



# Green Mountain National Forest *Schedule of Proposed Actions*

**July 1 to September 30, 2024**

## **ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE**

The purpose of the Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA) is to provide a status report and short summary of project proposals that are undergoing, or will undergo, environmental analysis by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Forest Service on the Green Mountain National Forest. Issued quarterly, this SOPA is intended to provide the public with informal notice of proposed activities. The publishing of this SOPA is required by Forest Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

An effort will be made to seek public input (called “scoping”) on proposed projects based on specific response to this SOPA. Scoping may be in the form of letters, email requests or phone calls that will include more specific information in order for the public to provide meaningful feedback that may be incorporated into the environmental analysis process. When required, legal notices announcing project information will be published in the *Rutland Herald*, our newspaper of record. In addition, at the discretion of the Responsible Official, project information may be published as legal notices in the following newspapers:

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

The SOPA lists projects by each Ranger District or Forest-wide. The SOPA 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, and the expected

implementation date. 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" (CE) 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 or Supervisor’s (Forest Headquarters) office depending on the location of the project, and is available for your review.

## **HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED**

Your participation is important. Read through the list of proposed projects. If you want to provide site-specific comments on a project, get more information, or be placed on a project mailing list, either write or call using 1) the contacts listed at the end of the SOPA or; 2) the project contact included for the specific project of your interest. A generic statement of interest in all projects based on your review of this SOPA is not specific enough. It is only through site-specific input that we can be responsive to and incorporate your concerns into project development.

Walk in Requests: Requests from the public occasionally require that the environmental analysis be completed with a short turnaround time. This means that the analyses may be conducted and decisions made without prior listing in this SOPA. Efforts for public input for such requests will be conducted as applicable in accordance to regulations. An example of a walk-in request would be a short-term special use permit for a recreation event on the forest.

## **VISIT US ON OUR WEBSITE**

For more information about planning or projects on the Green Mountain National Forest you may visit our website at:

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/gmfl/landmanagement/projects>

# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

07/01/2024 to 09/30/2024

### Green Mountain National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>Projects Occurring Nationwide</b>					
<b>Land Management Plan Direction for Old-Growth Forest Conditions Across the National Forest System</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land management planning	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/21/2024 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer McRae 202-791-8488 <a href="mailto:SM.FS.NFSWONGA@usda.gov">SM.FS.NFSWONGA@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Amend all land management plans for units of the National Forest System to include consistent direction to conserve and steward existing and recruit future old-growth forest conditions and to monitor their condition across planning areas of NFS.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65356</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).				
<b>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b> EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 <a href="mailto:sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us">sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: <a href="https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions">https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</a> .				

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>					<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Forest-wide Opening Maintenance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/31/2023	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Scott Wixsom 802-362-2307 x7219 <a href="mailto:scott.wixsom@usda.gov">scott.wixsom@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> This project would authorize continuing management of permanent openings in 266 stands on the Green Mountain National Forest.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61917">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61917</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District, Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Bennington, Rutland, Washington, Windham, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Several Towns throughout Vermont.					
<b>Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/08/2024	Expected:09/2024	10/2024	Jay Strand 802-767-4261 x5522 <a href="mailto:jay.strand@usda.gov">jay.strand@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Multiple resource management to implement the Forest Plan across a large landscape area. Proposed activities include timber harvesting, wildlife habitat enhancement, recreation & forest access improvements, and soil and wetland restoration work.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60192">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60192</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District, Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland, Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Brandon, Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, Pittsfield, Pittsford, and Stockbridge.					

Green Mountain National Forest		Manchester Ranger District			R9 - Eastern Region
<b>Appalachian Trail/Long Trail (AT/LT) Relocations in Bennington County</b> CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 04/25/2024	06/2024	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Relocate two separate trail segments of the Appalachian Trail/Long Trail in Bennington County in order to move the trail onto public land and provide for more sustainable trail tread by eliminating a steep, eroded section of trail.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64560">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64560</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Pownal and Woodford.					
<b>Appalachian/Long Trail Relocation Little Black Branch</b> CE	- Recreation management - Climate Change Adaptation	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2024	Expected:04/2025	06/2025	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Relocating a section of the Appalachian Trail/Long Trail that was destroyed by rain and flooding. The newly constructed section of trail would be designed to be safer and more sustainable.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65169">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65169</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Mount Tabor.					

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Manchester Ranger District</b>		<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>	
<b>Barrows Right of Way Authorization</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2024	Expected:11/2024	11/2024	Jennifer Edmonds 802-767-4261 x. 529 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Application to reconstruct, use and maintain a private road across National Forest System land from French Hollow Road to access private property year round to haul construction materials and be used by personal vehicles and snowmobiles.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66457">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66457</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Winhall.					
<b>Corridor 7 Trail Relocation of 11/30 Crossing</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 03/25/2024	03/2024	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Relocation of the Corridor 7 trail crossing of Vermont State Route 11/30 to improve safety and the relocation of a section of trail that is currently closed due to failing infrastructure with the goal of improving safety and the trail experience.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65411">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65411</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Winhall.					
<b>Glastenbury and Stratton Tower Repairs</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:10/2024	12/2025	David Donahue 802-747-6726 <a href="mailto:david.p.donahue@usda.gov">david.p.donahue@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Structural repairs to the Glastenbury and Stratton lookout towers.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65785">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65785</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Glastenbury and Stratton.					

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Manchester Ranger District</b>		<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>	
<b>Grout Pond Loop Trail Relocation</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/09/2023	Expected:04/2025	06/2025	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Relocate section of Pond Loop trail where it is currently trenched and heavily eroded southwest of Grout Pond. Trail relocation would be 310 feet in length and would be implemented in partnership with existing trail partners.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63333">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63333</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Stratton.					
<b>Hapgood Pond Dredging</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:09/2024	12/2024	John McCann 802-747-6739 <a href="mailto:john.mccann@usda.gov">john.mccann@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Removal of accumulated fine sediment from Hapgood Pond in order to increase water storage volume, improve recreational experience, and prevent potentially dangerous high water temperatures.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65928">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65928</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Peru.					
<b>Hapgood Pond Recreation Site Improvements</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/15/2024	Expected:06/2024	07/2024	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Maintenance and improvement of recreation features and facilities at Hapgood Pond to meet the needs of visitors and standards for safety, sustainability, and universal access.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65909">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65909</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Peru.					

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<b>Maciak Right of Way Authorization</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:10/2024	10/2024	Jennifer Edmonds 802-767-4261 x. 529 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Application to construct, use, and maintain a private road from Sylvan Ridge Road to private property in order to haul construction material to the property, and be used year round by personal vehicles.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66455">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66455</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Winhall.					
<b>Manchester Snowmobile Trail Bridge Replacements</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2024	Expected:03/2025	07/2025	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Several snowmobile trail bridges on the Manchester Ranger District need to be replaced in order to provide a safe and high quality trail experience for over-snow motorized use.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66461">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66461</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Winhall, and Woodford.					
<b>Manchester Trail Bridge Replacements and Repairs</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/09/2023	Expected:07/2024	07/2024	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 x7237 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Replace or repair 12 trail bridges that have significant maintenance needs. Project would involve heavy equipment and would be implemented in partnership with existing trail partners. Initially included Wardsboro Link #3, now Project #64533.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63335">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63335</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Rutland, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Glastenbury, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Peru, Stratton, and Winhall.					



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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Manchester Ranger District</b>		<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>	
<b>Mount Snow High Traverse Widening</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/19/2024	04/2024	Nathaniel Blanks 802-747-6714 <a href="mailto:Nathaniel.Blanks@usda.gov">Nathaniel.Blanks@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Widen the High Traverse alpine ski trail to relieve congestion, replace 400 feet of buried power line along the trail and add a valve house in the same vicinity to improve snowmaking efficiency.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62974">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62974</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Dover.					
<b>Pinnacle Lodge Small Tracts Act Septic Treatment and Infrastructure Conveyance</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Land ownership management - Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2024	Expected:12/2024	04/2025	Cassi Spires 740-591-3728 <a href="mailto:cassandra.spires@usda.gov">cassandra.spires@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Small Tracts Act conveyance of ~11.7 acres to Lodge at Pinnacle View, LLC in order to phase out hazardous material disposal use, in compliance with the Forest Plan, and to reduce special use administrative costs.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66488">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66488</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Winhall.					
<b>Velomont Trail - Manchester Ranger District</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2024	Expected:04/2025	05/2025	Danna Strout 802-362-2307 <a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Construction and designation of non-motorized multiple use Velomont Trail across the Manchester Ranger District.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66363">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66363</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington, Rutland, Windham. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Dorset, Peru, Mount Tabor, Landgrove, Winhall, Stratton, Somerset, Dover, and Wilmington.					

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Middlebury Ranger District</b>		<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>	
<b>Clark Right of Way Reconstruction Special Use Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/15/2024	05/2024	Jennifer Edmonds 802-353-8186 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a special use permit with a term of two years, authorizing work on the existing right of way. Fourteen hardwood trees would be cut and left in place, and the entire length of the right of way would be resurfaced with crushed stone.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64159">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64159</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.					
<b>Dutton Brook II Oak/Chestnut Release</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development - Climate Change Adaptation	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2023	Expected:12/2024	12/2024	Joshua Wills 802-362-2307 x7213 <a href="mailto:joshua.wills@usda.gov">joshua.wills@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> On 262 acres of stands included in the Dutton Brook II DN, a non-commercial mid-story removal will be implemented on trees up to 10 inches in diameter using chainsaws and herbicide to release red oak and chestnut seedlings.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64493">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64493</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison, Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Goshen, Leicester and Brandon.					
<b>GMP Old Town Road Powerline Reconstruction Permit</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:07/2024	07/2024	Jennifer Edmonds 802-767-4261 x. 529 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Application from Green Mountain Power requesting to upgrade an existing powerline from overhead to underground in order to increase reliability of service on a line that often experiences storm damage.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66458">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66458</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Middlebury and Ripton.					

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<b>GMP Silver Lake Diversion Dam Dredging</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/03/2024	Expected:07/2024	07/2024	Jennifer Edmonds 802-767-4261 x. 529 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Application to authorize improvement of the Silver Lake and Sucker Brook Diversion Dam access roads, installation of temporary structures to allow for removal of accumulated sediment from impoundment, and deposition of the sediment at the Goshen Pit.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66341">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66341</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Goshen.					
<b>Middlebury College Land Exchange</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513 <a href="mailto:christopher.mattrick@usda.gov">christopher.mattrick@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The Forest Service proposes to exchange an approximately 475 acre tract of land on the GMNF for approximately 402 acres of land owned by Middlebury College in the Breadloaf area of Ripton, Vermont.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59518">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59518</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.					
<b>Old Town Road Powerline Reconstruction Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:07/2024	07/2024	Jennifer Edmonds 802-767-4261 x. 529 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Proposal to issue a construction permit with a 3 year term authorizing the rebuilding of existing overhead electric utility and telecommunications lines and converting them to underground lines directly adjacent to National Forest Road 296.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65929">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65929</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Middlebury and Ripton.					

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<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Middlebury Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Silver Towers Trail Right of Way Special Use Permit</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/22/2023	Expected:07/2024	07/2024	Jennifer Edmonds (802)353-8186 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Issuance of a special use permit to Vermont Elks Charities, Inc dba Silver Towers Camp authorizing the construction, maintenance, and use of a 500 ft. long trail between the camp and Forest Road 89.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63865">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63865</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Ripton.					
<b>Walters Right of Way Permit Authorization</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:08/2024	08/2024	Jennifer Edmonds 802-353-8186 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> A Special Use Permit would be issued with a term of twenty years for a road Right of Way that is 16 feet wide and includes the existing snowmobile trail (Blue Ridge Mountain Trail, #136) for 1,712 feet and new construction for approximately 600 feet.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59806">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59806</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.					

<b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>		<b>Rochester Ranger District</b>			<b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>
<b>Appalachian Trail Side &amp; Corridor Crossing Trail Designations</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 04/29/2024	05/2024	Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513 <a href="mailto:christopher.mattrick@usda.gov">christopher.mattrick@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> The project would add several existing trails to the National Forest System while reducing or closing other unauthorized trails in the Town of Norwich, Vermont.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59805">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59805</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Norwich.					

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<b>Chittenden Brook Campground Renovation Project</b> CE	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Philip MacAskill 559-855-5355 <a href="mailto:philip.macaskill@usda.gov">philip.macaskill@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Renovation and reconstruction of a campground by replacing outhouses; installing accessible paths; replacing aging signs, kiosk, and other infrastructure; regravell and grade campsites as needed.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65165">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65165</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.				
<b>Gendron Right of Way Authorization</b> CE  *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:01/2025	01/2025	Jennifer Edmonds 802-353-8186 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Application to utilize and maintain Forest Road 64A as a private road to private property to be used year-round by personal vehicles including pickup trucks, tractors, SUVs, ATVs, UTVs, and a trailer for hauling to access a seasonal camp.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66459">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66459</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.				
<b>Maher Right of Way Special Use Amendment</b> CE  *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/13/2022	Expected:09/2024	09/2024	Jennifer Edmonds 802-353-8186 <a href="mailto:jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov">jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Amendment of an existing right of way (ROW) special use permit to include year round use and to extend the ROW by approximately 460 feet from the end of Pine Gap Road to the existing ROW.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62976">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62976</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.				

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<b>Rochester Administrative Site Garage Construction</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/05/2024	Expected:02/2025	06/2025	David Donahue 802-747-6726 <a href="mailto:david.p.donahue@usda.gov">david.p.donahue@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Construction of a new 20 vehicle garage and expanded parking to address limited parking at the Rochester Ranger District Administrative Site.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65390">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65390</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.					
<b>Sugarbush Gate House Mountain Bike Trails</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management - Facility management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/29/2024	Expected:09/2024	04/2025	Nathaniel Blanks 802-747-6714 <a href="mailto:Nathaniel.Blanks@usda.gov">Nathaniel.Blanks@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Sugarbush Resort desires to improve their mountain bike opportunities by constructing 10.9 miles of mountain bike trails in the Gate House area. Some existing trails and a disc golf course would be decommissioned and rehabilitated.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62975">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62975</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Warren.					
<b>Sugarbush Super Bravo Mountain Bike Trail Improvement</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management - Special use management - Carbon Stewardship	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/19/2023	Expected:09/2024	09/2024	Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798 <a href="mailto:jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov">jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Realignment and reconstruction of existing mountain bike trail infrastructure.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63895">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63895</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Washington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Warren.					

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<b>Texas Gap Stream Enhancement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2024	Expected:08/2024	08/2024	Jeremy Mears 802-767-4261 ext 5514 <a href="mailto:jeremy.mears@usda.gov">jeremy.mears@usda.gov</a>
	<b>Description:</b> Restoring stream channels through addition of coarse woody materials to retain sediment and organic material, reduce flow to improve stream habitat, increase channel stability, reconnect flood plains and riparian habitat, reduce downstream effects.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65930">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=65930</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Addison. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Towns of Granville and Hancock.				

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