



Green Mountain National Forest

Schedule of Proposed Actions

October 1 to December 31, 2014

ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE

The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Actions (Schedule) is to provide a status report and short summary of project proposals that are undergoing, or will undergo, environmental analysis 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 decisions will be published in the *Rutland Herald*, our newspaper of record. In addition, at the discretion of the Responsible Official, project decisions 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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For more information about planning or projects on the Green Mountain National Forest you may visit our website at:

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)
10/01/2014 to 12/31/2014

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Green Mountain National Forest, Forestwide					R9 - Eastern Region
Communication Sites Forest Plan Amendment CE	- Land management planning	In Progress: Collaboration Start 09/30/2013 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2014	Expected: 03/2015	05/2015	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x522 jstrand@fs.fed.us
	Description: Clarify the management direction for existing communication sites Forest-wide including the Philidelphia Peak repeater within the Battell Wilderness with modification of Forest-wide and Wilderness Area Management Area standards and guidelines.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40444				
Location: UNIT - Green Mountain And Finger Lakes National Forest All Units. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Windham, Windsor. Multiple Towns.					
Green Mountain Power (formerly CVPS) Special Use Permit Renewal CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 12/2014	Expected: 06/2015	07/2015	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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Apple Tree Maintenance and Release CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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 Rochester and Middlebury Ranger Districts. 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, Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple Towns.					

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Green Mountain National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)					R9 - Eastern Region
Middlebury and Rochester Ranger Districts Permanent Opening Maintenance CE	- Road management	Completed	Actual: 07/22/2014	07/2014	Michael Burbank 802-388-4362 x114 mburbank@fs.fed.us
	Description: Maintenance of existing permanent open areas on the Middlebury and Rochester Ranger Districts, and Appalachian Trail Corridor by mowing, hand-cutting, chipping, and/or prescribed fire on 155 separate sites for a total of about 1,309 acres.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41841				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple Towns.					
New England Wilderness Act Road Restoration Project CE	- Regulations, Directives, Orders - Road management	Completed	Actual: 08/01/2014	09/2014	Kenneth Norden 802-388-4362 x113 knorden@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project will address the non-conforming infrastructure (roads) that may inhibit naturally occurring ecological processes to take place. Roads within the Battell and Breadloaf will be restored closer to natural conditions.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=23615				
Location: UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Forest-wide. Towns of Granville, Ripton, and Hancock.					

Green Mountain National Forest	Manchester Ranger District	R9 - Eastern Region			
Bromley Beginner Glade Skiing CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/17/2014	08/2014	Thomas Paquette 802-767-4261 x521 tpaquette@fs.fed.us
	Description: Create and maintain three glade skiing trails approximately 25 feet wide at Bromley Ski Area. Includes minimal clearing and has no earth disturbance. The closed canopy will be maintained.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43456				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Peru.					

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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	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
Lightfoot Private Land Access Special Use CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2014	Expected: 11/2014	12/2014	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.				
Old Job Trail Relocation CE	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Completed	Actual: 08/07/2014	07/2015	Jennifer Wright 802-747-6730
	Description: Reroute about 0.6 mile of the existing Old Job hiking trail (FT 412) to a more sustainable location along Lake Brook.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=43486				
	Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Mount Tabor.				
Prospect Mountain Homologated Race Course CE	- Recreation management - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 08/27/2014	09/2014	Jennifer Edmonds 802-767-4261 x529 jedmonds@fs.fed.us
	Description: Use the existing trail network at Prospect Mountain to create a 5 km homologated race course. Includes the construction of about 0.4 km of new trail with the remainder to be regraded and brought up to standard.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44245				
	Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Woodford.				

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Green Mountain National Forest		Manchester Ranger District		R9 - Eastern Region	
Red Pine Landowners Association Road and Green Mountain Power Powerline Special Use CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2014	Expected: 01/2015	01/2015	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.					
Snow Valley C7 Snowmobile Trail Relocation CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/16/2014	Expected: 11/2014	11/2014	Carol Knight 802-362-2307 x227 cknight@fs.fed.us
	Description: Relocate existing snowmobile trail from Snow Valley private property onto adjacent private property and NFS lands. The portion on NFS lands would be approximately 0.6 mile of newly constructed trail and 0.1 mile of improved existing trail.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41852				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Winhall.					
South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project EA	- 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	Developing Proposal Est. Notice of Initiation 10/2014	Expected: 12/2015	04/2016	Melissa Reichert 802-747-6754 mmreichert@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.					

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Green Mountain National Forest		Manchester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Wilmington Water District Special Use CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/09/2014	Expected: 06/2015	07/2015	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.					
Woodford SnoBusters Groomer Access Trail Special Use Re-issue CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2014	Expected: 11/2014	12/2014	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue a special use permit to the VT Association of Snow Traveler local club Woodford SnoBusters to use an 800 ft. trail for groomer access from their private building onto Forest Road 74.				
	Web Link: To be determined.				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Woodford.					
Woodford SnoBusters Hot Dog Roast and Special People Ride Recreation Event Special Use Re-issue CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2014	Expected: 11/2014	12/2014	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue a special use permit to the VT Association of Snow Travelers local club Woodford SnoBusters for annual day use event at Somerset Landing, and Special People Ride at Red Mill.				
	Web Link: To be determined.				
Location: UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Somerset and Woodford.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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.				
Gilmore Mountain Aspen Management Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products	In Progress: Notice of Initiation 02/03/2014 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2014	Expected: 03/2015	11/2015	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 63 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	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2014	Expected: 11/2014	12/2014	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. Middlebury Ranger District, Town of Goshen.				
North Zone Green Mountain Power Special Use Permit CE	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/15/2014	Expected: 10/2014	10/2014	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.				

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Green Mountain National Forest		Rochester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
Backcountry Ski Pilot Project CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2014	Expected: 01/2015	05/2015	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x530 hknox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Designate four backcountry ski pilot project areas. 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.					
Biasuzzi Logging Access Special Use CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	David Bosch 802-747-6746 dbosch@fs.fed.us
	Description: Issue a special use permit for the use of a skid trail and landing to harvest timber on adjacent private land near State Route 100.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=42484				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Killington.					
Boyden Brook Road Decommission, Watershed Restoration and Trail Relocation Project EA	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 jstrand@fs.fed.us
	Description: Decommission and restore Boyden Brook Road (FR 49) to improve watershed conditions, and relocate Boyden Brook Trail (FT 749) which is a north/south snowmobile trail that connects important recreation opportunities across the Forest.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=41633				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Rochester Ranger District, Town of Hancock, Vermont.					
Killington Bike Trails CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/22/2014	Expected: 10/2014	10/2014	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x530 hknox@fs.fed.us
	Description: Designate and construct an approximate 15 mile mountain bike loop system composed of beginner, intermediate and advanced trails.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=44208				
Location: UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Killington.					

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Green Mountain National Forest	Rochester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region	
Rochester Ranger District Wellness Trails CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2014	Expected: 02/2015	06/2015	Holly Knox 802-767-4261 x530 hknox@fs.fed.us
Description: Designate 2.6 miles of hiking 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.					
Tucker Johnson Shelter Reconstruction CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2014	Expected:01/2015	06/2015	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.					

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