

## Bristol Plan Revision Meeting February 17, 2004: Management Areas

Comments from Management Area mapping exercise

Group A Comments:

Would like ATVs to not be a compatible use in MA 6.2

Blue Ridge Mountain area is a source protection area for Rutland

Consider designating the Blueberry management area as a special area to encourage a more active management of the area

Suitable lands should all be in an MA that allows timber harvesting

Uneven-aged management is more suitable to the public

Orange hatching on the Group A maps is as close as the group would like to get to having more wilderness

Blueberry management area should not be recommended for more wilderness

Roadless #23 should not be recommended for wilderness because it has a trail in it with 6 bridges

MA designation should follow historical land uses

Group B Comments:

Protect riparian zones based on gradients

1/3 Wilderness, 1/3 early successional, 1/3 light management

Old historical sites as early successional

Riparian should not have managed old growth, mid 1/3 elevation should have light management, upper 1/3 elevation should be in wilderness

Keep trails open-VAST

ATVs should only use hardened trails-they should organize like VAST

Quabin Reservoir is a model forest with watershed protection

Lincoln Gap trail-on Warren side-short piece is wilderness as you go over the gap

Escarpment-old 4.1 along Route 7

Abbey Pond special area should be large enough to protect Heron habitat

Expand existing wilderness

Remote backcountry on east side of Breadloaf

General Comments

Why not have wind towers as a compatible use in ski area MA 7.1 (and cell towers too maybe?)

Alpine and subalpine incompatible use-add pack animals, not just horses but all hooved animals

How do Wilderness, Remote Backcountry Forest, and Research Natural Areas differ? Lands you want in RNAs are already available in wilderness

Wheelchairs can be in all MAs-not just wilderness

Define "remote"-why wouldn't distance from ski areas to "remote" forests be included...instead of distance to roads?

Are MAs designed to satisfy various interest groups? Why divide into little blocks? Attempt to work in a range and variety of uses across the Forest

Are MA descriptions still flexible? Hard to comment on these without S&G review before draft plan

How do you weigh public input versus town input? Example, Sunderland newspaper article on opposition to wilderness

How do you weigh public input versus scientific input?