



Green Mountain National Forest

Schedule of Proposed Action

October 1 to December 31, 2015

ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE

The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Action (Schedule) is to provide a status report and short summary of project proposals that are undergoing, or will undergo, environmental analysis by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Forest Service on the Green Mountain National Forest. Issued quarterly, this Schedule is intended to provide the public with informal notice of proposed activities. The publishing of this Schedule is required by Forest Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

An effort will be made to seek public input (called “scoping”) on proposed projects based on specific response to this Schedule. Scoping may be in the form of letters, email requests or phone calls that will include more specific information in order for the public to provide meaningful feedback that may be incorporated into the environmental analysis process. When required, legal notices announcing project information will be published in the *Rutland Herald*, our newspaper of record. In addition, at the discretion of the Responsible Official, project information may be published as legal notices in the following newspapers:

<u>District</u>	<u>Newspaper(s)</u>
Manchester	Bennington Banner Manchester Journal Brattleboro Reformer
Rochester	Randolph Herald Burlington Free Press Valley Reporter
Middlebury	Addison County Independent

The Schedule lists projects by each Ranger District or Forest-wide. The Schedule includes the name, location, and a brief description of the proposal. Also included is the scoping date (which indicates when public participation began or will begin), decision date, and the

expected implementation date. Analysis which supports any decision is documented in either an Environmental Assessment (EA), or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Proposals which have been "categorically excluded" from documentation in an EA or EIS are supported by project files, which may or may not include a Decision Memo. The analysis and decision documents are kept on file at the appropriate Ranger District or Supervisor's (Forest Headquarters) office depending on the location of the project, and is available for your review.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED

Your participation is important. Read through the list of proposed projects. If you want to provide site-specific comments on a project, get more information, or be placed on a project mailing list, either write or call using 1) the contacts listed at the end of the Schedule or; 2) the project contact included for the specific project of your interest. A generic statement of interest in all projects based on your review of this Schedule is not specific enough. It is only through site-specific input that we can be responsive to and incorporate your concerns into project development.

Walk in Requests: Requests from the public occasionally require that the environmental analysis be completed with a short turnaround time. This means that the analyses may be conducted and decisions made without prior listing in this Schedule. Efforts for public input for such requests will be conducted as applicable in accordance to regulations. An example of a walk-in request would be a short-term special use permit for a recreation event on the forest.

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http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/project_list.php?forest=110920

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Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2015 to 12/31/2015
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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Green Mountain National Forest	Forest-wide			R9 - Eastern Region	
Green Mountain Power (formerly CVPS) Special Use Permit Renewal CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issue Special Use Permit to authorize all existing Green Mountain Power (GMP) power lines located across the Forest and to authorize transfer of permit from Central Vermont Public Service (CVPS).				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=12744				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Windham, Windsor. LEGAL - Multiple counties and towns. Green Mountain National Forest, multiple towns.					
Green Mountain National Forest	Manchester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region	
Apple Tree Release and Maintenance - Manchester Ranger District CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2016	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x219 swixsom@fs.fed.us
	Description: Release and prune living apple trees in 17 separate stands across the southern portion of the Manchester Ranger District.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47318				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Somerset, Searsburg, Readsboro, and Wilmington.					
Camp Timber Salvage CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/30/2015	Expected:10/2015	10/2015	Stacy Stratton 802-779-4448 stacystratton@fs.fed.us
	Description: Salvage of wind thrown timber on approximately 30 acres. Salvage will include dead and dying trees.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47319				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Weston.					

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Green Mountain National Forest		Manchester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Green Mountain Power (formerly CVPS) North Road - Peru Line Relocation Special Use CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/19/2013	Expected:12/2015	12/2015	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate about 6,400 foot power line corridor managed by Green Mountain Power (GMP) along North, Savage and Mad Tom Roads. This placement and maintenance would be authorized by a special use permit on about 4.4 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=38927				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Peru.					
Haggood Nature Trail Improvements CE	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 07/22/2015	10/2015	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x230 dstROUT@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remove three bridges, build one new bridge, and construct two separate short sections of trail reroute along the existing nature trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46039				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Peru.					
Lightfoot Private Land Access Special Use CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special Use Permit for use of a road on National Forest System lands authorizing private individual access to private land for recreation and logging.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=18053				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Green Mountain National Forest, Town of Winhall.					
Red Pine Landowners Association Road and Green Mountain Power Powerline Special Use CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:12/2015	01/2016	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue special use permits to use National Forest System land to 1) the Red Pine Landowners Association for a road (Red Pine Drive) to access private land; and 2) Green Mountain Power for a buried powerline along the road to provide power.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44869				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Landgrove.					

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Green Mountain National Forest		Manchester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Heritage resource management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/10/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2015	Expected:05/2016	06/2016	Robert Bayer 802-362-2307 x218 rbayer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Multi-resource project activities to meet desired future conditions provided by the 2006 Forest Plan for resources such as recreation, heritage, soil/water, fish/wildlife, rare plants, natural communities, timber, and roads.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43088				
	Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Bennington, Pownal, Readsboro, Stamford, and Woodford.				
Wilmington Water District Special Use CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/09/2014	Expected:10/2015	11/2015	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Place a series of wells and springs on NFS lands near Crystal Pond, and Crystal and Haystack Ponds that provides water to the Town of Wilmington under the proper authorization. There may be new source springs requested.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=35490				
	Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Vicinity of Crystal Pond and Haystack Pond, primarily located on US Tract 390a in the town of Wilmington.				
Green Mountain National Forest		Middlebury Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Apple Tree Maintenance and Release - Middlebury Ranger District CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2016	Expected:04/2016	05/2016	Michael Burbank 802-388-4362 x114 mburbank@fs.fed.us
	Description: Cut and remove over-topping trees on multiple sites to provide apple trees access to sunlight across the Middlebury Ranger District. Includes pruning apple trees to promote health of the trees and enhance fruit production for wildlife.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41842				
	Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland. LEGAL - Multiple Towns.				

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Green Mountain National Forest		Middlebury Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Blueberry Hill Sucker Brook Bridge #1 Replacement CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Edmonds 802-767-4261 x529 jedmonds@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace an existing bridge along a x-country ski trail further downstream from its current location. Includes the relocation of the trail to tie in with the new bridge location.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44244				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Goshen.					
Gale Sugarbush Expansion Special Use Permit Modification CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:01/2016	02/2016	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Modify an existing special use permit to Don Gale authorizing the expansion of a permitted sugarbush by adding 12 acres in the northeast corner of his tapping area for the remainder of the current permit term. Access would remain the same.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47881				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Lincoln.					
Gilmore Aspen Management Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	Completed	Actual: 09/23/2015	10/2015	Robert Bayer 802-362-2307 x218 rbayer@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-establish regenerating and young age class component in aspen/birch communities by commercial timber harvest in mature and high risk stands. Harvest areas include small multiple sites totaling about 60 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41839				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Bristol and Lincoln.					
Marks Private Land Access Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:11/2015	12/2015	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Andrew Marks has applied for access to his private land off the Fay Road in Goshen. Consists of constructing an 80 ft long by 14 ft wide low standard road for wood lot management and recreation use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=36398				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Middlebury Ranger District, Town of Goshen.					

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Green Mountain National Forest		Middlebury Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Norske Trail Relocation CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 09/25/2015	10/2015	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x530 hknox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate and construct an approximate 0.15 mile segment of the Norske Trail in a more sustainable trail location within the Breadloaf Wilderness that will not require the construction of a new bridge. Remove the dilapidated bridge from wilderness.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47320				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.					
North Zone Green Mountain Power Special Use Permit CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/23/2015	11/2015	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use permit to Green Mountain Power to extend, replace, and/or upgrade approximately 4,088 feet of electric distribution line at 3 separate sites for a total of 1.74 acres of National Forest System land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44984				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Ripton and Lincoln.					
Green Mountain National Forest		Rochester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Appalachian Trail Adjustment - Hartford CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:01/2016	06/2016	Jennifer Wright 802-747-6730 jenniferwright@fs.fed.us
	Description: Monitoring of the Appalachian Trail (AT) boundary identified the AT footpath is off of federal land in Hartford, VT. A 400-foot relocation of the tread to the federal land corridor is needed. No trees are anticipated to be cut; minimal tread work.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47322				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hartford.					

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Green Mountain National Forest		Rochester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Bodette and Cannon Road Access Special Use Permits Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/13/2015	08/2015	Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x513 cmattrick@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project includes the issuance of a two special use permits for the construction/reconstruction and use of roads on National Forest System lands to provide access to seasonal camps and for logging operations on private lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47323				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Leicester and Hancock.					
Boyden Brook Trail Relocation Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/19/2015	Expected:01/2016	07/2016	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x530 hknox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate and construct an approximate 2 mile segment of the Boyden Brook Snowmobile Trail (Forest Trail 749) in a more sustainable trail location. Complete improvements to the Taylor Brook Trail (FT 700) to bring it to a Class 4 trail standard.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47321				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hancock.					
Kennett Cultivation Special Use Permit Re-issuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/08/2015	Expected:01/2016	02/2016	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issuance of an expired special use permit to cultivate fields on National Forest System land on 3 separate tracts totaling about 25 acres along the White River.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46045				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.					

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Green Mountain National Forest		Rochester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Rochester Ranger District Wellness Trails CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/06/2015	Expected:10/2015	07/2016	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x530 hknox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Designate 2.6 miles of hiking, biking or multiple use trail adjacent to the Rochester Ranger Station. A trail by the administrative site would provide employees and the public with a multiple loop system of varying skill level and terrain.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44209				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.					
Sugarbush Well Development Special Use Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2015	Expected:04/2016	05/2016	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use permit to authorize Summit Ventures NE, LLC to add the test water well to their community water system by adding buried power to a pump on the well and pipe from the well.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47880				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Warren.					
Trial Backcountry Skiing Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/20/2014	Expected:10/2015	10/2015	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x530 hknox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Designate four trial backcountry ski project sites. Activities include thinning of vegetation to enhance skiable terrain while maintaining a healthy forest structure. Additional activities include installing signage and monitoring impacts of the use.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44206				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Chittenden, Goshen and Rochester.					

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Green Mountain National Forest		Rochester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Tucker Johnson Shelter Reconstruction CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2015	Expected:01/2016	07/2016	Jennifer Wright 802-747-6730 jenniferwright@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reconstruct the Tucker Johnson shelter along the Long Trail (LT) that burned down in 2011. Includes the construction of a short trail (about 200 feet) to connect the shelter to the LT.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40438				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Mendon.					
Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sport (VASS) Endurance Race Special Use CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2015	Expected:02/2016	03/2016	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issuance of a long-term special use permit to use an existing trail on National Forest System land for part of a runner and equestrian endurance race. This annual event would cross the Appalachian Trail near Dana Hill.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=46046				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Pomfret.					

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