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## Park agency still studying proposal for clearcutting permit for Adirondacks

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ALBANY, New York — The Adirondack Park Agency has postponed action on a proposal to make it easier to cut down trees in the 6 million acre park.

The agency has been considering a simplified approval process for some landowners who want to do limited clearcutting in the forest.

The agency says changing the rules might encourage sustainable forestry, including cuts to remove taller trees so that more sunlight can reach the forest floor.

Environmental groups Protect the Adirondacks and The Adirondack Council say the proposal would be a radical change from current rules.

Right now, landowners who want to cut more than 25 acres need to get a permit.

Spokesman Keith McKeever says the agency is reviewing extensive comments and will meet with stakeholders.