

Green Mountain National Forest

Schedule of Proposed Actions



October 1 – December 31, 2004

ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE

The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Actions is to provide a status report and short summary of proposals that are undergoing, or will undergo, environmental analysis on the Green Mountain National Forest. Issued quarterly, this Schedule is intended to provide the public with informal notice of proposed activities. Reference can be made to past or future Schedules for additional information. The publishing of this Schedule is required by Forest Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Scoping letters asking for public input on individual proposals will continue to be mailed to interested individuals, or in some cases, the public may be notified via this Schedule. Legal notices announcing project decisions will continue to be published in the Rutland Herald. In addition, at the discretion of the Deciding Official, District Ranger Decisions may be published as legal notices in the following:

District	Newspaper(s)
Manchester	Bennington Banner Manchester Journal Brattleboro Reformer
Rochester	Randolph Herald Burlington Free Press Valley Reporter
Middlebury	Addison County Independent

The Schedule of Proposed Actions lists projects by each Ranger District. The Schedule includes the name, location, and a brief description of the proposal. Also included is the scoping date (which

indicates when public participation began or will begin), decision date (which indicates the date a decision regarding the implementation of the proposal is expected) and the current status of the proposal.

Analysis which supports any decision is documented in either an Environmental Assessment (EA), or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Proposals which have been "categorically excluded" from documentation in an EA or EIS are supported by project files, which may or may not include a Decision Memo. The analysis and decision documents are kept on file at the appropriate Ranger District Office.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED

Your participation is important. Read through the list of proposed projects. If you want to provide site-specific comment on a project, get more information, or be placed on the project mailing list, write or call the Supervisor's Office or Ranger District Office. A generic statement of interest in all projects based on your review of this Schedule is not specific enough. It is only through site-specific input that we can be responsive to and incorporate your concerns into project development. Project specific involvement is required for standing.

Walk in Requests: Requests from the public occasionally necessitate that analysis be completed with a short turnaround time. This means that NEPA analyses may be conducted and decisions made without prior announcement in this NEPA quarterly update. Scoping efforts for such requests will be conducted as applicable in accordance to regulations. As decisions are made, they will continue to be announced by legal notices in the papers of record. Examples of walk-in requests include short-term special use permits for a recreation event on the forest.

Green Mountain National Forest Quarterly Project List – 10/1/04 to 12/31/04

Forest-Wide

<u>#</u>	<u>Project Name</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Scoping Date</u>	<u>Decision Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
	Forest Plan Revision	Revision of the Green Mountain National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. [Not shown on map]	Multiple	Forestwide	05/2002 Notice of Intent	Record of Decision expected in Summer 2005	Assessments, analyses, and public involvement in progress. Draft EIS expected in January 2005.

Manchester Ranger District

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1	Wickes Land Exchange	Exchange of approximately 2 ½ acres of land owned by the United States along Old Route 11 in Winhall for land of approximate equal value owned by Wickes family.	Bennington	Winhall	12/2003	Winter 2004/2005	Analysis in progress.
2	Nordic Project	Timber sale & vegetation management to improve wildlife habitat, deer wintering habitat, and stand conditions for growing high quality wood products.	Bennington, Windham	Peru, Weston, Londonderry Winhall	05/1998; further scoping planned 01/2005	09/2005	Project proposal being finalized. Analysis expected to continue through 2005.

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4	Town of Peru Hazardous Fuels Removal	Cut and remove brush and vegetation under 8" diameter along roadside (Hapgood Pond Rd) in line with National Fire Plan to reduce hazardous fuels.	Bennington	Peru	06/2004	09/2004	Categorically excluded in a Decision Memo dated 9/9/04. To be taken off next Schedule.
5	Bromley Land Exchange	Proposed land exchange or sale of specific parcels associated with federal lands on Bromley Ski Resort that are under permit with the Forest Service.	Bennington	Peru	Fall 2004	Winter 2006	Scoping and Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS expected in late Fall 2004.
6	Mount Snow Electronic Site Authorization Renewal	Renew authorizations for the existing tower(s) and buildings within the Mount Snow Electronic Site.	Windham	Dover, Somerset	Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Gathering information to prepare for scoping.
7	Chimney Hill Water System Authorization Renewal	Renew authorizations for the existing water system serving the Chimney Hill community.	Windham	Wilmington	Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Gathering information to prepare for scoping.
25	Wind Energy Development Special Use Permit Application	Application for Special Use Permit to erect wind turbines and develop a commercial wind power facility on National Forest lands.	Bennington	Readsboro, Searsburg	Fall 2004	2006	Formal permit request expected in October 2004. Scoping and Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS expected in October or November 2004.

Middlebury Ranger District

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8	Fillion Private Land Access	Special Use Permit to use existing Forest Road 106 to access private land.	Addison	Salisbury	Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Gathering information to prepare for scoping.
10	Dutton Brook II Timber Sale	Timber sale to improve wildlife habitat, deer wintering areas, forest health, and recreational opportunities.	Addison	Leicester, Goshen	08/2003	October or November 2004	Analysis in progress. Decision expected in early Fall 2004.
11	Goshen Gravel Pit Expansion	Issue Town of Goshen a mineral materials permit to use existing gravel pit. Pit to be expanded by 1 to 2 acres.	Addison	Goshen	Fall 2004	January or February 2005	Scoping expected in Fall 2004. Analysis to follow.
23	Fitzpatrick Private Land Access	Special Use Permit to construct a road on National Forest lands granted to private individuals to allow access to private land.	Addison	Ripton, Lincoln	Fall 2004	Winter 2004/2005	Scoping expected in Fall 2004. Analysis to follow.

Rochester Ranger District

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15	Old Joe Timber Sale	Proposed timber sale to improve deer winter habitat, forest health and recreational opportunities.	Windsor	Rochester	02/1998	08/2002	U.S. District Court Decision appealed to 2 nd Circuit Court of Appeals on 5/14/04. Implementation planned for Fall 2004.

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16	Patterson Brook Sanitation Timber Harvest	Harvest of dead, dying and live timber to control balsam wooley adelgid infestation and secondary pathogens.	Addison	Granville	07/2004	09/2004	Categorically Excluded in a Decision Memo dated 9/30/04. Planned for implemntation in Winter 2004/2005. To be taken off next Schedule.
17	Hodgdon Private Land Access	Special Use Permit to place temporary bridge on existing abutments and using existing road to access private land.	Windsor	Rochester	Fall 2004	Fall 2004	Gathering information to prepare for scoping.
19	Corporation Brook Woods Road Project	Remove culverts and a bridge, install waterbars, restore stream crossings, and close an old logging road which starts at the end of Corporation Road.	Rutland	Pittsfield	06/2003	09/2004	Categorically excluded in a Decision Memo dated 9/14/04. To be taken off next Schedule.
20	Lefferts Pond Dam Project	Rehabilitation of the Lefferts Pond Dams.	Rutland	Chittenden	07/2004	Winter 2004/2005	Scoping Notice dated 7/8/04. Analysis in progress.
24	Goshen Brook Fish Habitat Restoration	Restoration of large woody debris in Goshen, Gonya, and Hale Brooks.	Addison	Ripton	Fall 2004	Winter/ Spring 2005	Scoping expected in Fall 2004. Analysis to follow.
26	Wright House Sale	Sale of the Wright House and an estimated 4 acres near Sherburne Pass north of U.S. Highway 4.	Rutland	Killington	November or December 2004	January or February 2005	Gathering field data and preparing for scoping.
27	Michigan Brook Salvage Timber Harvest	Salvage damaged and windthrown timber from Summer 2004 storm event.	Rutland	Pittsfield, Chittenden	Fall 2004	01/2005	Gathering field data and preparing for scoping.

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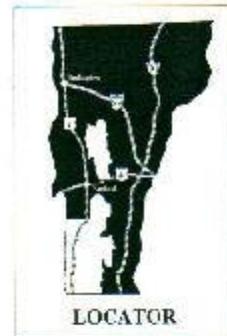
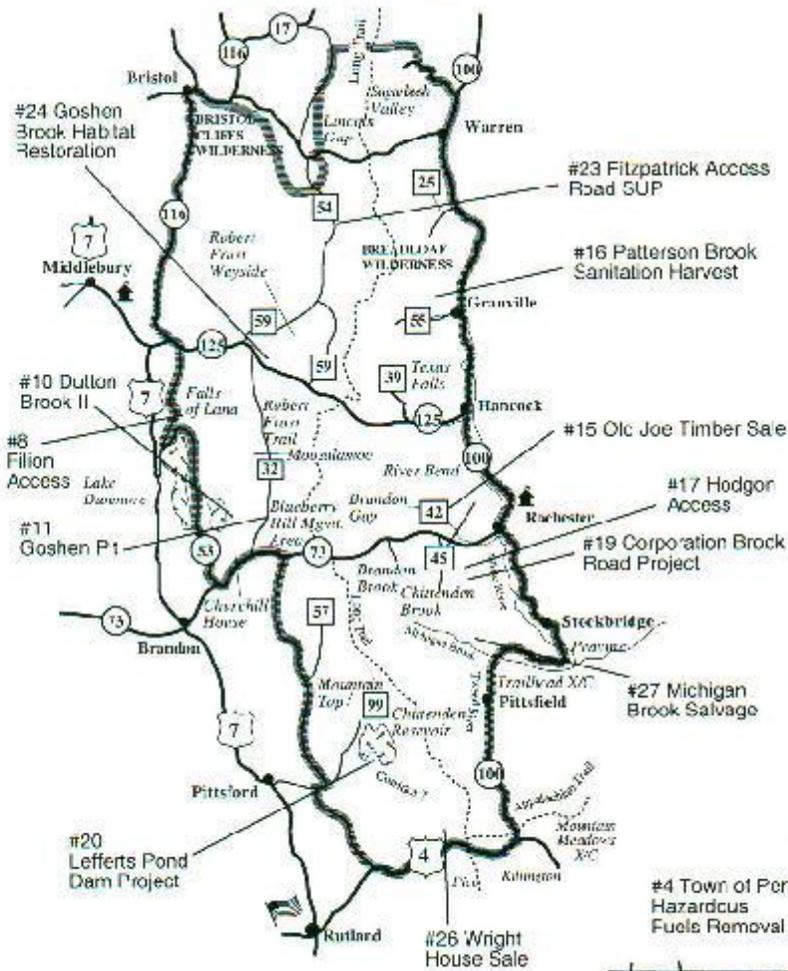


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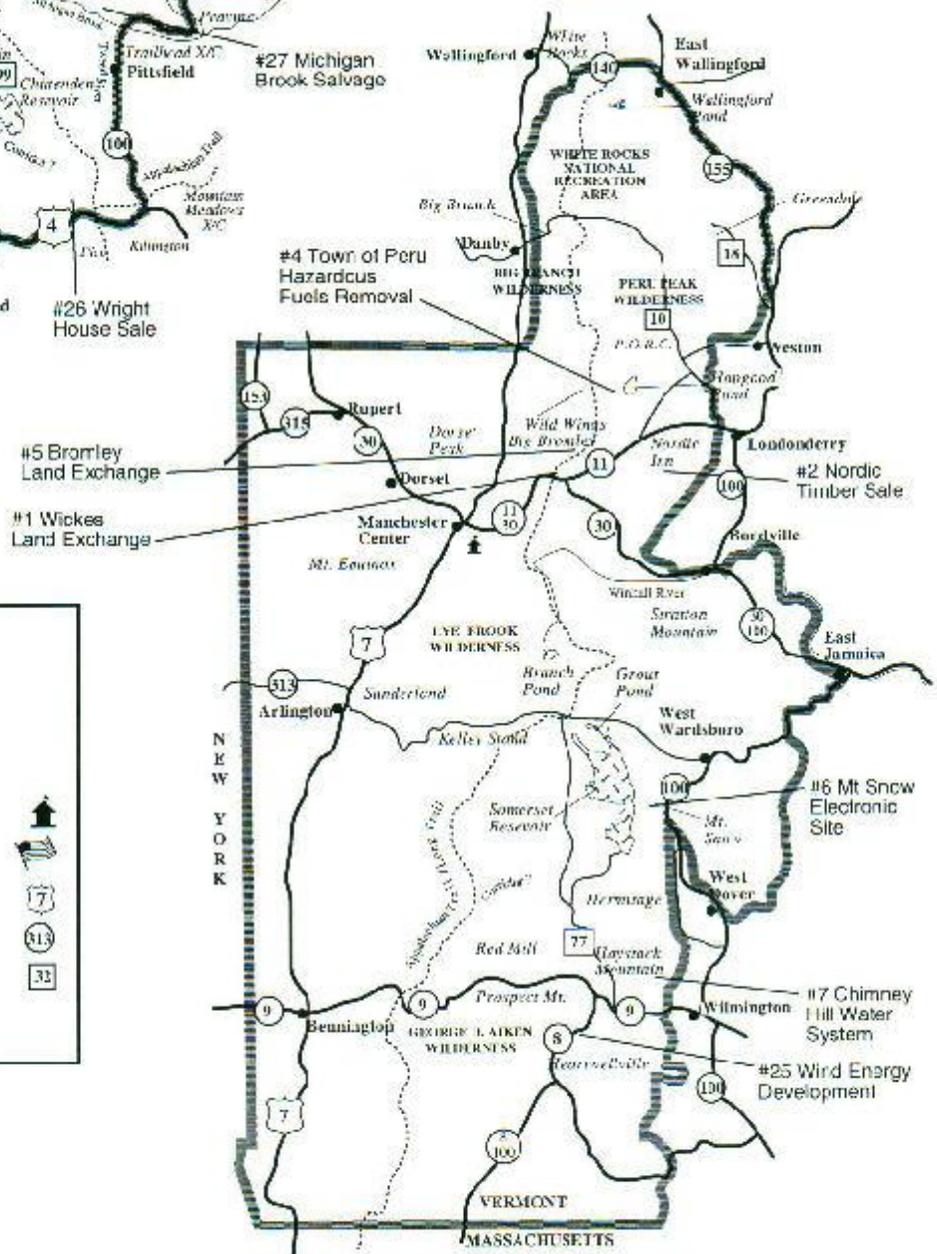
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- District Ranger Station 
- Forest Supervisor Headquarters 
- U.S. Highway 
- State Highway 
- Forest Road 

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