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### At Base Camp

#### Seneca Rocks

The last issue of UP ROPE carried a note written by myself concerning the Land Use Plan for the Monongahela National Forest as it applies to Seneca Rocks. The tone of that note was not encouraging.

We have now had a chance to examine the Revised Draft Land Use Plan for the Monongahela National Forest, and we find there is in fact a great deal about which to be encouraged. The revised draft Land Use Plan addresses all of the comments we made during the public comment portion of its public review.

As a result, I feel we should support this plan fully. And along with other users of the Forest contribute as best we can to the up-coming Unit Planning Process.

John Stannard

Seneca Fund - The Section voted to donate \$200 from the Seneca Fund to the Franklin-Circleville Rescue Squad.

A Trip Leader Workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 8 pm, at PATC Headquarters. (See calendar.)

Adirondack Rock Climbing - The Adirondacks could become one of the great rock climbing areas in the East. The rock is firm, granitic I believe, with faces offering climbs of 6 rope lengths not uncommon. Some of the rock faces are what the locals call "slides" and are friction climbs. There are many faces scattered throughout the Adirondacks. Some are adjacent to roads while others may be miles from a road.

One of the local climbers mentioned a few favorites: both sides of the Pitchoff Mountain between Lake Placid and Keene, and Wallface Mountain at Indian Pass (about 5 miles SW of Adirondak Loj). The faces coming down into Avalanche Lake (S of Adirondak Loj) were very impressive: about 1/2 mile long and about 800 feet high. Fritz Wiessner many years ago put up a route here.

There are 2 guidebooks to the area. The "Mountaineer" climbing shop near Chapel Pond is well stocked and will provide rock climbing information.

For the adventuresome climber interested in putting up new routes far from the maddening crowd, the Adirondacks could well be worth the effort.

John Christian