



Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests

Schedule of Proposed Actions

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 & Finger Lakes National Forests. Issued quarterly, the SOPA is intended to provide the public with informal notice of proposed activities. The publishing of the SOPA is required by Forest Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The current quarterly and recent past SOPAs are located at this website:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/sopa/forest-level.php?110920>

An effort will be made to seek public input (called “scoping”) on proposed projects based on specific response to the 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* or *Ithaca Journal*, our newspapers of record for the Green Mountain National Forest, and Finger Lakes National Forest, respectively.

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 on page 2 of this document or; 2) the contact included for the specific project of your interest in the SOPA.

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 the 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.

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For more information about planning or projects on the Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forests 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 the following responsible officials depending on the location of the project:

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