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Dear Interested Citizen:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is announcing the availability of the draft Shawangunk Ridge Unit Management Plan (UMP) and an upcoming meeting to receive comments on the draft.

Meeting Date and Time: November 14, 2013, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Ellenville Public Library, 40 Center Street, Ellenville, Ulster County

The first half hour will be an open- house format to informally discuss the draft plan with DEC Lands and Forest staff. Beginning at 7 p.m., DEC staff will present highlights of the plan. Following the presentation, the public will have an opportunity to present comments.

In addition, at any time during the comment period, written comments can be sent to DEC forester Matt Paul, NYSDEC, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561 or electronically to r3ump@gw.dec.state.ny.us. Written comments will be received until December 15, 2013.

The Shawangunk Ridge UMP consists of 10 different DEC state forest properties totaling more than 6,000 acres along the Shawangunk Ridge in Ulster, Sullivan and Orange Counties. The draft UMP addresses the use, history, inventory of resources, outdoor recreational opportunities, budget and management actions on each of the properties. The properties include Huckleberry Ridge State Forest, Graham Mountain State Forest, Wurtsboro Ridge State Forest, Roosa Gap State Forest, Shawangunk Ridge State Forest, Witch's Hole Multiple Use Area, Shawangunk Multiple Use Area, and 3 detached parcels of Forest Preserve. The 10 properties are located in the Towns of Deerpark, Greenville, Mount Hope, Mamakating, Shawangunk, Wawarsing, and Gardiner.

The Shawangunk Ridge UMP is designed to implement DEC's Strategic Plan for State Forest Management, which you are encouraged to review at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/64567.html>.

Management actions are developed to meet local needs while supporting statewide and eco-regional goals and objectives.

The draft UMP is posted on the DEC website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/93937.html>

Hard copies of the plan are also available for public review at the following locations:
Ellenville Public Library, 40 Center Street, Ellenville; Port Jervis Public Library, 138 Pike Street, Port Jervis; New Paltz Public Library, 93 Main Street, New Paltz; NYSDEC Region 3 Office, 21 S. Putt Corners Road, New Paltz.