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**Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact
Mount Tabor Seasonal Employee Housing Facilities Environmental Assessment
USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain National Forest, Manchester Ranger District
Town of Mount Tabor, Rutland County, Vermont
Gina Owens, District Ranger and Responsible Official**

Gina Owens has made a decision to select Alternative 5 from the environmental assessment for implementation. Alternative 5 includes the construction of housing facilities at the Mount Tabor Work Center administrative site with a capacity for up to 20 people, construction of a tent pad/Adirondack shelter area to accommodate up to 15 more people, related site work (access roads, parking and landscaping), and establishment or upgrade of utilities (water, sewer, electric, and telephone/data). The decision also states that parking for snowmobile activities at the work center site will continue as it currently exists, but will be phased out as soon as the new housing facilities are operational during the winter months and/or snowmobile parking becomes incompatible with the administrative functions of the facilities.

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR part 215. A written appeal, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, e-mail, hand delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) within 45 days following the date of publication of this legal notice in the Rutland Daily Herald (Rutland, VT) newspaper. The publication date of this legal notice in the Rutland Daily Herald newspaper is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an appeal pursuant to 36 215.15(a-c) and those wishing to appeal should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Written appeals should be sent to Paul K. Brewster, Appeal Deciding Officer; C/O Regional Forester; 310 W. Wisconsin Ave, Suite 580; Milwaukee, WI 53203; 414-944-3963 (fax); or appeals-eastern-regional-office@fs.fed.us (e-mail). Hand delivered appeals can be filed during business hours at this address (7:30 am to 4:00 pm, Central Standard Time, Monday-Friday).

Only those individuals or organizations who submitted substantive comments during the comment period (June 28 to July 28, 2003) may appeal this decision. If no appeal is received, implementation of this decision may occur on, but not before, five (5) business days from the close of the appeal filing period. If an appeal is received, implementation may not occur for fifteen (15) days following the date of appeal disposition.

To obtain a copy of the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact document or if there are any questions regarding this project decision contact Jay Strand, Project Coordinator, 99 Ranger Road, Rochester, VT, 05767; 802-767-4261 x522 (voice); 802-747-6765 (TTY); 802-767-4777 (fax); or jstrand@fs.fed.us (email).