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## **Invitation to Comment – Please Reply by April 3, 2026 Manchester Multisport Event 2026**

The USDA Forest Service is initiating an environmental analysis process for the Manchester Multisport Event 2026 Project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. I am writing to seek your comments for the project proposal to issue a recreation event permit for a term of less than one year, authorizing an event for up to 200 participants in teams of 2 to 4 people in June 2026. The project is located on the Manchester Ranger District, Green Mountain National Forest within multiple Towns and Counties, Vermont.

The proposed action potentially falls in a category of actions excluded from analysis in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, as proposals of this type individually and cumulatively do not have a significant effect on the environment. The Manchester Multisport Event 2026 Project appears to fall under category 7 Code of Federal Regulations 1b.4(c) - USDA-26c-USFS):

*Approval, modification, or continuation of minor, short-term (1 year or less) special uses of NFS lands.*

Refer to the “Section 1 – Project Proposal” and associated project maps for specific information and location of the proposal.

I am interested in hearing any concerns, issues, or suggestions you may have regarding the proposed action. Please provide your comments to us by April 3, 2026. In your comments, please include the following information:

1. Your name, address and telephone number or email address.
2. The project you are commenting on: Manchester Multisport Event 2026.
3. Site specific comments about the proposal along with supporting information and rationale you believe will help identify issues.
4. Concerns about environmental effects associated with the proposal.

Submit your written comments in c/o Jen Edmonds via one of the following methods:

- Mail: USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests  
2538 Depot Street, Manchester Center, VT 05255  
(comments can also be hand delivered during office business hours, 9:00-4:00 Monday – Thursday)
- Email: [comments-eastern-green-mt-finger-lakes-manchester@usda.gov](mailto:comments-eastern-green-mt-finger-lakes-manchester@usda.gov)



Comments received in response to this invitation, including name and address of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public review.

Additional information regarding the proposal can be obtained from: Jen Edmonds, 4387 U.S. Route 4, East Mendon, VT 05701,(802)747-6746, or email at [jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov](mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov).

Thank you for your interest in the Green Mountain National Forest. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

MARTINA BARNES  
District Ranger