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WILD CENTER CAMPUS TO EXPAND BY 34 ACRES
WITH GIFT OF LAND BY ADIRONDACK CLUB

Tupper Lake, NY – Nancy K. Simpkins, President of the Board of Trustees of The Wild Center accepted a generous gift of 34-acres of land from The Adirondack Club in celebration of the Hull family during a press conference at The Wild Center’s Flammer Theater on Monday, July 3rd.

The donated parcel increases the overall size of the campus from 81-acres to 115-acres and includes the oxbow where canoe and stand-up paddleboard trips originate from daily in the summer. The public will continue to have full access to the oxbow waters as is true of all navigable waters in New York State. The oxbow on the Raquette River is an amazing example of river habitat and home to a variety of wildlife.

“We are so pleased with the gift and thank The Adirondack Club,” said Stephanie Ratcliffe, Executive Director. “Many years ago when I was learning about the idea for the museum I could not believe the incredible luck to have it located on a textbook example of a river oxbow. I knew we could use it as a jumping off point for interpretation. Our two overlooks on the Raquette River look out directly on to the oxbow. The twists and turns create a beautiful and tranquil still water paradise providing a rich habitat for wildlife.”

The donation is in celebration of the Hull Family, whose contributions to Tupper Lake date back to 1915, and whose spirit of appreciation for the Adirondacks are now being embraced by the forthcoming development of The Adirondack Club.

“The Hull Family loved the Adirondacks, and more than anything wanted to encourage people from across New York and the country to come and see this incredible natural beauty. That’s the same thing The Wild Center has tried to capture, which is why we are honored to make this donation today,” said Tom Lawson from The Adirondack Club.

William Cary (W.C.) Hull and his son Gerald Peckham Hull were leaders of the Oval Wood Dish Corporation (OWD) and were active in the community from the time the company moved to Tupper Lake starting in 1915. Their vision resulted in manufacturing innovation, employee benefits, and product innovation that drove the growth in the business as well as the growth in the local economy and recreational opportunities in Tupper Lake. W.C. helped found the Tupper Lake Country Club, including donating the land. The land for the ski area was provided to the Town on very favorable terms by Gerald Hull. He had the vision to pursue development of the land in the Mt. Morris area by having a preliminary development plan prepared by an outside firm in 1967. That vision is now becoming a reality in 2017.

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