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Finger Lakes Mountain Biking Enhancement	Enhance mountain biking opportunities by the adoption of some existing user-created trails, and authorized use changes on some existing system trails.	CE	Finger Lakes NF	New York/ Hector, Lodi	DONE 2/27/2025	1/26	5/26	Matthew Lark 479-667-2191 x2171	matthew.lark@usda.gov
Finger Lakes National Forest Wetland Creation	Creation of small, natural appearing wetlands in multiple locations where natural wetlands may have existed prior to artificial drainage by farmers. These wetlands would be fully functional and provide habitat and protection against flooding.	CE	Finger Lakes NF	New York/ Hector	2/26	4/26	7/27	Greg Flood 607-546-4470 x3312	gregory.flood@usda.gov
Finger Lakes Trail Reroute	Relocate the Finger Lakes Trail trailhead from its current location to a more suitable spot 0.5 miles down the road. A new trailhead and parking area would be improved at the new site.	CE	Finger Lakes NF	New York/ Burdett	1/26	2/26	6/26	Matthew Kautz 607-546-4470	matthew.kautz@usda.gov
Appalachian National Scenic Trail Infrastructure Rehabilitation	Repair and replacement of numerous critical facilities located along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail including but not limited to bridges, privies and shelters.	CE	Green Mountain NF	Vermont/ Multiple	DONE 2/25/2025	5/26	7/27	Steve Pytlik 802-747-6736	steven.pytlik@usda.gov
Forest-wide Opening Maintenance	Maintenance of existing openings on 266 stands across the Forest using multiple treatment options including manual, machine, and/or prescribed fire.	CE	Green Mountain NF	Vermont/ Multiple	DONE 3/31/2023	3/26	4/26	Shawn Langston 802-362-2307 x7217	shawn.langston@usda.gov
Vermont Huts Association Special Use Permit Amendment	Amend existing special use permit to authorize improvements to the Chittenden Brook and Grout Pond Huts to meet their respective accessibility, storage and waste disposal needs.	CE	Green Mountain NF	Vermont/ Chittenden, Stratton	1/26	2/26	5/26	Jen Edmonds 802-747-6746	jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
Deerfield ADLS Construction Permit	Permit for construction, use, and maintenance of two aircraft detection lighting system (ADLS) towers and associated infrastructure on the East Ridge of the Deerfield Wind facility.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Searsburg	DONE 1/8/2025	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	Jen Edmonds 802-747-6746	jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
Glastenbury and Stratton Tower Repairs	Structural repairs to the Glastenbury and Stratton lookout towers.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Glastenbury, Stratton	DONE 10/30/2024	6/26	7/26	David Donahue 802-747-6726	david.p.donahue@usda.gov
Grout Pond Loop Trail Relocation	Relocate section of Pond Loop trail where it is currently trenched and heavily eroded southwest of Grout Pond. Trail relocation would be 310 feet in length and would be implemented in partnership with existing trail partners.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Stratton	DONE 1/9/2023	4/26	6/26	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237	danna.strout@usda.gov
Hapgood Nature Trail Improvement	Improve trail around Hapgood Pond Recreation Area. Project involves improving trail location and tread to meet accessibility requirements and provide a full trail loop experience.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Peru	1/26	4/27	6/27	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237	danna.strout@usda.gov
Hapgood Pond Dredging	Removal of accumulated fine sediment from Hapgood Pond in order to increase water storage volume, improve recreational experience, and prevent potentially hazardous high water temperatures.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Peru	DONE 12/6/2024	7/26	11/26	John Mccann 802-747-6739	john.mccann@usda.gov
Pinnacle Lodge Small Tracts Act Septic Treatment and Infrastructure Conveyance	Small Tracts Act conveyance of about 11.7 acres to Lodge at Pinnacle View, LLC in order to phase out hazardous material disposal use, in compliance with the Forest Plan, and to reduce special use administrative costs.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Winhall	DONE 10/4/2024	7/26	8/26	Cassie Spires 802-747-6743	cassandra.spires@usda.gov
Podunk Road Snowmobile Access Permit (website is not yet available)	Issue a permit to authorize the use and maintenance of an existing 16-foot-wide, 375-foot-long snowmobile trail (occupying about 0.14 acre area) and a gate to serve approximately 30 local snowmobilers. The permitted access would address safety issues with the current access route along a narrow road.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Wardsboro	1/26	1/26	2/26	Jen Edmonds 802-747-6746	jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
Searsburg Wind Facility Access SUP	Issue a permit with a term of five years, authorizing use and maintenance of the existing access road and bridge to access the Searsbury Wind Facility.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Searsburg	2/26	5/26	10/26	Jen Edmonds 802-747-6746	jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov
Stamford ROW Permit	Issue permit for use and maintenance of an existing trail off of Roaring Brook Road (FR 264) for year-round ATV access.	CE	Manchester	Vermont/ Stamford	1/26	2/26	2/26	Jen Edmonds 802-747-6746	jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov

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Middlebury College Land Exchange	Land exchange about 475 acres of NFS lands for 402 acres owned by Middlebury College to consolidate NFS land ownership, acquire high quality natural communities and resources, and dispense with the need to administer the permit for the Rikert Nordic Center.	CE	Middlebury	Vermont/ Bristol	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	Chris Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513	christopher.mattrick@usda.gov
Northern Escarpment Ecological Restoration and Fire Resiliency	Restore fire-adapted ecosystems, enhance natural forest habitat conditions, and increase wildfire resilience with prescribed fire and non-commercial vegetation management.	CE	Middlebury	Vermont/ Leicester, Middlebury, Salisbury	1/26	3/26	4/27	Suzanne Gifford 802-747-6741	suzanne.gifford@usda.gov
Red Spruce Planting	Plant 250 red spruce seedlings on approximately 2 acres in Compartment 20, Stand 101 (an existing wildlife opening).	CE	Middlebury	Vermont/ Bristol	1/26	3/26	4/26	James Donahey 802-767-4261 x5526	james.donahey@usda.gov
Rikert - Upper Gilmore/Brown Gate Trail Reroute	Reroute trails onto private land to prepare for Middlebury land exchange.	CE	Middlebury	Vermont/ Ripton	n/a	2/26	8/26	Jeff Hammell 802-747-6798	jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
South Pond Hut Special Use Permit and Project-Specific Forest Plan Amendment	Project specific Forest Plan amendment to waive Diverse Backcountry Recreation Standard S-1, and issue a special use permit to VT Huts Association to construct, use and maintain a 4-season recreation hut near South Pond.	CE	Middlebury	Vermont/ Chittenden	DONE 8/6/2025	1/26	5/26	Chris Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513	christopher.mattrick@usda.gov
Chittenden Brook Campground Renovation Project	Renovation and reconstruction of a campground by replacing outhouses; installing accessible paths; replacing aging signs, kiosk, and other infrastructure; regravell and grade campsites as needed.	CE	Rochester	Vermont/ Rochester	5/26	7/26	9/26	Phil Macaskill 802-767-4261 x5530	philip.macaskill@usda.gov
Long Trail Relocation North of Lincoln Gap	Relocate the existing Long Trail segment where it is impacting the soil resource with an approximately 1,300-foot switchback. Decommission about 450 feet of existing Long Trail.	CE	Rochester	Vermont/ Lincoln	2/26	4/26	5/26	Katie Currier 802-767-4261 x 5532	katie.currier@usda.gov
Ripton North Building Decommissioning	Decommission Ripton north building located at the district administrative site in Bristol.	CE	Rochester	Vermont/ Ripton	1/26	2/26	8/26	David Donahue 802-747-6726	david.p.donahue@usda.gov
Rochester Administrative Site Garage Construction	Construction of a new 20 vehicle garage and expanded parking to address limited parking at the Rochester Ranger District Administrative Site.	CE	Rochester	Vermont/ Rochester	DONE 4/5/2024	4/26	8/26	David Donahue 802-747-6726	david.p.donahue@usda.gov
Sugarbush Gate House Mountain Bike Trails	Sugarbush Resort desires to improve their mountain bike opportunities by constructing 10.9 miles of mountain bike trails in the Gate House area. Some existing trails and a disc golf course would be decommissioned and rehabilitated.	CE	Rochester	Vermont/ Warren	DONE 2/29/2024	ON HOLD	ON HOLD	Nate Blanks 802-747-6714	nathaniel.blanks@usda.gov
Texas Gap Stream Enhancement	Restore stream channels through addition of coarse woody materials to retain sediment and organic material, reduce flow to improve stream habitat, increase channel stability, reconnect flood plains and riparian habitat, reduce downstream effects.	CE	Rochester	Vermont/ Granville, Hancock	DONE 3/4/2025	1/26	7/26	Jeremy Mears 802-767-4261 x5514	jeremy/mears@usda.gov
Warren Falls Parking Lot Preemptive Hazard Tree Mitigation	Remove white ash trees to prevent emerald ash borer killed hazard at Warren Falls recreation site.	CE	Rochester	Vermont/ Warren	6/26	11/26	12/26	James Donahey 802-767-4261 x5526	james.donahey@usda.gov
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