

White Mountain National Forest

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DEER HILL MINERAL SITE REOPENS

District Ranger Terry Miller announced today that the Deer Hill mineral collecting site is reopening on Saturday July 8. This popular site was closed last summer to allow the Forest Service, several mineral collecting clubs, and other interested people to rehabilitate the location and develop a new permit system.

The permit system allows an individual to collect from the site for up to 20 days a year. Day use permits will soon be available from a self-service pay station at the site. Multi-day permits, either 10 or 20-day permits, are currently available from the Saco Ranger District office in Conway, N.H. Permits will be available beginning on Saturday July 8, 2000.

Assistant District Ranger Rick Alimi stated, "Everyone involved is really proud of the work done this last year. We shared a common goal and worked together to find a way to accomplish it. Developing the permit system and the hands on work done at the site goes to show what can be done when we work together. We're all very excited to have the site open again."

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Saco Ranger District office at 603-447-5448 or from the White Mountain National Forest web page at www.fs.fed.us/r9/white

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