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Terry Berry Parking Lot Construction	Construct parking lot along Terry Berry Road to mitigate existing resource damage from vehicles parking in grassland area.	CE	Finger Lakes NF	New York/ Hector	10/26	12/26	5/27	Greg Flood 607-546-4470 x3312	gregory.flood@usda.gov
Seed Orchard Expansion (New this Quarter)	Expand the existing 1.5 acre butternut seed orchard within the Cook Grassland to 4.5 acres to allow planting of American chestnut, and green and white ash with genetic traits resistant to blight and ash borers.	CE	Finger Lakes NF	New York/ Trumansburg	11/26	3/27	5/27	Matt Lark 607-546-4470 x3316	matthew.lark@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	5/27	7/27	Holly Knox 802-747-6724	holly.knox@usda.gov
Black Ash Treatment for Emerald Ash Borer	Inject black ash trees with insecticide *emamectin benzoate* at two separate sites across four separate stands on a total 32.3 acres to make those trees more resilient to emerald ash borer infestation, conserve genetic diversity and maintain a seed source for future black ash regeneration.	CE	Green Mountain NF	Vermont/ Mt Tabor, Hartford	DONE 4/16/26	DONE 7/14/2026	7/26	Josh Wills 802-362-2307 x7213	joshua.wills@usda.gov
Bromley Plaza Access Ski Trail (Modified Project this Quarter)	Modified proposed Bromley Plaza Work Road Reroute. Replaced proposed existing work relocation with a ski trail to allow guests access to the terrain park (Plaza) coming from the main mountain.	CE	Green Mountain NF	Vermont/ Peru	n/a	DONE 7/14/2026	9/26	Jeff Hammell 802-747-6798	jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov
Forest-wide Opening Maintenance (Revised)	Maintenance of existing openings on 271 separate stands for a total of 3,003 acres across the Forest using multiple treatment options including manual, machine, and/or prescribed fire.	CE	Green Mountain NF	Vermont/ Multiple	DONE 3/31/2023	DONE 9/25/2026	10/26	Shawn Langston 802-362-2307 x7217	shawn.langston@usda.gov
Forest Plan Amendment - Indiana Bat (New this Quarter)	Modify Forest Plan Forest-wide Standards to reflect changes in the known distribution of Indiana bat on National Forest System lands, provide protection to roosting bats per the best available current scientific information, and correct active season date discrepancies.	CE	Green Mountain NF	Vermont/ Multiple	10/26	4/27	5/27	Shawn Langston 802-362-2307 x7217	shawn.langston@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	4/27	7/27	Holly Knox 802-747-6724	holly.knox@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	DONE 9/21/2026	6/27	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	1/27	6/27	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237	danna.strout@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	2/27	4/27	Cassie Spires 802-747-6743	cassandra.spires@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	11/26	5/27	6/27	Holly Knox 802-747-6724	holly.knox@usda.gov
Goshen, Gonya, and Hale Brooks Strategic Wood Addition	Use of chainsaws, grip hoist, and rope systems to strategically place wood in sections of Goshen, Gonya, and Hale brooks for a total stream reach of 3.4 miles.	CE	Middlebury	Vermont/ Ripton	10/26	11/26	4/27	Jeremy Mears 802-767-4261 x5514	jeremy.mears@usda.gov
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	Cassie Spires 802-747-6743	cassandra.spires@usda.gov

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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	DONE 1/12/2026	DONE 9/28/2026	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	DONE 2/12/2026	DONE 8/25/2026	4/27	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	DONE 7/27/2026	9/26	Jeff Hammell 802-747-6798	jeffrey.hammell@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; regravel and grade campsites as needed.	CE	Rochester	Vermont/ Rochester	3/27	5/27	6/27	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	n/a	8/27	5/28	Katie Currier 802-767-4261 x 5532	katie.currier@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	DONE 2/12/2026	10/26	12/26	James Donahey 802-767-4261 x5526	james.donahey@usda.gov
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