

Londonderry Plan Revision Meeting February 11, 2004: Management Areas

Comments from Management Area mapping exercise

Group 1 Comments

Manage 9.2 land in Stratton for forest restoration and bear corridor within Diverse Forest Use MA...these are the heavily cut IP lands

In Winhall-have Diverse Forest Use MA east of IP Road

Want better orchard management at Grout Pond

Escarpment area is visually stunning

Escarpment-leave room for future east-west trails

Near Danby-Mt. Tabor is very productive for timber

Lamb Brook-have Diverse Forest Use MA and Remote Backcountry

Escarpment-concern that productive areas would not have a timber emphasis

All lands designated as MA 4.1 in the 1987 plan should still be managed

Group 2 Comments

Distinguish between motorized use for purposes of timber harvesting versus motorized recreational use. Allowing motorized use for timber harvesting is unacceptable

The western area of the S 1/2 of the GMNF has too many snowmobiles

General consensus in Group #2 that 6.2 lands east of Peru Peak and White Rocks NRA are suitable for Remote Backcountry MA

Special Area MA protection is appropriate for those portions of the Escarpment where special or unique communities are found, but not for the entire Escarpment area on the base map

Lands above 2,500 feet in the Glastenbury roadless area should go into Remote Backcountry MA, but should not be proposed for Wilderness – timber harvest is not worth the effort above 2,500 feet, don't bother with Diverse Forest here

There should be a way to allow motorized logging, but then close the area to motorized recreation. Logging could produce a healthy forest that is restricted to non-motorized recreation. The Remote Backcountry experience should not be restricted to mature, old-growth forest.

Group #2 did not want to propose additional Wilderness, and could not be encouraged to identify “less objectionable” roadless areas to propose for Wilderness

Wardsboro area – no rare communities here. Put into Diverse Forest Use MA. This would complement the town forest, which has a good timber management plan in effect

Bear corridor in Jamaica area – maintain this for wildlife, so use Diverse Forest Use MA

Don't see how Mount Snow can or why it should expand

Group #2 disagreement on the areas east of Peru Peak and around the Aiken Wilderness: Remote Backcountry versus Diverse Forest Use