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Date: October 27, 2021

Invitation to Comment – Please Reply by November 15, 2021 Vermont Mountain Adventures Permit Reauthorization Project

Dear Interested Parties:

The USDA Forest Service is initiating an environmental analysis process for the proposed Vermont Mountain Adventures Permit Reauthorization Project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). I am writing to seek your comments for the project proposal that consists of the issuance of an Outfitting and Guiding Special Use Permit to Vermont Mountain Adventures for a term of ten years. The permit would authorize them to lead up to 764 tours between December 15th - April 15th annually. All permitted use would occur on existing designated NFS snowmobile trails. The area where the use would occur is on the National Forest in the Manchester Ranger District, Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF), Towns of Mount Holly, East Wallingford, Mount Tabor, Landgrove, Weston, Peru and East Dorset, Rutland and Bennington Counties, Vermont (refer to the attached map).

Refer to the attached project information document for details regarding the proposed action.

This proposed action potentially falls in a category of actions excluded from analysis in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, as proposals of this type individually and cumulatively do not have a significant effect on the environment. This proposal appears to fall under category 36 CFR 220.6 (d) (11) - *Issuance of a new special use authorization to replace an existing or expired special use authorization, when such issuance is to account only for administrative changes, such as a change in ownership of authorized improvements or expiration of the current authorization, and where there are no changes to the authorized facilities or increases in the scope or magnitude of authorized activities. The applicant or holder must be in compliance with all the terms and conditions of the existing or expired special use authorization.*

I am interested to hear any concerns, issues or suggestions you may have regarding the proposed action. Please provide your comments to us by November 15, 2021.

In your comments, please include the following information:

1. Your name, address and telephone number or email address.
2. The project you are commenting on: Vermont Mountain Adventures Permit Reauthorization Project
3. Site specific comments about the proposal along with supporting information and rationale you believe will help identify issues that need to be addressed.
4. Concerns about environmental effects associated with the proposal.



Submit your written comments in c/o Jen Edmonds using any of the following methods:

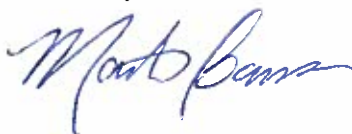
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Comments received in response to this invitation, including name and address of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public review.

Additional information regarding the proposal can be obtained from: Jen Edmonds, Rochester Ranger District, 99 Ranger Road, Rochester VT 05767, (802) 353-8186 or email at jennifer.edmonds@usda.gov.

Thank you for your interest in the Green Mountain National Forest. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



MARTINA BARNES
District Ranger

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