

NOI/Retrospective Meeting Middlebury, Vermont May 20, 2002

Attending: 25

1. Apple tree release—missed this one.
2. How can you acquire more and more land when you don't have funds to do the projects on the table right now?
3. TES—shouldn't be a goal in presentation—make explicit if it's the law. It should be a goal—don't leave it out.
4. Log of marginal TES—types of animals—huge number of funds expended for TES, i.e. reintroduce the wolf. Lot of effort and \$\$\$'s going into it.
5. Indiana bat—classic example—lot of \$\$\$'s—do we care about these if we don't even know them when you see them?
6. # of colonies here maybe we should drop from list.
7. Seem to be thriving—what are we worried about.
8. In trends section—what does that mean and give an example? (Not sure I understood this as I couldn't hear this one).
9. Is it different that 1987? Average American don't know the difference between FS and NPS.
10. Wilderness—lot of discussion—what it is, what can you do in a wilderness? One person didn't know how he felt about wilderness because he didn't understand what it was and how it was different from any other designation.
11. How is it different from a roadless area?
12. Are there logging restrictions in wilderness?
13. Retrospective: Will it be mailed out?
14. Lot of discussion about biodiversity—openings, why are we not dealing with openings anymore? Have you tried to educate the public? Recommended two books from the Durham research: Amerigo's books and studies: Northeast Wildlife and another about succession. Need to tell people what difference was between 1960 and now. Gave example of Canadian Lynx how

plentiful they were and how they need the snowshoe hare which we don't maintain the habitat for with no openings.

15. How will the aspen regeneration been met?
16. Seminar with Amerigo, back to biodiversity—public doesn't understand this.
17. Summer issue of Vermont Life—read a passage. Ended with everything is sacred.
18. Didn't see as a goal—addressing of the litigation and appeals. That should be an important goal.
19. When litigation is brought, where do the resources come from? Do you have to use money to do projects?
20. 40 – 60 % for GIS studies and litigation.
21. Social-economic what does that mean? (there was more but he talked into his chest and I couldn't hear.
22. Gridlock—Can this Forest designate a wilderness—is it under our control? Why couldn't we make recommendations about gridlock? Big issue that should be dealt with and recommends we make a recommendation.
23. Guidelines for offroad vehicles—why not a standard?
24. Are horse trails under that? Can do a lot of damage.
25. Are horses allowed in wilderness?
26. Champion lands—20 miles of horse trails—monitoring impact is giving over to the horse people—fox in chicken house. In certain areas devastating.
27. Get finished, couple hundred pages. When does it go for inspection or to the delegation. What is the end? What comes out of Rutland—does it get massaged by people higher?
28. Is this your plan? Can it be challenged.
29. Timeline for process—
30. Trails 23 agencies—books on trails—FS protecting the LT/AT – if there are 23 organizations—if I was a member of half a dozen of those—my organization writes your office and wants protection. What happens? Come into existence since 1987—they need to be recognized.

31. Historically—an agreement with WMNF—market-specialization--separating recreation they would have developed and GMNF has backcountry—niche thing—Do you see that continuing? May see an increased niche that you haven't seen before.
32. Special area designations—wilderness and NRA's—how the process unfolds with respect to each of those categories—Wild & Scenic Rivers especially. Is that inventory going to be done. Scrutiny is better.
33. Criteria for Wild & Scenic Rivers. Some discussion on corridor and statistics.
34. Historically, when the Forest was founded there was a proposal for a GM National Parkway? Is that still being considered?
35. Do you consider at all the lands that have been put away for that reason? We had a local group purchase the Vergennes Waterworks—600+ acres going to be managed for educational, wildlife, etc. I know there are other areas like that, brought up X number of people that will come here—NYC people need to be here for the hard times too. They seem to come
36. Local economy needs to be looked at too. What % of GMNF in Addison County is designated wilderness now?