

Arlington Plan Revision Meeting February 10, 2004: Management Areas

Comments from Management Area mapping exercise

Group 1 Comments:

The group did not find a need for designation of new "Special Areas," including "Escarpment" or "Alpine/Sub-Alpine"
Small, isolated parcels mapped as suitable or marginally suitable for timber production should go into "Diverse Use Forest"

Roadless areas mapped as unsuitable for timber production should be recommended for "Wilderness"

Other lands mapped as unsuitable for timber production should be considered for "NRA"

Two or three of the small "Roadless" areas adjacent to existing "Wilderness" could be recommended for "Diverse Use Forest"

All "Roadless" areas should be recommended for "Wilderness." All parcels adjacent to existing or proposed "Wilderness" that did not qualify as "Roadless" should be placed into NRAs

All lands not mapped by consensus should be placed into the "Diverse Use Forest"

A primary goal of hikers on the AT/LT probably was experiencing "wilderness" or "natural" environments. Allowing the entire forest adjoining the AT/LT corridor to mature as unmanaged forest will produce low diversity of habitats and wildlife. Active forest management immediately adjacent to the AT/LT corridor in a few locations (not along the entire corridor) would create early-succession and young-forest habitats and more diverse wildlife for hikers to enjoy.

Group 2 Comments:

Diverse Forest Use MA on south-already motorized, flat, good

Discussion: Sucker Pond west of AT; east of Sucker Pond-new acquisition and existing: if snowmobiles existing in Stafford Meadow then have it be backcountry motorized, if not-then make it remote backcountry

Lamb Brook-disagreement: Wilderness vs. Diverse Forest Use vs. Remote backcountry

George D. Aiken-roadless should exclude snowmobile trails, follow roadless boundary-others feel it should have timber harvests

Prospect Mountain: ski trails should not be in Wilderness

Glastenbury-Macintyre area-should be open to snowmobiles

Escarpment to be providing for deer yards also on west side of Glastenbury

Wilderness in Glastenbury should be high elevation areas-high peaks

Spruce Peak is very good timber

NRAs-should still allow snowmobiles, active management for wildlife, camping, diverse forest for more harvest than NRA

South of Lye Brook on "name of Sunderland" is NOT proposed Wilderness-trying to keep deer yard

Southeast of Lye Brook is proposed Wilderness, poor timber, swamps

Stratton-timber and remote backcountry

4 wheel trail on Cowey Lumber goes into isolated forest land on Mother Myrick Mountain