

## LEGAL NOTICE

North Half Overstory Removal Project  
Green Mountain National Forest  
Middlebury and Rochester Ranger Districts  
Addison, Washington and Windsor Counties, Vermont

The USDA Forest Service, Green Mountain National Forest, is inviting the public to review and provide comments on the Environmental Assessment for the North Half Overstory Removal Project.

The North Half Overstory Removal involves completing the final phase of shelterwood system timber harvests begun in 1992 through 1995 (with the exception of one area being harvested in 1984) on 19 stands in the northern portion of the Green Mountain National Forest. Harvesting would occur in scattered areas ranging in size from 6 to 28 acres in the towns of Lincoln, Ripton, Middlebury, Salisbury, Granville, Rochester, Hancock and Warren. Total acres to proposed for harvest is approximately 237.

The EA is available upon request from the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests, Supervisor's Office, 231 North Main Street, Rutland, VT. 05701. Telephone (802) 747-6700 (voice), (802) 747-6765 (TTY). The EA is also available on our website at [http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl/nepa\\_planning/ea](http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl/nepa_planning/ea).

Comments should be addressed to District Ranger, Green Mountain National Forest, Rochester Ranger District, 99 Ranger Road, Rochester, Vt. 05767. Steve Kimball, District Ranger, is the deciding officer for this project. The final selected alternative will be documented in a Decision Notice, which will be prepared and distributed after a review of the public comments received. Public comments for the North Half Overstory Removal Project must be postmarked or received by September 27, 2002.