

Green Mountain National Forest

Schedule of Proposed Actions



July 1 – September 30, 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 – 7/1/04 to 9/30/04

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 Fall 2004.
	Wildlife Opening Maintenance	Maintain non-forested openings by burning, cutting, and/or mowing. [Not shown on map]	Multiple	Forestwide	03/2004	04/2004; 07/2004	Sites outside Forest Inventoried Roadless areas categorically excluded in April 2004. Decision for others expected in July 2004.

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	Fall 2004	Analysis in progress.
2	Nordic Project	Timber sale & vegetation management to improve wildlife habitat, deer wintering habitat, and stand	Bennington, Windham	Peru, Weston, Londonderry Winhall	05/1998; further scoping Fall or Winter	Winter 2005	Project proposal being finalized. Analysis expected to continue through

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		conditions for growing high quality wood products.			2004		2005.
3	Greendale Project	Timber sale to improve wildlife habitat; includes permanent openings, deer wintering areas and stream habitat restoration.	Windsor	Weston	First scoping 4/1998; NOI & further scoping 1/2002.	02/2004	Record of Decision (ROD) for EIS signed 2/2/04. Implementation being planned. To be taken off next Schedule.
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	08/2004	Scoping notice dated 6/18/04. Analysis in progress.
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	Summer 2004	Winter 2006	Scoping and Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS expected in late Summer.
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	Summer 2004	Summer 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	Summer 2004	Summer 2004	Gathering information to prepare for scoping.
8	Fillion Access to Private Land Special Use Permit	Permit to use existing Forest Road 106 to access private land.	Addisson	Salisbury	Summer 2004	Summer 2004	Gathering information to prepare for scoping.

Middlebury Ranger District

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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	Summer 2004	Analysis in progress.
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	Summer 2004	Summer or Fall 2004	Scoping expected in early Summer 2004. Analysis to follow.
23	Fitzpatrick Private Land Access	Permit to construct a road on National Forest lands granted to private individuals to allow access to private land.	Addison	Ripton, Lincoln	Summer 2004	Summer or Fall 2004	Scoping expected in Summer 2004. Analysis to follow.
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	Summer 2004	2006	Formal permit request expected in July 2004. Scoping and Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS expected in August or September 2004.

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 being planned.

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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	Summer 2004	Analysis in progress. Decision expected in early Summer 2004.
16	Patterson Brook Sanitation Timber Harvest	Harvest of dead, dying and live timber to control balsam wooley adelgid infestation and secondary pathogens.	Addison	Granville	Summer 2004	Summer or Fall 2004	Scoping expected in early Summer 2004. Analysis to follow.
17	Hodgdon Access to Private Land	Placing temporary bridge on existing abutments and using existing road to reach private land.	Windsor	Rochester	Summer 2004	Summer 2004	Gathering information to prepare for scoping.
20	Lefferts Pond Dam Project	Rehabilitation of the Lefferts Pond Dams.	Rutland	Chittenden	07/2004	Summer or Fall 2004	Scoping expected in July 2004. Analysis to follow.
24	Goshen Brook Fish Habitat Restoration	Restoration of large woody debris in Goshen, Gonya, and Hale Brooks.	Addison	Ripton	08/2004	Fall 2004	Preparing for scoping.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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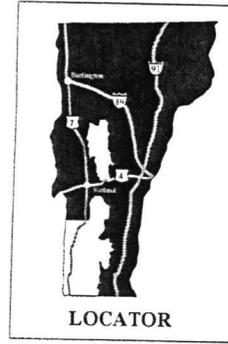
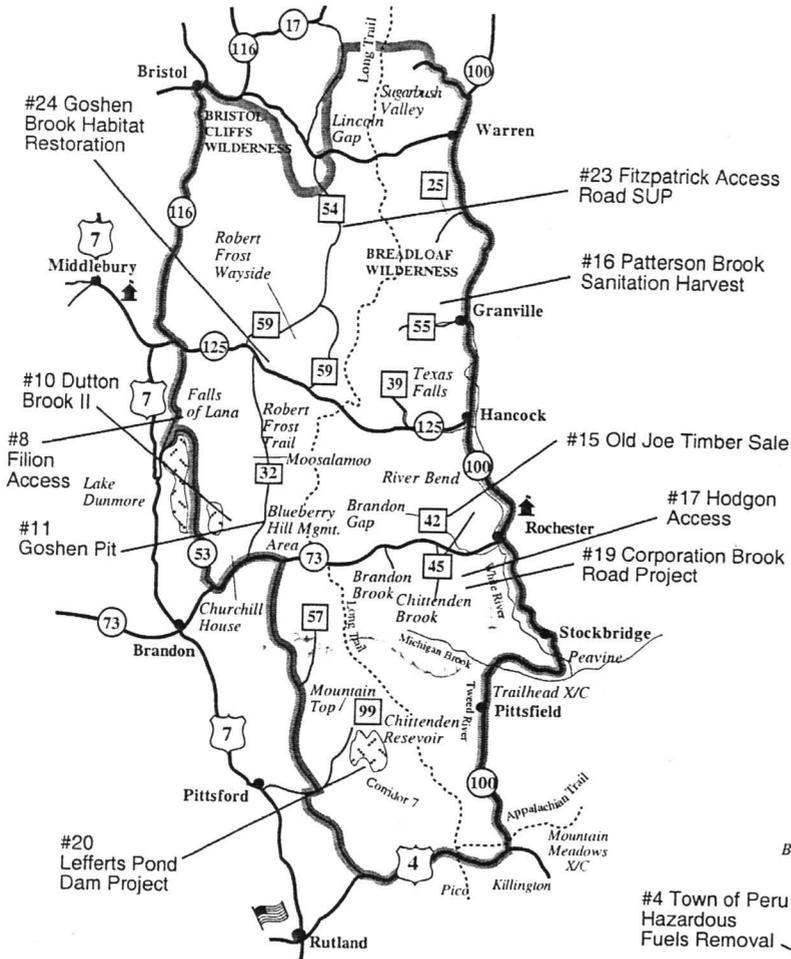


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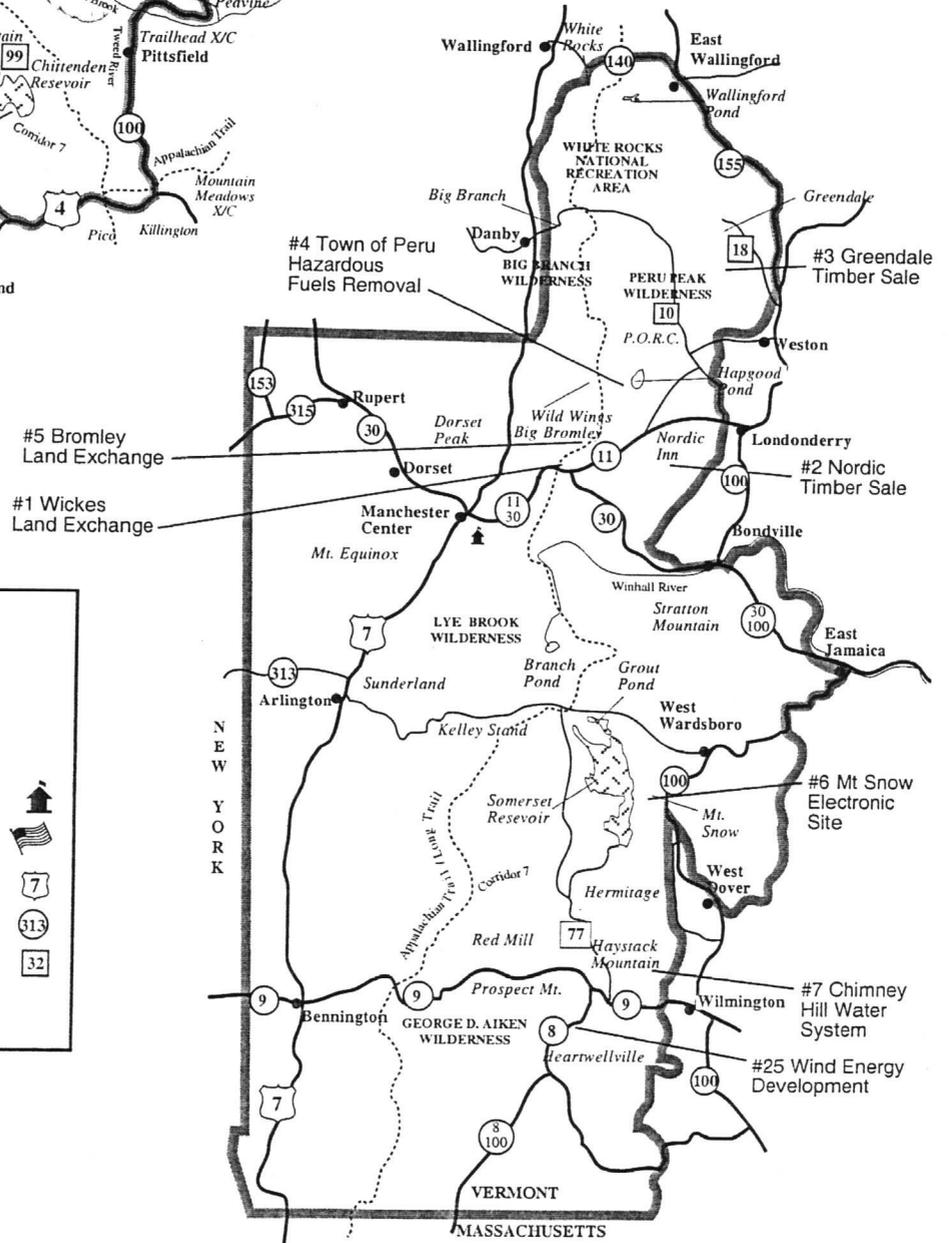
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SOUTHERN SECTION



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- Forest Supervisor Headquarters
- U.S. Highway
- State Highway
- Forest Road

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