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**ANDREW M. CUOMO**  
GOVERNOR

September 27, 2019

National Parks Service  
Southeastern Regional Director, Robert Vogel  
National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office  
100 Alabama Street, SW, 1924 Building  
Atlanta GA 30303.

Dear Mr. Vogel:

I am pleased to present and support New York State's 2020-2025 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (2020 SCORP). The 2020 SCORP was developed by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation with input from other state agencies, local recreation providers and the public, and meets the requirements of the Land & Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended.

The Empire State is fortunate to have outdoor recreation facilities and natural resources that enhance our quality of life. This plan recognizes the positive impact that parks and outdoor recreation have on our state's citizens and economy, and seeks to increase these opportunities and benefits through strategies that can be embraced by the public and private sectors.

I am confident that the four themes outlined in the 2020 SCORP—keep the outdoor recreation system welcoming, safe, affordable, and accessible; improve the visitor experience; restore and enhance the outdoor recreation system with an emphasis on conservation and resiliency; and celebrate and teach history while promoting historic preservation efforts—will serve as a valuable resource and guide for maintaining a positive quality of life through recreation development in the state for the next five years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew M. Cuomo".

GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO