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Welcome to volume 25 of the Adirondack Journal of Environmental Studies. As is our policy, we are happy to present information in a variety of formats: scholarship, spotlight on archives, comment and opinion, student work.

Scholarly articles in this issue include:

- The writings of James Fennimore Cooper and the Adirondacks (Oerlemans)
- Analysis of four indigenous Adirondack dugout canoes (Stager, Fadden, Wolff)
- Issues of “Forever Wild” vs. protecting historic sites (Bailey)
- Recreational use of the Adirondacks in 2020 (Weiss, Elliott, Sullivan)
- Policies related to species protection (Hallstrom, Bird)
- Bathymetric mapping of tufa deposits in the Green Lakes (Stroup, et al)

We continue our new Spotlight on Archives section with coverage of contemporary Iroquois art at the Iroquois Museum (Lemmon), and a review of archived data sets from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry’s Huntington Wildlife Forest and the Adirondack Ecological Center (McNulty, et al). For future issues, we invite other libraries, museums, historical societies and the like to submit articles for future issues that feature highlights of their collections for the benefit of Adirondack scholars and enthusiasts.

We also include two essays, one reflecting on fire threats in the Adirondacks in the face of climate change (Curth), and the other on the first 50 years (and next 50 years) of the Adirondack Park Agency (Thorndike).

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