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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **NATURAL AND HISTORIC RESOURCES**

#### **Notice of Readoption**

##### **State Trails System**

**Readoption:** **N.J.A.C. 7:5D**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:8-30 et seq.

Authorized by: Bob Martin, Commissioner

Department of Environmental Protection

Effective Date:

New Expiration Date:

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the State Trails System rules at N.J.A.C. 7:5D are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on March 3, 2018. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

The State Trails System rules implement the New Jersey Trails System Act, N.J.S.A. 13:8-30 et seq. (Act). The Act was enacted to help meet the ever-increasing outdoor recreation needs of an expanding population and to promote public access to, travel within, enjoyment and appreciation of the outdoor and natural areas of the State. Under the Act, the Department has established a system of scenic trails, recreation trails and connecting or side trails, and promulgated the State Trails System rules, which establish standards, procedures and practices for designating and maintaining trails as part of the System. Designation of trails to the System is intended to help preserve the natural, recreational, ecological, geological, historical and cultural qualities of trails and the areas through which they pass; to increase open space and recreational opportunities; and to enhance the quality of life for all State residents and visitors. In addition, the rules establish the New Jersey Trails Council to advise the Department on designation of trails to the State Trails System and management of the State Trails System.

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Bob Martin, Commissioner  
Department of Environmental Protection