

Hancock Plan Revision Meeting May 15, 2003: Public Comments

General Comments

Bloodroot Road: Keep corridor-taken out on Townshend Brook, Carol Brook-needs to be restored to original bed
Apply to all 9.2 areas: hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, snowmobiling, horse riding, timber harvest/management
Plan for specific area

Allow 4 wheelers along some of the roads

Protect fragile habitats and wildlife areas: Stanley Tools has lots of wildlife diversity due to good timber management-should keep this up but don't wreck trails in the process

More horse trails and access throughout forest-not restricted: able to use old log roads, trails, etc. Perhaps certain areas designated for driving as well as possibly overnight camping at campsites

Map-Related Comments

Goshen Dam

No motor boats, allow camping at all maintained sites

More horse trails

More hiking trails

Winhall

Continue dialogue with Catamount Trail Association to determine optimal long-term route for the Trail

Stanley Tool Lands

Continue forest management practices for timber harvesting, creates habitat

There was a snowmobile trail Chittenden blc campground with Michigan but was closed to snowmobiles-should open it to more users, including snowmobile trails

There was good forest management in general and would like to see good forest management that protects the trail systems and see it continue for wildlife diversity

Lots of historic sites-Pittsfield Historical Society

Need to decide who is going to do what in these areas-who is responsible for liability

There was a whole community that lived in Michigan-bridge is out and can't get top it-need access

Should continue to allow camping in Michigan area

Keep Courdoroy Rd. and Bloodroot Rd.

Restore Courdoroy Rd. in Townsend Bk. Area

Lower Michigan Rd. from Pittsfield to Chittenden-before get to iron mine, Carroll Bo flooded and charted a new course and got diverted and took the road bed out. Snowmobile club repaired road so can have a trail but brook is still diverted-another flood would take the road out again-consider for stream bank improvement or restoration

Large big trees are falling down and rotting-should be harvested before they all rot

In Michigan and Townsend Bo areas-ought to allow some 4 wheeler use on roads because they're not causing

Chittenden Reservoir

Have a horse trail

Camping areas

Continue dialogue with Catamount Trail Association to determine optimal long-term route for the Trail (example: relocate off of snowmobile trail?)

No motorized watercraft

Blueberry Lake

Horse trails

Limited campsites for primitive camping

No motorized watercraft
Horse trails
No power boats-paddle only

Other Areas

Peavine Interpretive Site: have camping for canoeists
Rochester RD area: Peavine Trail
Sugar Hill: no motorized watercraft
Silver Lake: no motorized watercraft
Searsburg: want more wind farms (ditto!)
North of Hancock: keep snowmobile trail open for future use
North of Hancock: horse trails
Near Rochester RD: focal area because of Forest Service building-add education and interpretive high density stuff (that needs maintenance)-easy to keep up since close to headquarters
Rochester RD area: horse trails
Rochester RD area: keep snowmobile trail that exists there open now and open it to horses-there are lots of opportunities for horse trail loops from this spot-provides access to other trails
Connect snowmobile system from Rochester through to Pittsfield In Stanley Tool Lands
Peavine Interpretive Site: would like to have some canoe access for overnight camping-somewhere along the