

## Wilmington Plan Revision Meeting June 26, 2003: Public Comments

### Comments on Roads Analysis Process and Newly Acquired 9.2 Lands

- Within and around some of the newly acquired land there are some fairly extensive old orchards. These are rapidly becoming overgrown...unfortunately nobody has told the vegetation to stop growing for 5 or so years while we figure out what to do. To lose these significant sources of wildlife food would be a criminal waste of an already existing resource. One thing we can be very sure of, once they are overgrown or gone, they will never be replanted...maybe they can be maintained under "fire prevention"??
- Limit new road building in newly acquired lands
- Keep opportunities for solitude and quiet-hills reflect noise all over the Forest
- Use temporary roads for logging
- Shared snowmobile and vehicle roads may be a problem as use increases
- Is the Forest Service competing for ICETEA funds?
- In Whites Hill, Wardsboro: if taking over old logging areas, will they be cleaned up?
- In Whites Hill, Wardsboro: if ATVs are allowed on trails, will the trails be maintained (example: culverts to decrease environmental impact)?
- Like local snowmobile trails on Dutch Hill in Readsboro
- Forest Service Road 71: gate 2-3 miles in the middle with 2 gates coming in from both ends-so there is access from both ends...cut some timber in this southern section (Searsburg, Somerset, Stratton, Woodford, Galstenbury)-use this land for multiple use-we sell a lot of firewood for second home owners and most of them do recreation
- We have to do something besides have meetings and talk about things-lets do some work
- Somerset (east side of road) off Bailey Road is a town road
- Allow recreation and snowmobile use on Dover Hill 9.2 Land
- Allow recreation use on all 9.2 Land
- Gate FR 338 (Winhall North)
- Little IP Road is open to motorized access and Big Ip is also
- Glastenbury: open up to ATV use-can't hurt these roads
- Gate on Somerset Road
- Keep Aiken Road open to snowmobiles and open for camping
- Keep Glastenbury Roads open for snowmobile trails (FR 375, 374, 371, 325, 376, 325B, etc)
- Keep McIntyre Road and Branch Pond Rd. open to snowmobiles
- Would like to keep snowmobile trails in Glastenbury 9.2 Lands
- FR 266 missing connection-old Turnpike Rd.
- Keep local snowmobile trails in Readsboro 9.2 Lands
- Keep local snowmobile trails in Dover 9.2 Lands
- Whites Hill needs to be cleaned up after extensive logging
- White Hill has lots of bear and moose and historical sites