

LEGAL NOTICE

**Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impacts for the
Old Joe Project Revised Environmental Assessment
Green Mountain National Forest
Rochester Ranger District
Rochester, Vermont**

On August 19, 2002, District Ranger Stephen J. Kimball of the Rochester and Middlebury Ranger Districts made a decision to select Alternative C as the course of action for the Old Joe Project.

Alternative C calls for harvesting timber and improving wildlife habitat on 316 acres, relocating a short section of a cross-country ski trail for the duration of the harvesting activities, and improving stream and fisheries habitat in the towns of Rochester and Chittenden. The Decision Notice (DN) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document 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). It is also available through our website: http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/gmfl/nepa_planning/old_joe_dn.html

This decision is subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.7. To appeal this decision, a written Notice of Appeal must be postmarked or received within 45 calendar days after the date that this legal notice of decision is published in the Rutland Herald newspaper, Rutland, VT. The first day of the filing period begins on the day after the legal notice appears in the aforementioned paper of record. The Notice of Appeal must be mailed to: USDA, Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office, ATTN: Appeals Deciding Officer, 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203. The Notice of Appeal may alternatively be faxed to: 414-297-3127, Attn: Appeals Deciding Officer, USDA Forest Service, Eastern Regional Office. The Notice of Appeals must meet the requirements of 36 CFR 215.14.

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