



# Green Mountain National Forest

## *Schedule of Proposed Actions*

**July 1 to September 30, 2023**

### **ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE**

The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) 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 SOPA is intended to provide the public with informal notice of proposed activities. The publishing of this SOPA 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 SOPA. 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:

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

The SOPA lists projects by each Ranger District or Forest-wide. The SOPA 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" (CE) 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 SOPA 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 SOPA 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 SOPA. 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.

### **VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE**

For more information about planning or projects on the Green Mountain National Forest you may visit our website at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/gmfl/landmanagement/projects>

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information on the projects described in this Schedule of Proposed Actions, contact:

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## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2023 to 09/30/2023

### Green Mountain National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>					
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 <a href="mailto:sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us">sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				
<b>Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/2023	Expected: 07/2023	01/2024	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 <a href="mailto:laura.conway@usda.gov">laura.conway@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest, Occurring in more than one District</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Ash Treatment for Emerald Ash Borer</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Climate Change Adaptation	Completed	Actual: 05/04/2023	05/2023	Jeffrey Tilley 802-747-6758 <a href="mailto:jeffrey.tilley@usda.gov">jeffrey.tilley@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Treat ash trees with insecticide within 36 separate stands totaling up to 1,361 acres so they are more resilient to emerald ash borer infestation, conserve genetic diversity and maintain a seed source for future ash regeneration.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63349">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63349</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Rutland, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple Towns.				
<b>Forest-wide Opening Maintenance</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2023	Expected:09/2023	10/2023	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x7219 <a href="mailto:scott.wixsom@usda.gov">scott.wixsom@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> This project would authorize continuing management of permanent openings in 266 stands on the Green Mountain National Forest.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61917">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61917</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Washington, Windham, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Several Towns throughout Vermont.				
<b>Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project</b> EA  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/27/2023 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 09/2023	Expected:04/2024	05/2024	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x5522 <a href="mailto:jay.strand@usda.gov">jay.strand@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Multiple resource management to implement the Forest Plan across a large landscape area. Proposed activities include timber harvesting, wildlife habitat enhancement, recreation & forest access improvements, and soil and wetland restoration work.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60192">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60192</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, Pittsfield, Pittsford, Rutland Town, and Stockbridge.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Manchester Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Grout Pond Loop Trail Relocation</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/09/2023	Expected:10/2023	06/2024	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63333">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63333</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Stratton.				
<b>Jones Brook East Trail Relocation and Managed Bike Use Addition</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/09/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Manage Jones Brook East trail for mountain bike use and relocate a section of the trail where it is currently unsuitable for summer use. Trail relocation would be 830 feet in length and implemented in partnership with existing trail partners.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63331">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63331</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Peru.				
<b>Lye Brook Trailhead Parking Relocation</b> CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2024	Expected:10/2024	04/2025	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The Lye Brook Trailhead parking area would be relocated on Lye Brook Road near its intersection with Benson and Glen Roads. The new parking lot would accommodate 30 to 40 vehicles.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61176">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61176</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Manchester.				
<b>Manchester Trail Bridge Replacements and Repairs</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/09/2023	Expected:10/2023	06/2024	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Replace or repair 13 trail bridges that have significant maintenance needs across the Manchester Ranger District. Project would involve heavy equipment and would be implemented in partnership with existing trail partners.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63335">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63335</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Rutland, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Glastenbury, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Stratton, and Winhall.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Manchester Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Mount Snow High Traverse Widening</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/15/2023	Expected:07/2023	09/2023	Nathaniel Blanks 802-747-6714 <a href="mailto:Nathaniel.Blanks@usda.gov">Nathaniel.Blanks@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Widen the High Traverse alpine ski trail to relieve congestion, replace 400 feet of buried power line along the trail and add a valve house in the same vicinity to improve snowmaking efficiency. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62974">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62974</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Dover.				
<b>Richville Road Riparian Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Mary Deller 802-767-4261 <a href="mailto:mary.deller@usda.gov">mary.deller@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Project 63896 was Canceled because the same project (63821) already exists on the SOPA. Those interested in this project should refer to Project 63821. Project 63896 will remain on the public SOPA for one quarter, then be removed. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63896">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63896</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Manchester.				
<b>Richville Road Riparian Restoration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/17/2023	Expected:07/2023	10/2023	Mary Deller 802-767-4261 <a href="mailto:mary.deller@usda.gov">mary.deller@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Plant native woody species to restore sugar maple-ostrich fern riverine floodplain forest in the 100-year floodplain. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63821">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63821</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Manchester.				
<b>Sucker Pond Trail Relocation</b> CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2023	Expected:04/2024	06/2024	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The project would involve constructing approximately 0.3 miles of 6-foot-wide trail tread south of Sucker Pond to relocate this section of trail out of a wetland and into a more suitable area for multiple trail uses. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61081">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61081</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Stamford.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Middlebury Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Clark Right of Way Reconstruction Special Use Permit</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/22/2023	Expected:07/2023	11/2023	Jennifer Edmonds 802-767-4261 x. 529 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a special use permit with a term of two years, authorizing work on the existing right of way. Fourteen hardwood trees would be cut and left in place, and the entire length of the right of way would be resurfaced with crushed stone.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64159">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64159</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.				
<b>Hogback Loop Trail Realignment</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Philip MacAskill 802-767-4261 x5530 <a href="mailto:philip.macaskill@usda.gov">philip.macaskill@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Realignment of the Hogback Loop Trail (Catamount Trail) near the privately owned Blueberry Hill Inn. Construction of 0.14 miles of Class 4 Cross Country Ski Trail and a bridge, culvert, or ford. Decommissioning of 0.7 miles of ski trail.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63714">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63714</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Goshen.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Middlebury Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Middlebury College Land Exchange</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2021	Expected:06/2024	06/2025	Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513 <a href="mailto:christopher.mattrick@usda.gov">christopher.mattrick@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service proposes to exchange an approximately 475 acre tract of land on the GMNF for approximately 402 acres of land owned by Middlebury College in the Breadloaf area of Ripton, Vermont.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59518">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59518</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.				
<b>Moosalamoo to Silver Lake Connector Trail</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Philip MacAskill 802-767-4261 x5530 <a href="mailto:philip.macaskill@usda.gov">philip.macaskill@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The project would construct and maintain a nonmotorized recreation trail between Silver Lake and the Moosalamoo Campground.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61909">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61909</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Goshen, Salisbury, and Leicester.				
<b>Mountain Top Trail Improvement Project - 2023</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/19/2023	Expected:08/2023	09/2023	Jeffrey Hammell 802-222-1828 <a href="mailto:jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov">jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> This project would widen and grade trails to improve drainage, allow for safe travel by skiers and snowshoers, and improve visibility on corners on existing Nordic ski trails within the Mountain Top Resort special use permit area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64074">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64074</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Middlebury Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Silver Lake Recreation Site Improvements</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 06/27/2023	07/2023	Philip MacAskill 802-767-4261 x5530 <a href="mailto:philip.macaskill@usda.gov">philip.macaskill@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> This project involves installation of steps and staircases to reduce erosion, reduce sedimentation entering the lake and downstream waterways, and improve visitor experience and safety.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61103">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61103</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Leicester.				
<b>Silver Towers Trail Right of Way Special Use Permit</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/22/2023	Expected:11/2023	02/2024	Jennifer Edmonds (802)353-8186 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a special use permit to Vermont Elks Charities, Inc dba Silver Towers Camp authorizing the construction, maintenance, and use of a 500 ft. long trail between the camp and Forest Road 89.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63865">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63865</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.				
<b>Walters Right of Way Permit Authorization</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> A Special Use Permit would be issued with a term of twenty years for a road Right of Way for the existing snowmobile trail (Blue Ridge Mountain Trail, #136) that is 1,712 feet long and up to 16 feet wide.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59806">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59806</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Middlebury Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Widow's Clearing Trail Realignment</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/06/2023	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Philip MacAskill 802-767-4261 x5530 <a href="mailto:philip.macaskill@usda.gov">philip.macaskill@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The project would realign the Widow's Clearing Trail by Constructing .5 miles of multi-use nonmotorized trail, and decommissioning .6 miles of trail. The proposed new trail would be managed for bicycles, horses, xc skiing, and hiking.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61911">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61911</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.				

<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Rochester Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Appalachian Trail Side &amp; Corridor Crossing Trail Designations</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2021	Expected:07/2023	07/2023	Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513 <a href="mailto:christopher.mattrick@usda.gov">christopher.mattrick@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The project would add three existing trail segments to the National Forest System in the Town of Norwich, Vermont (Dothan Brook, Joshua, and Griggs Mountain Trails).				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59805">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59805</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Norwich.				
<b>Bear Brook Winter Parking Lot Construction</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2023	Expected:07/2023	09/2023	Philip MacAskill 802-767-4261 x5530 <a href="mailto:philip.macaskill@usda.gov">philip.macaskill@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The former Bear Brook Picnic Ground parking lot would be renovated to provide up to 50 parking spaces for users of the Brandon Gap Backcountry Zones. The project would mostly utilize the existing footprint of the previous parking area.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61093">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61093</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Rochester Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Lincoln Gap Parking Lot Renovation</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/10/2023	06/2024	Jason Pietrzak 802-565-2170 <a href="mailto:Jason.Pietrzak@usda.gov">Jason.Pietrzak@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The project would renovate the upper and lower parking areas at Lincoln Gap to provide safe parking for up to 50 vehicles.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61100">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61100</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Lincoln.				
<b>Maher Right of Way Special Use Amendment</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/13/2022	Expected:09/2023	09/2023	Jennifer Edmonds 802-747-6746 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Amendment of an existing right of way (ROW) special use permit to include year round use and to extend the ROW by approximately 460 feet from the end of Pine Gap Road to the existing ROW.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62976">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62976</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.				
<b>Sugarbush Mountain Bike Trails</b> CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2023	Expected:09/2023	03/2024	Nathaniel Blanks 802-747-6714 <a href="mailto:Nathaniel.Blanks@usda.gov">Nathaniel.Blanks@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Consists of phases 1 and 2 of a potential 3 phase plan to add lift-served downhill mountain bike trails at Sugarbush Ski Resort providing a mix of beginner and intermediate terrain suitable for rider progression currently not available at the resort.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62975">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62975</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Warren.				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Rochester Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Sugarbush Super Bravo Mountain Bike Trail Improvement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management - Carbon Stewardship	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/19/2023	Expected:10/2023	10/2023	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 <a href="mailto:jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov">jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Realignment and reconstruction of existing mountain bike trail infrastructure. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63895">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63895</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Warren.				
<b>Texas Falls Observation Site Renovation</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 05/15/2023	09/2023	Jason Pietrzak 802-565-2170 <a href="mailto:Jason.Pietrzak@usda.gov">Jason.Pietrzak@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> This project would improve the public infrastructure and accessibility at the Texas Falls recreation area, remove features that may pose a public health and safety risk, and reduce deferred maintenance. <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61104">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61104</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Hancock.				

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