild Rivers Wilderness Area. Spokesman John Sheehan is excited about the potential for the land.

Adirondack Association of Towns and Villages President and Town of Wells Supervisor Brian Towers says everything should be on the table regarding land classification, not just wilderness designation.