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To the Radisson Community,

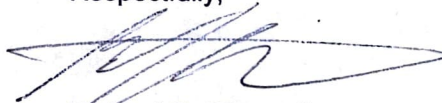
Hello again! I addressed your community back in May 2020 regarding some developing issues that we were seeing on Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area (WMA), adjacent to the Radisson neighborhood. I'd like to take this opportunity now to update you on changes to the regulations that will take effect on January 1st, 2022. The NYS DEC's Division of Fish and Wildlife manages 125 WMAs across the state, and these new regulations are not specific to Three Rivers WMA. However, they will greatly affect recreation within this area.

The NYS DEC adopted the new regulations following a public comment period earlier this year. The full text, published on November 3rd, 2021, can be found on the Department of State website: <https://dos.ny.gov/state-register>. New regulations that affect the use of Three Rivers WMA include provisions to:

- Restrict the use of motor vehicles and some motorized equipment, including electric bicycles and drones, in WMAs.
- Prohibit the discharge of firearms other than for hunting or trapping.
- Require that dogs be kept on a leash and under control. Exceptions include when dogs are being legally used for hunting, training for hunting on lands designated as dog-training areas during training seasons, or when participating in a DEC-licensed field trial.
- Allow placement of tree stands starting at the beginning of the big game, migratory gamebird, or turkey seasons, and left in place for the duration of that season, provided that they are properly labeled and promptly removed at the end of each individual season.

Visitors to New York State's WMAs should always be aware of the rules governing the WMA. Each WMA has a webpage that lists featured activities, available facilities, any site-specific restrictions, and a map of the area. For more information, go to: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7768.html>. I will continue to educate the public on the use of state lands. However, I would like to reiterate that these new regulations will take effect on January 1st, 2022. Any state land complaints, or violations that should be brought to the attention of a New York State Forest Ranger, should utilize our 24/hour dispatch at 833-NYS-RANGER (833-697-7264).

Respectfully,



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