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GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES BY ISSUE					
ISSUE	ALTERNATIVE A	ALTERNATIVE B	ALTERNATIVE C	ALTERNATIVE D	ALTERNATIVE E
Special Areas	-Corrects boundaries and adds new Special Area MAs in Newly Acquired Lands	-Additions to Wilderness MAs to improve boundary management -Small increase in Special Area designations	-Adds Moosalamoo Recreation Special Area and the Glastenbury Wilderness Study MA -Small increases in Special Area designations	-Adds Glastenbury and Monastery Mountain Wilderness Study areas --Most of the Escarpment in a Special Area -Adds other additional Special Areas	-Glastenbury Mountain Wilderness Study MA -Many portions of the Escarpment in a Special Area MA
Ecosystem Management & Biodiversity	-Designates newly acquired lands	-Greatest opportunities for early successional habitat creation	-Relatively even mix of opportunities for restoration, conservation, and early successional habitat	-Most opportunities for restoration and conservation of natural communities	-Relatively even mix of opportunities for restoration, conservation, and early successional habitat
Social & Economic concerns	-Less areas focused on remote recreation and Special Areas -More areas for timber production and motorized recreation	-Most areas for timber production, also increase the areas for remote non-motorized recreation and Special Areas -Provides fewer opportunities for remote motorized recreation	-More remote non-motorized and motorized recreation opportunities -More Special Areas -Less timber production	-Most Special Areas, and remote non-motorized recreation -Least motorized recreation opportunities and timber harvesting	-Relatively even mix of opportunities
Recreation Management	-No increase in Wilderness MAs -76% of lands accommodate motorized and/or developed recreation	-Slight additions to wilderness and remote areas -Slightly fewer amount of areas for motorized and developed recreation	-Relatively even mix of wilderness/remote recreation and motorized/developed recreational opportunities	-Greatest amount of wilderness and remote recreational opportunities and remote wildlife habitat -Greatest amount of non-recreation Special Areas -Lowest level of motorized/developed recreational opportunities	-Slightly less remote wildlife habitat, remote recreation & wilderness areas than Alternative D -Moderate amount of motorized/developed recreation opportunities
Timber Management	-Largest area (31%) in longer rotations	-Highest amount (49%) with flexible/intensive management and timber harvesting	-More areas in longer rotations and Remote Wildlife -Less area with flexible /intensive management	-Least amount (28%) of area with flexible/intensive timber management -More areas with very focused timber management such as the escarpment and remote wildlife	-Balanced mix of flexible /intensive timber management areas and areas with specific timber management focuses