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MEMORANDUM FROM **HENRY G. WILLIAMS,** Commissioner

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Department of Environmental Conservation

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TO: The Record

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RE: Unit Management Plan

Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest

The final Unit Management Plan for the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest is consistent with guidelines and criteria of the Catskill Park State Land Master Plan; involved citizens participation; is consistent with the State Constitution, Environmental Conservation Law, rules, regulations and policy; and projects stated management objectives of such area for a five-year period, accordingly is hereby approved and adopted.

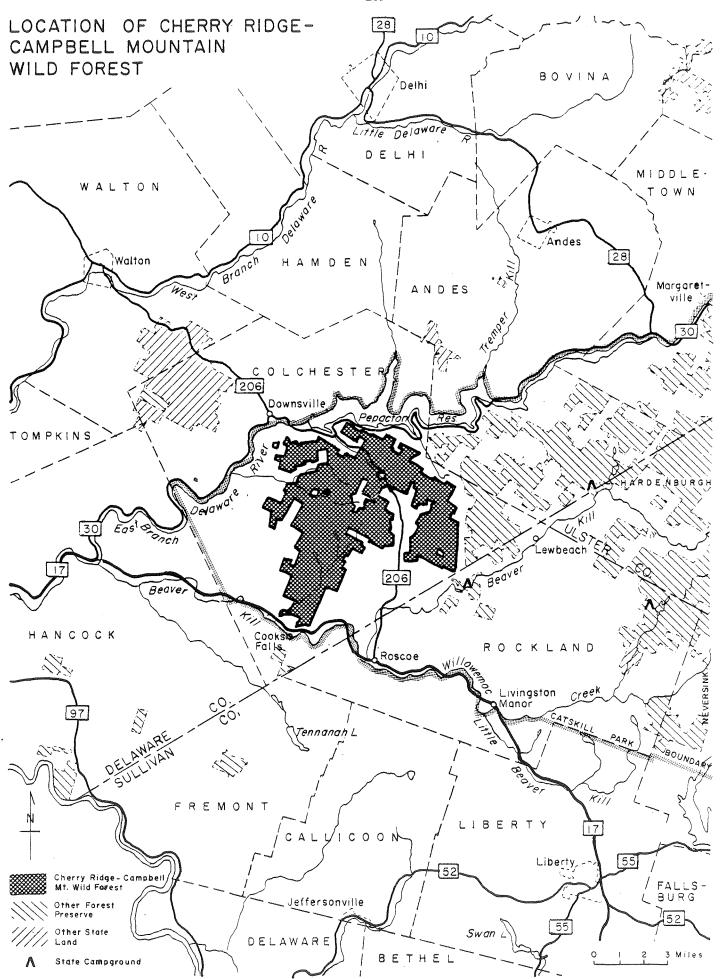
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I. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION OF UNIT

A. Location

This wild forest is part of the Catskill Forest Preserve in the Town of Colchester in Delaware County. is the most westerly unit within the Catskill Park. County Route 17 and the Beaverkill are near the southerly boundary while Russell Brook Road, Dry Brook Road, Fuller Brook Road, Fuller Hill Road, Hawks Hollow Road, Campbell Brook Road, Campbell Mountain Road, and Mink Brook Road touch or are near the westerly boundaries. Pepacton Reservoir, New York Route 30 and the City of New York property are near the northern boundary while Holiday and Berry Brook Road, which runs generally north and south is near the easterly boundaries of Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit. County Route #7, Downsville Rockland Road, State 206 or local name Cat Hollow Road, Russell Brook Road, Morton Hill Road, Campbell Brook Road, Campbell Mountain Road, and Jug Tavern Road provide access through the area.

There is one small non-contiguous mountain tract of land included within the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit. It is located on the northwest corner of the area near Hog Hollow and south of Downsville.

(see map for location)

B. Description

1. General

The Cherry Ridge - Campbell Mountain Wild Forest
Unit is very mountainous. The majority of the land is
moderate to steep in grade. There are approximately
17,500 acres in this Unit. The mountain tops in this
western edge of the Catskills have suffered much erosion
over time and are quite rounded. They are not as
prominent as the mountains on the eastern edge of the
Catskills. The ridge elevations range from 2,200'
elevation to 2,800' elevation while the valleys range
from 1,400' to 2,500'.

With the exception of a few fields, this area is forested. According to a report produced by Syracuse University for the Temporary State Commission to study the Catskills, the northern hardwood forest type occupies 84.9% of the Catskill Forest Preserve. Sugar maple, American beech, and yellow birch are the main species in this type.

An exception to the generally prevalent northern hardwoods is the Allegheny hardwood type which owes its origin to the lumbering, acid wood cutting, and fires of the 1890-1920 era. The forest stands destroyed were originally part of the vast hemlock-white pine northern hardwood association of the eastern deciduous forests. The Allegheny hardwood type is composed primarily of

black cherry, red maple, sugar maple with white ash, yellow birch, American beech, and eastern hemlock as common associates. Some other forest types within this area are plantation spruce, red pine, larch, and hemlock.

The soils in this unit have limited drainage and hardpan is generally 12" to 24" from the soil surface. The ground is very stony and in places the glaciers deposited large shale, block-type rocks. Trout Pond and Mud Pond are two large, attractive, man-made ponds nestled back in the mountains. Several small brooks and streams drain this area. Russell Brook is by far the most picturesque with its scenic overlooks, old dams, and cascading waterfalls. Eventually, all the water from this area drains into the Delaware River. There are 13 mapped and inventoried wetlands within this unit.

There are several miles of town roads that adjoin or traverse the area so that no part of the Cherry Ridge -Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit is very remote.

2. Wildlife

The Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest
Unit lies within the Delaware Hills ecological subzone.
The extensive northern hardwoods forest with scattered
coniferous cover provide habitat for a variety of
wildlife species, especially those that favor mature to
old-growth forest stages.

There has never been a formal inventory of animal

life on this area. Chambers, in his handbook,
"Integration Timber and Wildlife Management" (1983),
compiled an extensive listing of wildlife presumed to
reside within the Delaware Hills ecological subzone and
further qualified his listing by categorizing species by
forest type, forest stage, and special habitat needs. Based
on Chambers' criteria, 51 species of mammals, 105 species
of birds, and 35 species of reptiles and amphibians likely
reside on the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit.
(See Appendix H,I,J,K). Records compiled for the Breeding
Bird Atlas (D.E.C. in cooperation with the Federation of
N.Y.S. Bird Clubs) indicate that 46 species of birds were
recorded as confirmed breeders, 55 species as probable
breeders, and 44 species as possible breeders in the
unit. (See Appendix L.).

White-tailed deer are present and are eagerly sought after by hunters. From four years (1980-83) of hunting information in the Town of Colchester, it is known that an average of 5.2 bucks per square mile of deer range were taken. Extrapolating from this information and assuming that the deer population is uniformly distributed, the average pre-hunting season population has been approximately 1,000 within the Unit.

The Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest
Unit is within the Northern Catskill Black Bear Range.
Although bears are not common in the area, conditions

are suitable to allow a bear hunting season. At least one bear has been taken within the Unit and visitors occasionally observe them. Recent DEC studies have focused on the relationship between bears and humans in the Catskills, in an effort to resolve or prevent conflicts that recreationists encounter while hiking or at campsites throughout the entire forest preserve.

3. Fisheries

The Unit is drained by 10 tributary systems including five to the Beaver Kill, four to Pepacton Reservoir, and one directly to the East Branch of the Delaware River (see map). Pepacton Reservoir is an impoundment of the East Branch at the Village of East Three tributaries (Russell Brook, Campbell Brook and Cat Hollow Brook) account for 72% of the 17.6 miles of flowing water within the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit. Of the three, Russell Brook, approximately 6 miles, is the most important. Russell Brook is impounded by a laid stone dam on tributary #2 to form 26 acre Mud Pond and on the main stem to form 32 acre Trout Pond (formerly Cables Lake). Trout Pond sustains a self-perpetuating population of a wild Catskill Mountain strain of brook trout, native to Tunis Lake, also in Delaware County, Trout Pond is inhabited by golden shiners and bluntnose minnows. Mud Pond is stocked with up to 300 spring yearling rainbow trout each year. Stocked trout share

Mud Pond with red-breast sunfish, brown bullhead, and golden shiners. Russell Brook has self-sustaining populations of brook and brown trout.

The fish indigenous to this part of the State and normally found in similar habitats are also found in the tributary system of the Cherry Ridge - Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit. The generally mountainous topography features moderate gradient tributaries which are subject to damming by beavers. The beaver dams form small trout ponds of varying duration. The tributaries support resident populations of brook trout and also serve as spawning and nursery areas for the world renowned Beaver Kill and the East Branch of the Delaware River and its impoundment, Pepacton Reservoir.

II. INVENTORY OF FACILITIES AND SYSTEMS

A. Barriers--Trail and Road

- 1. Junction of Russell Brook Road and the road to Trout and Mud Ponds.
- 2. Junction of Russell Brook Road and the access road above the junction listed in A.l.
- 3. Just off Campbell Brook Road and next to the large piece of private land there is a barrier at the junction of the snowmobile trail.
- 4. Located just south of Campbell Mountain Brook Road on the foot and snowmobile trail.
- 5. Located just north of Campbell Mountain Road on the foot and snowmobile trail.
- 6. Located just west of County Route 7 and the trailhead.
- 7. Located just west of an interior piece of private land in Pelnor Hollow.

8. Located at the northeast end of Dry Brook Road.

B. Pit Privies

- 1. Russell Brook field by the old Dye Works.
- 2. Russell Brook where Mud and Trout Pond Trails begin.
- 3. Mud Pond.
- 4. Two at Trout Pond.
 - 5. Campbell Mountain Brook.
 - 6. At the lean-to between Campbell Mountain Road and County Route 7.
 - 7. At Pelnor Hollow Lean-to.

C. Trail Heads-Maintained Parking

- 1. Holiday and Berry Brook Road
- 2. Campbell Mountain Road
- 3. Russell Brook

Trail Heads-Without Maintained Parking

- 1. Pelnor Hollow
- 2. Little Spring Brook
- 3. Cat Hollow
- 4. Campbell Brook Road

D. Bridges-Snowmobile Bridges

- 1. Russell Brook to Mud Pond
- 2. At Trout Pond (2)
- 3. Russell Brook where the northerly loop crosses the brook
- 4. Campbell Mountain Brook (North Fork)
- 5. Campbell Mountain Brook (South Fork) (2)

- 6. Cat Hollow Brook
- 7. Little Spring Brook

Bridges-Road

 Between Russell Brook Parking and the intersection of Russell Brook and Mud Pond trail system

E. Fireplaces

- 1. At each lean-to on Trout Pond (2)
- 2. One at Campbell Mountain Brook
- 3. One at the lean-to between Campbell Mountain Brook and Cat Hollow
- 4. One at Pelnor Hollow Lean-to
- F. Foot Trails Locations (for trail names, guides, and maps, see Appendix).
 - 1. Russell Brook to Trout Pond
 - 2. Russell Brook to Mud Pond
 - 3. Trout Pond to Mud Pond
 - 4. Trout Pond to Campbell Brook Road
 - 5. Campbell Brook Road to Campbell Mountain Road
 - 6. Campbell Mountain Road to Cat Hollow
 - 7. Cat Hollow to the junction of Little Spring Brook
 - 8. Little Spring Brook to the junction of the red trail to Holiday and Berry Brook Road
 - 9. Red trail junction to Pelnor Hollow
 - 10. Little Spring Brook Road to junction of the blue trail
 - 11. Holiday and Berry Brook to the junction of the blue trail
- G. Snowmobile Trails Locations (for trail names, guides, and maps, see Appendix).

- 1. Russell Brook to Trout Pond--Trout Pond to Mud Pond--Mud Pond to Russell Brook
- 2. Northern Russell Brook Trail to Trout Pond and extra loop
- 3. Trout Pond to Campbell Brook Road--two loops
- 4. Campbell Brook Road to Campbell Mountain Road
- 5. Campbell Mountain Road to Cat Hollow
- 6. Pelnor Hollow, one-way, dead end
- 7. Miller Hollow Road to the blue trail and back
- 8. Little Spring Brook to Berg Brook
- 9. Morton Hill Road, dead end to private land.

H. Lean-tos

- 1. Pelnor Hollow
- 2. Between Campbell Mountain and Cat Hollow
 - 3. Two at Trout Pond

I. Roads--Administrative

- Administrative jeep trail from Russell Brook parking area to Trout Pond
- 2. Administrative jeep trail from Russell Brook parking area to Mud Pond

Roads--Public Roads

- 1. Russell Brook Pond
- 2. Morton Hill Road
- 3. Campbell Brook Road
- 4. Campbell Mountain Road
- 5. Jug Tavern Road
- 6. Cat Hollow or County Route 7 & 206
- 7. Hawks Hollow Road
- 8. Dry Brook Road

- 9. County Route 17
- 10. Pelnor Hollow Road
- 11. Holiday and Berry Brook Road
- 12. Little Spring Brook Road
- 13. Miller Hollow Road Spur
- 14. Berg Brook Road

J. Trail Registers

None

K. Dams

- 1. At Mud Pond
- 2. At Trout Pond

L. Telephone and Electric Lines

- 1. West Delaware Aqueduct
- 2. East Delaware Aqueduct

M. Signs

The Sign Inventory can be found in the Appendix N.

N. Garbage Disposal

- 1. There are 9 cans at Russell Brook Picnic Area.
- 2. There are 2 cans at Trout Pond.
- 3. There are 3 cans at Campbell Mountain Road Parking Lot.
- 4. There is 1 can at the lean-to between Cat Hollow and Campbell Mountain Road.
- 5. There is 1 can at Pelnor Hollow lean-to.

O. Scenic Vistas

- 1. Brock Mountain
- 2. Extension of Miller Hollow Snowmobile Trail-south

P. Spawning Structures

1. Trout Pond

III. SPECIAL CONSTRAINTS AND ISSUES AFFECTING THE PLANNING AREA

A. General Constraints

This unit management plan is developed within the constraints set forth by Article XIV of the State Constitution, Article 9 of the Environmental Conservation Law, Title 6 of the Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York, the Catskill Park State Land Master Plan and established policies for the administration of the lands involved.

The "forever wild forest lands" clause of Article XIV of the New York State Constitution imposes a passive management scheme, which ultimately results in mature to old-growth forest (and wildlife habitat) conditions. On other State-owned lands controlled by the Department, it is possible to devise and conduct habitat modification to favor specific wildlife species (usually game animals.) Natural succession is allowed to progress toward ecological climax on Forest Preserve lands. Game populations may not be large under these conditions. The Forest Preserve concept provides a strategy of land management that places emphasis on the protection of natural processes rather than individual species or groups of species.

B. Applicable Laws and Rules and Regulations-Wildlife and Fisheries

Deer management is governed by the objectives of State-wide deer management, Environmental Conservation Law (ECL 11-0907) and Deer Management Unit 60 (ECL 11-0913, 6 NYCRR 1.21). The entire Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit is within DMU 60.

Fishing in most of the waters of the Cherry RidgeCampbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit is regulated by Statewide seasons, size and creel limits specified in 6NYCRR10.1 as authorized by 11-1303-7 of the Environmental Conservation
Law of New York. Special Rules and regulations apply to Trout Pond and include a three fish creel limit and a 10" total length minimum size limit as specified in 6NYCRR10.2(13)(h). The use of fish for bait in Trout Pond is disallowed under 6NYCRR10.6(h)(1).

C. Overuse Problems and Special Issues

1. General

Russell Brook, an intensively used area within the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit, has been notorious for its management problems. Peak use of the Unit occurs during Memorial Day weekend, Fourth of July, Labor Day, and on various summer weekends. Big Game hunting season brings another peak of activity.

The main access to the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain
Wild Forest Unit from State Route 17 is via Russell Brook
Road. Although passing through State Forest Preserve land

and sharing a narrow valley with Russell Brook, it is owned and maintained by the Town of Colchester. The road is hazardously narrow and has limited parking and visibility. It has been washed out frequently and there is minimal stream bank protection.

Years ago the then Conservation Department rehabilitated a wooden bridge over Russell Brook at the southern end of the woods road (foot and snowmobile trail) to Trout Pond. The open fields just north and west of this bridge are intensively used areas. This area, although abused and littered, is beautiful and charming. Just upstream from the bridge are cascading waterfalls surrounded by hemlock-covered, high rock cliffs. In 1983, a barrier gate was constructed to eliminate vehicular travel accross the wooden bridge. This barrier gate discouraged some campers from using this area.

Other areas of moderate public use in the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Area are:

- (1) Just off Campbell Brook Road immediately west of the large piece of private land
- (2) Campbell Mountain Road south of the parking area all the way to Campbell Mountain Brook
- (3) The area near the trail head on State Route 206 (Cat Hollow) to Cat Hollow Brook

2. Specific

When many campers congregate in a small area, there are problems. The most critical problem is control of

rowdy, unlawful, and destructive activity. Numerous incidents have required State Police attention.

Examples include: drug parties, gang fights, discharge of firearms in a crowded area, beer parties, ethnic confrontations, destruction of latrines for firewood and by firearms, tree cutting, and tree mutilation.

Another serious problem is the lack of sanitary facilities. Remains of human defecation and toilet paper are scattered throughout the camping area. Drinking and cooking water is taken from the creek which is being polluted by bathers, leaching of human defecation, and other garbage.

3. Economic

It is costly to maintain, police, and keep the area clean. From Memorial Day weekend until after Labor Day at least two Forest Rangers have been assigned to patrol this area every weekend. The Operations crew is usually sent out weekly to pick up truckloads of garbage.

4. Visual Degradation

The vegetation on the site shows constant abuse.

Trees have been chopped and partially girdled and cut
down. The grass is worn down to bare earth. Vegetative
growth is discouraged due to soil compaction. Soil
erosion has left gullies and many tree roots exposed.

There are many fire rings.

5. Adjacent Private Landowners

Near the south end of Cherry Ridge Campbell
Mountain Wild Forest Unit is a private campsite and
general store. The management has complained on many
occasions about campers at Russell Brook. Vandalism and
theft of services are their biggest complaints.

D. Nonconforming uses

Camping within 150 feet of a stream or pond

In certain areas within the unit, people have been allowed to camp within 150' of a stream. The two lean-tos on Trout Pond were constructed closer than 150' from the water.

E. Critical Habitats

1. Plants

There are no known endangered or threatened plant species on this unit. However, an in-depth inventory of plant life has not been done in this area. In 1974, New York adopted a law that provided for the development of a list or lists of protected plant species (ECL 9-1503; ---). Plants were to be listed if they were considered endangered, threatened, rare, or exploitably vulnerable. Separate lists were not adopted. Instead New York promulgated a single list of "Protected Native Plants". (NYCRR193.3, Appendix). The act provides for a fine of up to \$25.00 for anyone who knowingly picks, plucks, severs, removes, damages by the application of herbicides or defoliants, or carries away a plant listed as protected, without consent of the owner.

However, within the Forest Preserve, all plant species are so protected.

2. Endangered Wildlife

None of the currently listed endangered or threatened species (6NYCRR182.5) are known to reside on the area, however, the timber rattlesnake (threatened) is a possible resident. The bald eagle and peregrine falcon (both endangered) may pass through the area during migration. Bald eagles are observed on Pepacton Reservoir (located immediately to the north of this unit) almost every winter. Although the Indiana myotis (bat), an endangered species, is listed as a resident of the Delaware Hills ecological subzone, it has not been reported in the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit. There are seven species considered to be of "special concern" which may be observed within the unit. These species are the Cooper's hawk, barn owl, common nighthawk, Eastern bluebird, spotted turtle, Jefferson salamander, and spotted salamander. The National Audubon Society's Blue list (indicating species for which there appear to be non-cyclical population declines or range contractions) includes the sharp-shinned hawk, rubythroated hummingbird, hairy woodpecker, and yellow warbler; all of which may reside on the unit.

3. Deer Winter Concentration Areas

One deer winter concentration area is known to exist within the unit (Significant Habitat No. 13-121). This deer

wintering area is located along Russell Brook beginning approximately one mile south of Mud Pond. It extends south to the Beaver Kill Valley. Throughout the 1960's deer wintering activity was quite heavy in this concentration area. However, in recent years wintering activity has been noticeably reduced. One additional area has been recently identified but not surveyed (north of Morton Hill).

4. Wetlands

The Division of Fish and Wildlife New York State
Wetland Inventory has identified fourteen wetlands within
the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit (see
wetlands and wildlife map). Two of these wetlands are
large enough (12.4 acres) to be considered as protected
wetlands under ECL Article 24 (the Freshwater Wetlands
Law). Many of these wetlands have been influenced by
beaver activity. The presence of these wetlands provides
ecological diversity to this unit and creates a greater
variety of wildlife habitat.

5. Fisheries

The tributaries to the Beaverkill, Pepacton Reservoir, and the East Branch of the Delaware River are important trout spawning and nursery areas for the wild trout inhabitating those waters. Maintenance of good water quality in tributary streams is essential for continued high quality trout fisheries in the receiving waters.

Trout Pond has been established as a refuge for Tunis

Lake strain brook trout. Its continued function in this

role, and as a provider of quality brook trout fishing, is dependent on maintaining good water quality and preclusion of additional fish species.

F. Primary Public Use

The primary public use for this area is recreation in the forms of hiking, camping, fishing, and snowmobiling.

IV. IDENTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

Relative to the overuse problems and special issues identified in Part III, the following are proposed as management objectives for the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest Unit:

- A. Reduce and redistribute public use in heavily abused areas near Russell Brook by April, 1987.
- B. Maintain or improve the water quality in all 10 tributary systems and their respective watersheds in this wild forest by April, 1987.
- C. Supervise public use and educate the public on appropriate use of the Forest Preserve by April, 1987.
- D. Maintain, as valid activities, hunting, fishing, and trapping of all animal species identified and managed as those suitable for harvest by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

V. BASIS FOR MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

Attainment of the management objectives spelled out in Part IV is based on the following factors:

A. Reduction and redistribution of public use in the

heavily used areas should help reduce:

- 1. Hazardous parking along a narrow road
- Soil erosion in traveled areas and around the scenic, high rock cliffs
- 3. Damage and destruction of vegetation
- 4. Vandalism of physical properties
- 5. Unsanitary conditions
- B. Water quality must be maintained or improved for the following reasons:
 - Campers use water for drinking, cooking, and bathing.
 - New York City's Pepacton Reservoir, a water source for that city, is fed by four tributary systems in this wild forest unit.
 - 3. The Beaverkill, a world-famous stream, is fed by five tributary systems within this wild forest area.
 - 4. Fish, wildlife, and flora depend on water quality for their continued existence.
- C. The supervision and education of the public on this wild forest is necessitated by the following factors:
 - 1. On-site supervision to maintain the scenic beauty of this Forest Preserve unit prior to Memorial Day until after Labor Day and to educate the public on how to use the Forest Preserve will eliminate the past abuses that are, in a large part, responsible for the degradation.

- Vandalism will be reduced with on-site supervision and education.
- 3. Litter or garbage laws are fully enforceable only with on-site supervision.
- 4. Rules and regulations are completely enforceable only with on-site supervision.

VI. PROPOSED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Proposed management actions include the priority and schedule thereof within the constraints listed in III above. Relative to the overuse problems and special issues identified in Part III and to the management objectives to satisfy these problems and special issues in Part IV, and to the need to respond to the management objectives in Part V, the following management actions are proposed in a priority listing for the fiscal year 1986:

- A. Stabilize the administrative road to Mud Pond by installing water bars where necessary.
- B. Restrict camping within 150 feet of Mud Pond or Trout Pond. An attempt will be made to jack up and move the lean-tos at Trout Pond so that they conform with the rules and regulations. If these structures cannot be moved without tearing them apart, they will be dismantled and new ones will be constructed at the proper distance.
- C. In conjunction with the Town of Colchester, prohibit parking on Russell Brook Road or its shoulders along

- Forest Preserve land from May 15 to September 15.
- D. Hire a seasonal employee to oversee Russell Brook and other Forest Preserve holdings in Delaware County.
- E. Build four parking lots in the area near Russell Brook.

 These lots will have a gravel base and will be outlined with larger boulders. Each car will be allotted a space 10 feet wide by 20 feet deep. (Location map in Appendix)
 - 1. Lot #1--10-car, located between Morton Hill Road and the Upper Russell Brook camping area.
 - 2. Lot #2--20-car, located at the upper Russell Brook area.
 - 3. Lot #3--12-car, located on the west side of Russell Brook Road and just below the intersection of the West Branch Aqueduct power line and the road.
 - 4. Lot #4--6-car, located at the shooting range.
- F. Install a dumpster at each parking lot. The dumpster will be in a three-sided rustic enclosure with a solid base (concrete or blacktop).
- G. Replace wooden pit privies with culvert privies and install five additional privies in the Russell Brook area.
- H. Establish a new foot trail—the trail head will be at the 12-car parking lot. The trail will lead to the Mud Pond trail system. The majority of this trail

will utilize the old road that runs along tributary #2 from the Mud Pond area to the intersection of Russell Brook. (location map in Appendix)

I. Establish annual hunting, fishing, and trapping seasons and bag limits that include those species found on the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Area.

If public use is shifted to another area within this unit, then similar management strategies provided in Part VI may be taken as necessary.

VII. BUDGETARY PROPOSALS

A. 1986 priority recurring annual maintenance costs

<u>Item</u> .	Cost	Frequency
Seasonal Employee	\$6000	Annually
Garbage Pickup	5400	Annually
Dumpster Pickup (Garbage)	4000	Annually
Boundary Line Main. (74.8 miles)	3100	37 miles in year #1
Spawning Structure	500	Annually
Sign Replacement	1600	Annually(32)
Foot Trails	1200	Annually
Snowmobile Trails	600	Annually
Latrine Replacement	800	2 of 8 Annually
Maintained Parking Lot	s 700	Annually
Snowmobile Bridges	500	2 out of 7 Annually
Barrier Maintenance	300	2 out of 10 Annually
Fireplaces	75	repair 1 of 5 Annually

B. The anticipated costs proposed to implement management actions on this area are as follows:

<u>Item</u>	Cost	Frequency
Build four parking lots	\$4000	Year #1
Purchase (4) dumpsters & their enclosures	4000	Year #1
Add culvert Privies & camouflage Paint (5)	2000	Year #1
Move two lean-tos at Trout Pond or dismantle two	1200	Year #1
lean-tos or build two new	1000	Year #1
lean-tos	4000	Year #1
New signs $(+40)$	2000	Year #1
Stabilize one mile of administrative jeep trail	1200	Year #1
Establish & sign a new foot trail	500	Year #1
Establish two trail registers	200	Year #4

VIII. DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT; CHERRY RIDGECAMPBELL MOUNTAIN WILD FOREST UNIT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Environmental Setting

The Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest comprises 17,500 acres of Forest Preserve land in the Town of

Colchester, Delaware County, New York. This forested land is mountainous, with the majority of the land being moderate to steep in grade. There are 10 tributary systems, 13 identified wetlands, 22.4 miles of snowmobile trails, 19.9 miles of foot trails, 2 administrative roads 2 ponds, and scenic, intensively used camping areas (Refer to Plan Parts I-II).

Description of Action

The action is to adopt the Cherry-Ridge Campbell

Mountain Unit Management Plan and to achieve the objectives

of (1) reducing and redistributing public use in the heavily

abused areas near Russell Brook by Year 5 of this plan,

(2) maintaining or improving the water quality in all 10

tributary systems and their respective watersheds in this

wild forest by Year 5 of this plan, (3) supervising public

use and educating the public on appropriate use of the

Forest Preserve in Year 1 of this plan. (4) Maintain

hunting, fishing, and trapping as valid activities of all

animal species identified and managed as those suitable

for harvest by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Description of the methods to carry out the management objectives (See Plan, Part VI):

(1) Stabilize the administrative road to Mud Pond by installing water bars where necessary.

- (2) Enforce Forest Preserve rules and regulations regulating camping within 150 feet of a stream of pond unless otherwise designated. (Refer to Plan Part III-D non-conforming uses.)
- (3) Prohibit parking on Russell Brook Road or its shoulders along Forest Preserve land from May 15 to September 15.
- (4) Build four parking lots in the area near Russell Brook.
- (5) Place dumpsters, in rustic enclosures, at each parking lot.
- (6) Enforce Forest Preserve rules and regulations regulating camping within 150 feet of a stream or pond unless otherwise designated. (Refer to Plan Part III-D nonconforming uses.)
- (7) Establish a new foot trail (1.4 miles).
- (8) Maintain all existing and proposed facilities on either a periodic or as needed basis.
- (9) Hire a seasonal employee.

A. Significant Environmental Impacts

(1) Impact On Land

The majority of the land is over 15% grade. A new foot trail is proposed as a means of redistributing public use. This trail may result in changing public use patterns that may lead to increased litter, erosion, soil compaction, and vegetation degradation.

(2) Impact On Water

People will continue to use water for drinking, cooking, and bathing. Such use of water, however insignificant

it may seem, has an impact on water quality. The impact increases as the number of users increases. In addition, runoff from trail erosion leads to turbidity and sedimentation of surface waters.

(3) Impact On Visual Resource

Parking lots, dumpsters, dumpster pads, and culvert privies may be offensive to the overall scenic beauty of this area.

(4) Impact On Open Space and Recreation

The reduction and redistribution of public use in the areas will limit the amount of use in an individual area. The most critical problem in this unit has been the control of rowdy, unlawful, and destructive activity. See Plan Part III-C Overuse Problems and Special Issues.

(5) Impact On Transportation

The action to prohibit parking along hazardously narrow Russell Brook from May 15 to September 15 will prevent undirected access from the road.

(6) Impact On Archaeological Historic Site

One of our proposed actions is in the vicinity of a possible historic site.

B. Unavoidable Adverse Effects

Solid waste disposal is a problem for the Town of Colchester and the DEC managers.

Restricted parking along a town road is a law enforcement problem for the Town of Colchester and the forest rangers and Environmental Conservation Officers.

C. Mitigation Measures To Minimize Environmental Impacts

(1) Mitigation For Impact On Land

Using the Forest Preserve manual as a guide, the proposed foot trail will be laid out on a grade that is compatible with the land and will keep soil erosion to a minimum. All foot and snowmobile trails, and administrative roads will be maintained with water bars to prevent soil erosion.

(2) Mitigation For Impact On Water

Prohibit camping within 150 feet of streams or ponds (refer to Plan, Part V-B). There will be few exceptions (refer to Plan, Part III-D non-conforming uses). Trail management should decrease trail erosion (See Mitigation #1 above).

(3) Mitigation For Impact On Visual Resource

Wherever possible, all proposed facilities will be sited and constructed so as to blend in with the natural surroundings.

(4) Mitigation For Impact On Open Space & Recreation

Increase the quality of the environmental setting by implementing the proposed actions in this management plan. This includes the hiring of a seasonal employee.

(5) Mitigation For Impact On Transportation

Construction of designated parking areas along Russell Brook Road reduces the potentially dangerous traffic situation and provides necessary controlled vehicular

access.

(6) Mitigation For Impact On Archaeological Site

The management plan will be sent to the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation for historic review in accordance with section 14.09 of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation Law.

F. Alternatives

There are no alternatives to preparing a unit management plan for the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest. The Catskill Park State Land Master Plan requires the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to prepare unit plans for all DEC-administered land units within the Park. The Master Plan further requires that unit management plans conform to the comprehensive guidelines outlined in the Master Plan. These guidelines are specific to the various land classifications set forth in the Master Plan.

The development of Forest Preserve lands in the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain area has been primarily in response to the cumulative needs of those seeking recreational enjoyment on State lands. Foot trails, snowmobile trails, fireplaces, pit privies, etc., have been constructed to facilitate recreational users. The public has responded by using these facilities. In turn, new facilities have been constructed and old ones repaired or replaced. The result has been that a few

sites in the Russell Brook area have overuse problems and conflicts do exist. The proposed plan to construct parking lots and to control parking are primarily aimed at the reduction and redistribution of public use of these sites.

After thorough evaluation of needs and siting alternatives, specific management actions have been developed so as to reflect public input and user preference while complying with the Master Plan guidelines and Environmental Conservation Law.

As with any plan there are alternatives to the proposed plan of action. One alternative would be no action. This alternative will, at best, allow conditions to remain as they are and, at worst, will provide for continuing environmental degradation and a declining recreational experience. Another alternative would be to develop the Russell Brook area into a regulated public campsite. Years ago this idea was proposed and plans drawn up. However, implementation was deemed too costly. On November 28, 1984, a public meeting was held to receive input on ideas for the area. During the meeting opposition to the idea of a State-controlled campsite was expressed. All planned actions in this plan are the result of perceived need for the protection of the natural resources or users, and/or the enhancement of the public's experience in the unit. A second public meeting was held on

May 21, 1986 to review the final draft of the plan.

Comments received from the public were used in

developing the present final plan.

CHERRY RIDGE CAMPBELL MOUNTAIN UMP PUBLIC COMMENTS

Substantive comments on the Environmental Impact Statement received and responses

For convenience of reference, the following abbreviations will be used:

SIERRA = Sierra Club

ADK = Adirondack Mountain Club AMC = Appalachian Mountain Club

N.Y.N.J.T.C. = New York New Jersey Trail Conference

C.C.C.D. = Catskill Center for Conservation & Development

D.E.C. = Dept. of Environmental Conservation

COMMENT: The plan and E.I.S. does not discuss or evaluate in any detail alternative management actions or sites for the proposed parking facilities, dumpsters, culvert privies and trails. (ADK)

RESPONSE: It should be noted that parking provided by the proposed parking lots must not be considered as additional parking. The parking lots are offered as replacement parking for vehicles displaced when roadside parking is no longer allowed. Parking lots are also considered as essential in control and distribution of use. The Russell Brook Area provides a focus for use in that it includes such attractions as the waterfalls, high rock cliffs, Russell Brook. Trout Pond and Mud Pond. By taking topography and road width into consideration, parking lot sites were selected close to trailheads. Support facilities such as dumpsters and culvert privies have been located in the vicinity of the parking lots for the purpose of controlling use and lessening environmental impact. Proposed support facilities will be maintained and visual impacts will be minimized

within reason. If parking cannot be regulated along Russell Brook Road, no parking lots or support facilities will be constructed.

COMMENT: Remove both lean-tos from Trout Pond and enforce

D.E.C..'s 150 foot rule (no camping within 150 feet of a stream, pond, trail or road). (ADK, AMC, N.Y.N.J.T.C., SIERRA, C.C.C.D., PLANCK, WHEELER)

RESPONSE: It is agreed that the lean-tos are too close to the water. The plan has been changed to reflect this comment.

reviewed in this E.I.S., is the development concept of of the management plan. The plan or action is a purpose and that purpose under the present E.I.S. review is the implementation of management objectives:

(1) reduce and redistribute public use in the heavily abused areas near Russell Brook by Year 1 of this plan.

(2) maintain or improve water quality in all 10 tributary systems and their respective watersheds in this wild forest by Year 1 of this plan. (3) supervise public use and educate the public on appropriate use of

RESPONSE: E.I.S. has been revised to reflect this comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS

the Forest Preserve by Year 1 of this plan".(PLANCK)

Written or oral comments on the following subjects were received at the public meeting and following the meeting, until July 1, 1986.

SUBJECTS:

Law Enforcement

Water Quality

Critical Plant Habitat

Budget Staffing

Land Acquisitions

Hazardous Waste Site

Illegal Shooting Range

The Plan Itself

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMENTS:

- (1) Enforce the 150 foot rule and the contamination of the water supply will be reduced. (SIERRA, ADK, C.C.C.D, TOWN OF COLCHESTER, PLANCK)
- (2) Restrict Russell Brook to day use. (ADK)
- (3) Close the area for three years. (TOWN OF COLCHESTER)
- (4) There should be cooperation between agencies and municipalities in common solution. (C.C.C.D., LAWRENCE, ADK).
- (5) Seasonal employee concept acceptable, but the plan spreads the activities thin. (C.C.C.D., ADK).
 - (6) Control rowdyism on State land at Russell Brook and at the Berry Brook Road private parking easement. (Wheeler)
- (7) D.E.C. should take over all costs of enforcement, supervision and maintenance on Russell Brook Road (Town of Colchester).
- (8) Reduce the undesirable type of use, redistribute the desirables (Planck).
- (9) Enforce vehicle access (ATV's). (C.C.C.D., PLANCK)
- (10) Eliminate the shooting range. (PLANCK)

RESPONSES:

Comments 1,4,8,9:

This was and is our intent with this U.M.P. and the R & R should be enforced by the appropriate personnel.

Comments 2.3:

This kind of enforcement would require more manpower and equipment. Besides, the Forest Preserve land belongs to the People of the State and they should be able to use and enjoy it.

Comments 5,6:

By hiring a seasonal employee, the law enforcement problems in this unit should be reduced.

Comment 7:

The only way D.E.C. could comply with this comment would be if the town abandoned maintenance on Russell Brook Road.

Comment 10:

This area will be signed in conjunction with (6), 190.8P of the New York Code of Rules & Regulations.

CRITICAL PLANT & ANIMAL HABITATS:

Comment: Need more detailed information on these habitats including identification and inventory of species present. (National Heritage Program, Planck).

Response: Biological inventories and habitat inventories are not appropriate for inclusion in the fast track planning process. Habitat management and, therefore, most species management, is generally

prohibited on Forest Preserve lands. However, if the information is available it will be included in the U.M.P. process. The plan has been modified somewhat and inventories placed in the appendix.

BUDGET STAFFING:

Comments: D.E.C. Forest Preserve management understaffed and under-budgeted. (J. Wheeler).

Assuming insufficient budgeting, projects and

Response: The plan has been revised to show projects on a priority basis.

cost estimates must be prioritzed. (ADK).

LAND ACQUISITION:

Comment: Get rid of detached parcel of Forest Preserve that has no access. (ADK)

Acquire no more land - use acquisition monies to take care of existing holdings. (TOWN)

Acquire more land for public access (PLANCK)

Response: Efforts in the past were made to consolidate this detached piece with the main Forest Preserve holdings. It would take a Constitutional Amendment to sell a parcel of State land within the Catskill Park. Acquisition monies are separate and cannot be used for maintenance. When a piece of property becomes available for sale and it provides access to Forest Preserve, D.E.C. will be an

interested buyer.

HAZARDOUS WASTE:

Comment: Assess the old dye works location as a potential hazardous waste site. (Planck).

Response: This site was investigated by D.E.C.'s Region 4

Environmental Quality Unit and their response is

"Some rubble and evidence of a former dam and channel was discovered. No evidence of prior dumping and/or disposal of industrial or hazardous waste was found after an extensive search of the area".

THE PLAN ITSELF:

COMMENTS:

- (1) Clarify trail system. (PLANCK)
- (2) D.E.C. should use specific use figures on which to evaluate problems. (PLANCK, CCCD, ADK)

RESPONSES:

Comment #1 - The plan has been modified to reflect these comments.

Comment #2: Specific use figures are not available at this time and they are difficult, if not impossible, to obtain within the budgetary constraints. An alternative approach is signs of overuse.

FACILITIES COMMENTS

Parking Lots

Sanitary

Primitive Campsites

Trails

Fireplaces

General - All Facilities

PARKING LOTS:

COMMENTS: (SIERRA CLUB, ADK, CCCD, AMC, PLANCK, NYNJTC)

Agrees with proposal, but:

- (1) Disagrees with one car parking.
- (2) Thinks visual impact needs assessment in plan.
- (3) Should be smaller lots and should be scattered around the unit as a tool in redistributing use.

RESPONSE: The plan has been changed and no longer proposes the 8, one car parking areas. Whenever possible, D.E.C. goes out of its way to make facilities visually acceptable to most people.

The size of the parking lots is judgemental and we would gladly propose constructing other lots in the unit if people would use them.

SANITARY:

COMMENTS: What is the long term care and maintenance of the proposed sanitary facilities. (AMC)

RESPONSES: If there is a problem with the sanitary facilities, perhaps a more sophisticated type latrine could be proposed in the 5 year update.

DUMPSTERS:

COMMENTS: Agrees that the dumpsters are needed and might

reduce the amount of litter around the general area, but would attract a higher volume of trash.

(SIERRA, PLANCK, AMC).

RESPONSES: The dumpsters should reduce the man day cost of trash pickup.

TRAILS:

- COMMENTS: (1) Maintenance is generally poor. (ADK, PLANCK).
 - (2) Rename the whole system of trails. (PLANCK).
 - (3) Need registration boxes. (ADK, CCCD).
 - (4) Trail relocations needed. (ADK).
 - (5) The new trail isn't needed. (PLANCK).
 - (6) Enforce non-vehicle use(snowmobiles on foot trails. (PLANCK).
 - (7) An addition to the new trail could take maximum advantage of the two proposed parking lots. (AMC).
- RESPONSES: (1) Delaware County forests were defoliated by the Forest Tent Caterpillar and as a result at the higher elevations, a tremendous number of hard maple trees died. With no shade on the forest floor the rubus (berry bushes) took over creating a maintenance headache for the Operations Unit. This problem is short term and will correct itself with time.
 - (2) The plan has changed to reflect this comment.
 - (3) Other than the Trout Pond trail system,

the low use of the other trails in this U.M.P. does not justify the need for registration boxes. However, the use of registration boxes on the Trout Pond trail will be tried in Year #4 of this U.M.P. if the vandalism in the area decreases in the interim.

- (4) The Little Spring Brook Trail needs to be relocated around the beaver pond.
- (5) Whether or not the new trail to Mud Pond and vicinity is needed is judgemental. If the town doesn't prohibit parking or abandon the Russell Brook Road for maintenance, then the trail won't be laid out. However, if regulations can be drawn up, this trail will provide the needed additional access to Mud Pond and the southern end of this unit.
- (6) The foot trail system receives very little use during the winter time. Portions of the foot trail system duplicate as a snow-mobile trail. Russell Brook Road isn't plowed in the winter and very few foot hikers use this section of trails. Therefore, the foot trail is used as a snowmobile trail in the winter.
- (7) This may be an excellent idea and needs further field work. In the 5 year update, this may be considered.

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APPENDIX A SIGN INVENTORY

Sign #	Arrow Marker	Legend	Miles	Location
8	Left Arrow B. Marker	Start of Pelnor Hollow Trail	1.5	Jct. of Berry Brook
· 9	Right Arrow B. Marker	Pelnor Hollow Trail Pelnor Hollow lean-to Mary Smith Trail Little Spring Brook Trail Campbell Mt. Trail Russell Brook Road	.9 3.2 4.0 4.0	At start of Pelnor Hollow Trail. State Line on Pelnor Hollow Road
10	Right Arrow B. Marker	Berry Brook Road	1.5	At start of Pelnor Hollow Trail. State Line on Pelnor Hollow Road
11	Left Arrow B. Marker	Mary Smith Trail Little Spring Brook Trail Campbell Mt. Trail Campbell Mt. Lean-to Russell Brook Road	2.3 3.1 3.1 8.5	Pelnor Hollow Lean-to
12	Right Arrow B. Marker	End of Pelnor Hollow Trail Berry Brook Road Little Spring Brook Trail		Pelnor Hollow Lean-to
13	Left Arrow Y. Marker	End of Little Spring Brook Trail Cat Hollow Road	1.7	Jct. of Trails on Little Spring Brook Road
14	Right Arrow B. Marker	Pelnor Hollow Trail Mary Smith Trail Pelnor Hollow Lean-to Berry Brook Road	.8 3.1 5.5	Jct. Trails on Little Spring Brook Road
15	Right Arrow B. Marker	Cat Hollow Road Campbell Mt. Lean-to Trout Pond Trail	6.5	Jct. of trails on Little Spring Brook Road

16	Right Arrow Y. Marker	Little Spring Brook Trail Pelnor Hollow Trail Campbell Mt. Trail Mary Smith Trail Pelnor Hollow Lean-to Campbell Mt. Lean-to	.6 .6 1.4 3.7 6.0	Start of Little Spring Brook Trail- State Line across road
17	Left Arrow Y. Marker	Cat Hollow Road	1.1	Start of Little Spring Brook Trail- State Line across Road
18	Left Arrow B. Marker	Little Spring Brook Trail Pelnor Hollow Trail Campbell Mt. Trail Mary Smith Trail	1.1 1.7 1.7 2.5	Jct. Cat Hollow and Little Spring Brook Road
. 19	Left Arrow B. Marker	Campbell Mt. Lean-to Trout Pond Trail Trout Pond Lean-to Russell Brook Road	1.3 2.4 6.4 7.8	Cat Hollow Road-Campbell Mt. Side
20	Right Arrow B. Marker	Pelnor Hollow Trail Little Spring Brook Trail Mary Smith Trail Pelnor Hollow Lean-to	4.1 4.1 4.9 7.3	Cat Hollow Road-Brock Mt. side
21	Left Arrow B. Marker	Trout Pond Trail Trout Pond Lean-to Outlet Lean-to Russell Brook Road	1.1 5.1 5.6 6.5	Campbell Mt. Lean-to
22	Right Arrow B. Marker	Cat Hollow Road Pelnor Hollow Trail Little Spring Brook Trail Mary Smith Trail Pelnor Hollow Lean-to	1.3 5.4 5.4 6.2 8.5	Campbell Mt. Lean-to
23	Left Arrow B. Marker	Campbell Mt. Trail Campbell Mt. Lean-to Cat Hollow Road Pelnor Hollow Road	1.1 2.4 6.5	Campbell Mt. Road-Cat Hollow side
		Little Spring Brook Trail Mary Smith Trail	6.5 7.3	
24	Right Arrow B. Marker	Trout Pond Trail Campbell Brook Road Trout Pond Lean-to	2.1	Campbell Mt. Road-Trout

		Outlet Lean-to Russell Brook Road	4.5 5.4	Pond side
25	Left Arrow	Campbell Brook Road Trout Pond Lean-to Outlet Lean-to Russell Brook Road	1.8 3.7 4.2 5.1	Campbell Mt. Combination Site
26	Right Arrow B. Marker	Campbell Mt. Trail	.3	Campbell Mt. Combination site
27	Right Arrow B. Marker	Trout Pond Lean-to Outlet Lean-to Russell Brook Road	1.9 2.4 3.3	Campbell
28	Left Arrow B. Marker	Campbell Mt. Trail Campbell Mt. Lean-to	2.1	Campbell Brook Road- Campbell Mt. side
29	Left Arrow	Trout Pond Lean-to Mud Pond Russell Brook Parking	2.0	At Lean-to Spur N.E. of Trout Pond
30	Right Arrow B. Marker	Campbell Brook Road Campbell Mt. Trail Campbell Mt. Lean-to	1.9 4.0 5.1	At Lean-to Spur N.E. of Trout Pond
31	Left Arrow B. Marker	Outlet Lean-to Russell Brook Road	.5 1.4	Trout Pond Dam
32	Left Arrow	Outlet Lean-to		Trout Pond Dam
33	Right Arrow B. Marker	Trout Pond Lean-to Campbell Mt. Trail Campbell Mt. Lean-to	.5 4.5 5.0	Trout Pond Dam
34	Left Arrow	Russell Brook Road	.9	Trout Pond Dam
35	Right Arrow B. Marker	Trout Pond Trail Outlet Lean-to Trout Pond Lean-to Campbell Mt. Trail	.9 1.4 5.4	Russell Brook Road
38	Left Arrow R. Marker	Pelnor Hollow Trail Pelnor Hollow Lean-to Campbell Mt. Lean-to	1.2 3.5 7.4	Holiday Brook Road-Palnor side

		Trout Pond Lean-to Russell Brook Road	12.5 13.9	
51	Right Arrow	Trout Pond Lean-to	2.0	Jct. of Mud Pond Trail and Trout Pond Trail
52	Right Arrow	Mud Pond	. 3	Opposite end of Trail
. l from	ı			Trout Pond on Mud Pond Trail
53	Left Arrow	Russell Brook Parking Area	1.2	Opposite end of Trail from Trout Pond on Mud Pond Trail
54	Left Arrow	Mud Pond Trout Pond Lean-to	1.2	"Y" in Trail at Russell Brook Picnic Area
55	Left Arrow	Trout Pond Lean-to Mud Pond Russell Brook Parking Area	2.0	
Signing - S	nowmobile Tra	ils 22.4 miles		
S-1	Left Arrow Snowmobile	Pelnor Hollow Lean-to End of Snowmobile Trail	.9 1.4	
S-2	Left Arrow Snowmobile	Campbell Brook Parking Area Trout Pond Trail Trout Pond Lean-to Russell Brook Parking Area	.4 1.7 2.5 3.9	At trail crossing on Campbell Brook Road
S-3	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Campbell Mt. Parking Area	2.5	At Campbell Brook Parking Area

S-4	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Trout Pond Trail Trout Pond Lean-to Russell Brook Parking Area	1.3 2.1 3.5	At Campbell Brook Parking Area
S-5	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Campbell Brook Parking Area	1.3	At. Jct. with Trout Pond
S-6	Left Arrow Snowmobile	Campbell Mt. Parking Area Trout Pond Lean-to Russell Brook Parking Area	.8 2.2	At Jct. with Trout Pond Trail
S-7	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Campbell Brook Parking Area Campbell Mt. Parking Area	2.1	At Trout Pond Lean-to Jct.
S-8	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Mud Pond Russell Brook Parking Area	2.0	At Trout Pond Lean-to Jct.
S-9	Left Arrow	Upper Trail Area	• 3	At Trout Pond
S-10	Right Arrow Snowmobile	End of Snowmobile Trail	1.1	At Mud Pond Trail Jct.
S-11	Left Arrow Snowmobile	Russell Brook Parking Area	1.2	At Mud Pond Trail Jct.
S-12	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Trout Pond Lean-to	2.0	At Mud Pond Trail Jct.
S-13	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Russell Brook Parking Area	1.1	At. Jct. of Upper Trail
	Showmodific	Upper Russell Brook Road	2.1	Trail on Trout Pond
S-14	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Trout Pond Lean-to	. 3	At Jct. of Upper Trail on Trout Pond
S-15	Left Arrow Snowmobile	Russell Brook Parking Area	1.1	At Jct. of Upper Trail on Trout Pond
S-16	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Trout Pond Lean-to	. 9	At "Y" in Upper Trail
S-17	Left Arrow Snowmobile	Russell Brook Parking Area	1.4	At "Y" in Upper Trail
S-18	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Upper Russell Brook Road	1.8	At "Y" in Upper Trail

S-19	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Upper Russell Brook Road Trout Pond Lean-to	2.3	At Jct. near Trout Pond Dam
S-20	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Trout Pond Lean-to Campbell Brook Parking Area Campbell Mt. Parking Area Mud Pond	2.7 4.8 7.3 4.7	At start of Upper Trail on Russell Brook Road
S-21	Left Arrow Snowmobile	Mud Pond Trout Pond Lean-to	1.2	At Russell Brook Picnic Area
S-22	Right Arrow Snowmobile	End of Snowmobile Trail	2.3	At start of State Road Trail
S-23	Right Arrow Snowmobile	Campbell Brook Road	1.9	At Jct. with Trout Pond Trail

Appendix B. Status and occurrence of New York amphibians in the Delaware Hills subzone as listed in "Integrating Timber and Wildlife Management Handbook" (Chambers, 1983).

SPECIES

STATUS*

Jefferson Salamander

Special Concern

Spotted Salamander

Special Concern

Red-spotted Newt

Northern Dusky Salamander

Mountain Dusky Salamander

Redback Salamander

Slimy Salamander

Four-toed Salamander

Northern Spring Salamander

Northern Red Salamander

Northern Two-lined Salamander

Longtail Salamander

American Toad

Northern Spring Peeper

Gray Treefrog

Bullfrog

Hunted

Green Frog

Wood Frog

Pickerel Frog

^{*}Status = Status in New York State

Appendix C Status and occurrence of New York reptiles in the Delaware Hills subzone as listed in "Integrating Timber and Wildlife Management Handbook" (Chambers, 1983).

SPECIES

STATUS *

Common Snapping Turtle

Stinkpot

Spotted Turtle

Special Concern

Wood Turtle

Special Concern

Eastern Painted Turtle

Northern Water Snake

Northern Brown Snake

Northern Redbelly Snake

Eastern Garter Snake

Eastern Ribbon Snake

Northern Ringneck Snake

Northern Black Racer

Eastern Smooth Green Snake

Black Rat Snake

Eastern Milk Snake

Timber Rattlesnake

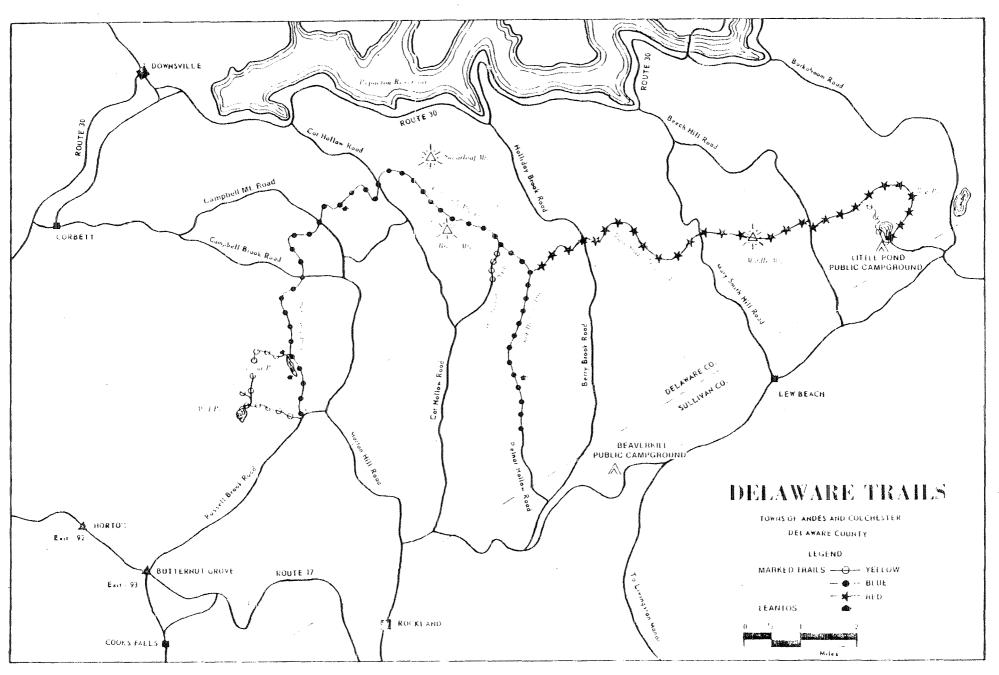
Threatened

^{*}Status = Status in New York State

Appendix D. Status and occurrence of New York mammals in the Delaware Hills subzone as listed in "Integrating Timber and Wildlife Management Handbook" (Chambers, 1983).

SPECIES	STATUS*	SPECIES	STATUS*
Virginia Opossum	Hunted/Trapped	Gray Squirrel	Hunted
Masked Shrew		Red Squirrel	
Smoky Shrew		Southern Flying Squirrel	
Longtail Shrew		Northern Flying Squirrel	
Northern Water Shrew		Beaver	Trapped
Least Shrew		Deer Mouse	
Shorttail Shrew		White-footed Mouse	
Starnose Mole		Eastern Woodrat	Threatened
Hairytail Mole		Southern Bog Lemming	
Little Brown Myotis		Bcreal Red-backed Vole	
Keen Myotis		Meadow Vole	
Indiana My oti s	Endangered	Yellownose Vole	
Small-footed Myotis		Pine Vole	
Silver-haired Bat		Muskrat	Trapped
Eastern Pipistrelle		Meadow Jumping Mouse	
Big Brown Bat		Woodland Jumping Mouse	
Red Bat		Porcupine	
Hoary Bat		Snowshoe Hare	Hunted
Black Bear	Hunted	Eastern Cottontail	Hunted
Raccoon	Hunted/Trapped	White-tailed Deer	Hunted
Shorttail Weasel	Trapped		
Longtail Weasel	Trapped		
Mink	Trapped		
River Otter	Trapped		
Striped Skunk	Hunted/Trapped		-
Coyote	Hunted/Trapped		
Red Fox	Hunted/Trapped		
Gray Fox	Hunted/Trapped		
Bobcat	Hunted/Trapped		
Woodchuck	Hunted		
Eastern Chipmunk		•	

^{*}Status = Status in New York State



Delaware Trails

The Delaware Trails are a system of interconnected trails running through the Forest Preserve lands south of the Pepacton Reservoir in the Towns of Colchester and Andes in Delaware County

From Route 17, westbound, Exit 93 at Cooks Fails, eastbound Exit 92 at Horton, turn northeasterly on Russell Brook road at Cooks Falls and proceed up Russell Brook approximately 5 miles to start of trail on the left. Parking areas are available on and out the Russell Brook Road.

Miles	Russell Brook-Trout Pand-Mud Pand Loop
0.00	Junction of Russell Brook Road and Trout Pond Trail.
	Follow blue markers up old road.
1.40	Trout Pond inlet, leante, and trail junction, Follow
	yellow markers west behind leanto.
3.15	Junction with old road, Mud Pond 0.25 miles to the
	right. Russell Brook Road 1.00 miles to the left.
4.15	Russell Brook Road.
Miles	Trout Pond Trail Description—Blue Markers
0.00	Junction of Russell Brook road and trail up Trout Pond

	outlet. Follow blue markers upgrade along old tote road alongside Trout Pond outlet.
0.90	Trout Pond dam and outlet leanto at far end of dam.
1.40	Trout Pond inlet and Trout Pond leanto. Trail turns
	right.
3.30	Campbell Brook road. Trail crosses road.
5,40	Campbell Mt. road, end of Trout Pond Trail, begin ning
	of Campbell Mt. Trail, parking area.

Miles	Campbell Mountain Trail—Blue Markers
0.00	Junction of Campbell Mt. road and Trout Pond Trail
	(south). Parking area.
1.10	Campbell Mt. leanto.
2.40	Cat Hollow road, room for parking along road. Trail
	continues upgrade across road to top of Brock Mt.
4.10	Trail junction, end of Campbell Mt. Trail, start of
	Little Spring Brook Tran and Pelnor Hollow Trail.

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Miles Little Spring Brook Trail-Yellow Markers 0.00

Junction of Campbell Mt. Trail (blue) and Peinor Hollow Trail (blue). Follow yellow markers southerly along old Little Spring Brook road.

0.60 State land ends and trail ends. Continue down town road 1.1 mile to Cat Hollow road.

Miles Pelnor Hollow Trail-Blue Markers

Junction of Campbell Mt. Trail (plue) and Little Scring Brook Trail (vellow), Trail leaves sid Little Spring Brook road in a southeasterly direction.

- 0.80 Junction with Mary Smith Trail (red) to east.
- 3.10 Pelnor Hollow leanto.

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State land ends and trail ends. Continue down town road 1.5 miles to Berry Brook road.

Miles Mary Smith Trail—Red Markers

Junction with Peinor Hollow Trail 0.3 mile south from old ...ttle Spring Brook Road.

- Holiday Brook Road and parking area on east side of 1.20 road. Trail continues easterly across road.
- 4.50 Mary Smith Hill road and end of trail. Town road leads northerly to Route 30 and southerly to hamiet of Lewbeach.

Middle Mt.Trail-Red Markers

0.00 Junction of Mary Smith Trail (red) and Mary Smith Hill Road, Trail goes steeply uphill in an easterly direction 0.90 Middle Mt. summit.

2.00

Beech Hill Road and end of trail. Turn right on road to continue on Touch-Me-Not Trail (0.25 miles).

Touch-Me-Not Trail-Red Markers

Junction with Beech Hill Road 0.25 miles south of Middle Mt. Trail. Trail goes east.

1.90 Trail junction. Yellow trail to right leads to Little Pond Campground (1.6 miles).

3.50 Little Pond Campground.

Little Pond Trail—Yellow Markers

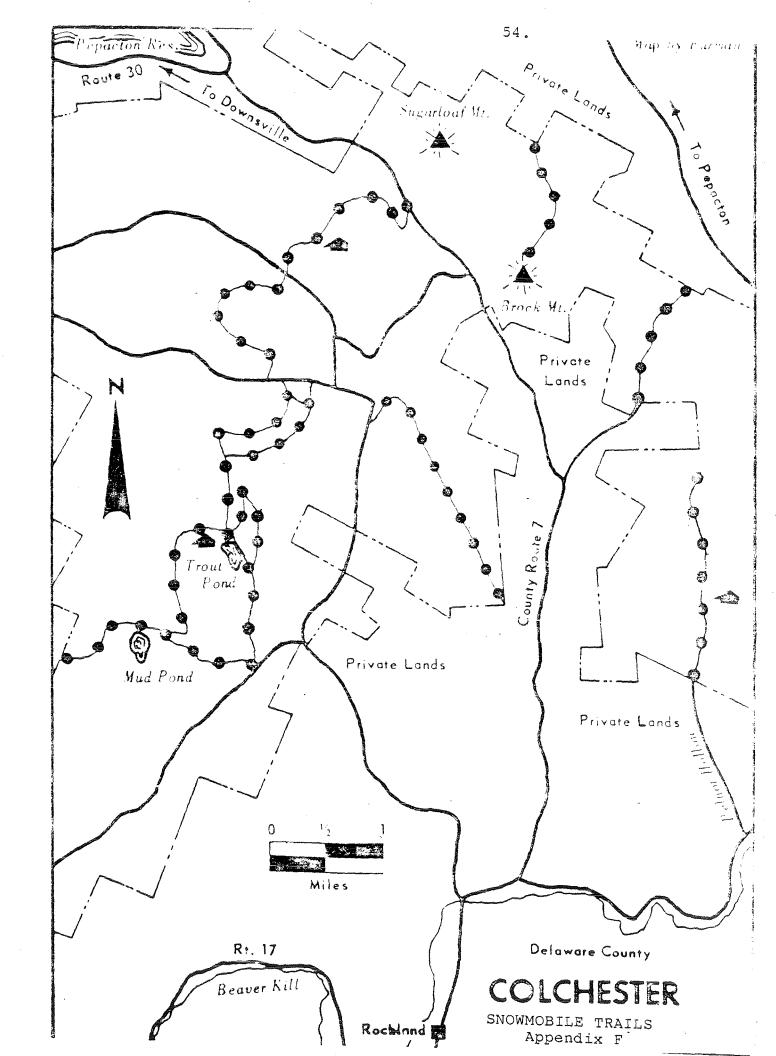
Old road at west end of Little Pond Campground. Follow yellow markers along edge of pond.

0.20 Trail junction. Trail right follows edge of pond back of campground. Proceed uphill to left on yellow trail. 1.60

Junction with Touch-Me-Not Trail. Left on red trail to Beech Hill Road, 1.9 miles. Right on red trail returns to campground, 1.6 miles.

Elevation of Major Peaks in Catskills

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Hunter	T4040	Friday	3694
Blackdome	T3990	Rusk	1680
Blackhead	T3937	Kaaterskill High Peak	3660
Thomas Cole	T3935	Twin	T3940
Westkill	T3880	Baisam Cap	3623
Graham	3868	Fir	3620
Corneil	T3860	North Dome	3610
Doubletop	3860	Baisam	T3600
Table	T3847	Bearpen	3600
Peekamoose	T3843	Eagle	∌600
Plateau	T3840	Indian Head	T3573
Sugarloaf	T 3800	Sherrill	3540
Wittenburg	T3780	Halcott	15 37
Balsam Lake	T3723	VIv	3529
Lone	3721	Windham High Peak	T3524
Panther	73720	Rocky	3508



Appendix <u>G</u>. List of species by Breeding Category for the area in and adjacent to Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest.

Breeding Bird Atlas Project - NYS Department of Environmental Conservation and The Federation of NYS Bird Clubs.

POSSIBLE (1)

Heron, Great Blue

Heron, Green

Goose, Canada

Hawk, Red-Shouldered

Kestrel, American

Cuckoo, Yellow-Billed

Cuckoo, Black-Billed

Swift, Chimney

Hummingbird, Ruby-Throated

Kingfisher, Belted

Sapsucker, Yellow-Bellied

Woodpecker, Hairy

Flycatcher, Great Crested

Flycatcher, Least

Crow, Common

Thrush, Wood

Veery

Warbler, Black-and-White

Warbler, Blue-Winged

Warbler, Black-Throated Green

Waterthrush, Northern

Meadowlark, Eastern

Vulture, Turkey

Pheasant, Ring-Necked

Vireo, Yellow-Throated

Vireo, Solitary

Junco, Dark-Eyed

Hawk, Sharp-Shinned

Hawk, Red-Tailed

Turkey

Owl, Barred

PROBABLE

Duck, Black

Merganser, Common

Vulture, Turkey

Hawk, Red-Tailed

Sandpiper, Spotted

Dove, Rock

Dove, Mourning

Flicker, Common

Kingbird, Eastern

Pewee, Eastern Wood

Swallow, Barn

Swallow, Cliff

Jay, Blue

Chickadee, Black-Capped

Wren, House

Mockingbird

Catbird, Gray

Waxwing, Cedar

Vireo, Red-Eyed

Warbler, Chestnut-Sided

Ovenbird

Sparrow, House

Oriole, Northern

Cowbird, Brown-Headed

Tanager, Scarlet

Grosbeak, Rose-Breasted

Bunting, Indigo

Finch, House

Goldfinch, American

Towhee, Rufous-Sided

Junco, Dark-Eyed

POSSIBLE

Flicker, Common

Swallow, Tree

Swallow, Barn

Nuthatch, White-Breasted

Bluebird, Eastern

Vireo, Warbling

Vireo, Yellow

Oriole, Northern

Cardinal

Finch, House

Finch, Purple

Sparrow, Field

Sparrow, Swamp

PROBABLE

Sparrow, Chipping

Sparrow, Song

Swift, Chimney

Hummingbird, Ruby-Throated

Kingfisher, Belted

Sapsucker, Yellow-Bellied

Flycatcher, Great Crested

Phoebe, Eastern

Flycatcher, Willow

Crow, Common

Chickadee, Black-Capped

Titmouse, Tufted

Wren, House

Wren, Winter

Thrush, Wood

Warbler, Black & White

Warbler, Yellow

Warbler, Canada

Redstart, American

Sparrow, Field

Duck, Wood

Woodpecker, Downy

· Warbler, Black-Throated Blue

Warbler, Black-Throated Green

(1) The same species may appear on any one of the three categories. These lists were compiled from individual breeding bird survey blocks of which there were four within the Cherry Ridge-Campbell Mountain Wild Forest. A single bird species may have been a Possible breeder in one survey block, but a Confirmed breeder in an adjacent block.

Appendix H. Status and occurrence of New York breeding birds in the Delaware Hills subzone as listed in "Integrating Timber and Wildlife Management Handbook" (Chambers, 1983).

SPECIES	STATUS*	SPECIES	STATUS*
Great Blue Heron		Pileated Woodpecker	
Green Heron		Red-Headed Woodpecker	
Mallard	Hunted	Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker	
American Black Duck	Hunted	Hairy Woodpecker	Blue List
Wood Duck	Hunted	Downy Woodpecker	
Common Merganser	Hunted	Eastern Kingbird	
Hooded Merganser	Hunted	Great Crested Flycatcher	
Northern Goshawk		Eastern Phoebe	
Sharp-Shinned Hawk	Blue List	Willow Flycatcher	
Cooper's Hawk	Spec. Concern	Alder Flycatcher	
Red-Tailed Hawk		Least Flycatcher	
Red-Shouldered Hawk	Threatened	Eastern Pewee	
Broad-Winged Hawk		Tree Swallow	
American Kestrel		Bank Swallow	
Ruffed Grouse	Hunted	Rough-Winged Swallow	•
Wild Turkey	Hunted	Barn Swallow	
American Woodcock	Hunted	Cliff Swallow	
Common Snipe	Hunted	Purple Martin	
Mourning Dove		Blue Jay	
Yellow-Billed Cuckoo		American Crow	Hunted
Black-Billed Cuckoo		Black-Capped Chickadee	
Barn Owl	Spec. Concern	Tufted Titmouse	
Common Screech Owl		White-Breasted Nuthatch	
Great Horned Owl		Brown Creeper	_
Barred Owl		House Wren	
Whip-Poor-Will		Winter Wren	
Common Nighthawk	Spec. Concern	Gray Catbird	
Chimney Swift		Brown Thrasher	
Ruby-Throated Humming	bird Blue List	American Robin	
Belted Kingfisher		Wood Thrush	
Common flicker		Hermit Thrush	
Red-Breasted Nuthatch		Swainson's Thrush	

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Veery

Eastern Bluebird

Spec. Concern

Golden-Crowned Kinglet

Cedar Waxwing

Yellow-Throated Vireo

Solitary Vireo

Red-Eyed Vireo

Warbling Vireo

Black & White Warbler

Nashville Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Blue List

Magnolia Warbler

Black-Throated Green Warbler

'Black-Throated Blue Warbler

Blackburnian Warbler

Chestnut-Sided Warbler

Ovenbird

Northern Waterthrush

Mourning Warbler

Common Yellow Throat

Yellow Breasted Chat

Canada Warbler

American Redstart

Red-Winged Blackbird

Northern Oriole

Common Grackle

Brown-Headed Cowbird

Scarlet Tanager

Northern Cardinal

Rose-Breasted Grosbeak

Indigo Bunting

Purple Finch

American Goldfinch

Rufous-Sided Towhee

Savannah Sparrow

Grasshopper Sparrow

Vesper Sparrow

Northern Junco

Chipping Sparrow

Field Sparrow

White-Throated Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Special Concern

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^{*}Status = Status in New York State

CONFIRMED

Mallard

Turkey

Killdeer

Phoebe, Eastern

Swallow, Tree

Swallow, Bank

Thrasher, Brown

Robin, American

Bluebird, Eastern

Starling

Warbler, Yellow

Yellowthroat, Common

Redstart, American

Blackbird, Red-winged

Grackle, Common

Cardinal

Finch, Purple

Grouse, Ruffed

Swallow, Barn

Swallow, Cliff

Catbird, Gray

Sparrow, House

Cowbird, Brown-Headed

Sapsucker, Yellow Bellied

CONFIRMED

Flycatcher, Least

Pewee, Eastern Wood

Jay, Blue

Chickadee, Black-Capped

Wren, House

Thrush, Hermit

Veery

Waxwing, Cedar

Verio, Red-Eyed

Warbler, Magnolia

Warbler, Yellow-Rumped

Warbler, Blackburnian

Warbler, Chestnut-Sided

Ovenbird

Waterthrush, Louisiana

Bunting, Indigo

Towhee, Rufous-Sided

Junco, Dark-Eyed

Sparrow, Chipping

Sparrow, Field

Sparrow, White-Throated

Sparrow, Song

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Protected Native Plants

Effective September 1, 1974, no one may knowingly pick, pluck, sever, remove or carry away, without the consent of the owner thereof, any protected plant. Violations of the law are punishable by fines of up to \$25 each (Environmental Conservation Law § 9-1503). The following are native plants which shall be protected pursuant to the above law and state regulation (NYCRR § 193.3). Such list shall apply statewide.

COMMON NAME.

Green-dragon (Dragonroot)

Butterfly-weed (Chigger-flower; Crange Milkweed; Pleurisy-root)

Bluebeil-of-Scotland (Harebell)

American Bittersweet (Waxwork)

Pipsissewa (Prince's-pine: Waxflower) Spotted Evergreen (Spotted Wintergreen)

Flowering Dogwood

Sundew (Daily-dew: Cewthread)

Trailing Arbutus (Ground Laure);
Mavilower)

Burning-bush (Wahoo) Strawberrybush (Bursting-heart)

All ferns, including: Adder's-tongue, Azolla, Buckhorn, Cliff Brake, Curly-grass, Fiddleheads, Hart's-tongue, Maidennair, Moonwort, Polybody, Rock Brake, Salvima, Soleenwort, Walking-leaf, Wall-rue, Water-spandle, Woodsia.

But excluding Bracken (Pteridium aquilinum); Hay-scented Fern (Dennstaedtia bunctilobula); Sensitive Fern (Cnoclea sensibilis), which are not protected.

Ague-weed, 3lue-bottles, Gentian (Gall-of-the-earth)

Golden Seal (Orange-pot: Yellow Puzzon)

Holly (Hulver); Inkberry (Bitter Gallberry); Winterberry (Black Alder)

Lauret. Spoonwood (Calico-bush) Wicky (Lamokill)

Lily, Turk's-cap

Cardinal-Hower (Red Lobelia)

All Clubmosses, including; Bear's-bed (Christmas-green; Running Evergreen; (Frailing Evergreen; Ground Pine); Bunch Evergreen; Festoon Pine (Cural Evergreen; Buckhorn; Stagnorn Evergreen; Wolf's-claws); Ground Cedar (Creebing Jenny); Ground Fir; Heath Cypress

Bluebeil (Roanoke-beils; Tree Lungwort; Virginia Bluebeil Virginia Lungwort; Virginia Cowstipj SCIENTIFIC NAME
Arisaema dracontium
Asclepias tuberosa

Campanula rotundifolia Celastrus scandens Chimaphila spp.

Cornus florida Drosera spp. Epigaea repens

Euonymus spp. (Native)

Filices (Filicinae: Ophroglossales and Filicales) (Native)

Gentiana spp.

Hydrastis canadensis

Hex spp. (Native)

Kalmia spp.

Lilium spp. (Native) Lobelia cardinalis Lycopodium spp.

Mertensia virginica

COMMON NAME.

American Bee-balm: Oswego Tea (Indian-neads: Scarlet Bee-balm)

Bayberry (Candleberry)

Lotus (Lotus Erly, Nelumbo) Pond-nuts: Water Chinquapin; Wonkapin; Yellow Lotus)

Prickly Pear (Wild Cactus: Indian Fig)

All Native Orchids, including: Adder's-mouth (Malaxis): Arethusa(Oragon's-mouth; Swamopink;)30g-candle (Scent-pottie); Calopogon (Grass-bink: Swamppink); Calypso (Fairy-slipper); Coral-root: Cycricedium (Lady'sshipper: Moccasin-flower: nerve root); Goodvera (Lattice-leaf; Rattlesnake-()lantain); Kirtle-pink; Ladies' -tresses (Pearl-twist) Screw-auger: Crange-nume Cronis: Pogonia (Beard-Nower: Snake-mouth); Putty-root - Agamand-Eve): Soldier's-olume: Threebirds: Twayblade: Whipporwill-

Golden-club

Ginseng (Sang)

Azalea; Great Laurel (White Laurel); Honeysuckia; Pinxter (Election-bink; Pinxter-bloom); Rhododendron (Rosebay); Rhodora

Bitterbloom (Marsh-ojnk; Rose-ojnk; Sabatia; Sea-ojnk)

Bloodroot (Puccoon-root; Red Puccoon)

Pitcher-plant (Huntsman's-cup; Sidesaddle-Figwer)

Wild Pink

Bethroot (Birthroot) Squawroot; Stinking Benjamin; Wake-robin); Toadshade, Trillium

Globe-Hower (Trollius)

Bird's-foot Violet

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Monarda didyma

Myrica pensilvanica Nelumbo lutea

Opuntia humifusa (O. compressa, p.p.)

Cronidaceae

Crontium aquaticum Banax quinquerolius Pyrus coronaria Rhododendron spp. (Native)

Sapatia seo.

Sanguin**ar**ia

Sarracenia purpurea

Silone caroliniana Trillium sop.

Trollius laxus Viola pedata

TRUTE. In this list above, common names are not included if they repeat the generic common name with a modifier e.g., "Triffium" is understood to include "printed Triffium," "White Triffium", "Nodeling Triffium" and all others, Names appearing within parentheses are less familiar synonyms for the principal common names of each species listed.

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