



# Green Mountain National Forest

## *Schedule of Proposed Actions*

**January 1 to March 31, 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:

| <b><u>District</u></b> | <b><u>Newspaper(s)</u></b>                                      |
|------------------------|---|
| Manchester             | Bennington Banner<br>Manchester Journal<br>Brattleboro Reformer |
| Rochester              | Randolph Herald<br>Burlington Free Press<br>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

If you would like more information on the projects described in this Schedule of Proposed Actions, contact:

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## Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

01/01/2024 to 03/31/2024

### 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><br>EIS<br><br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b> | - Land management planning   | Developing Proposal<br>Est. NOI in Federal Register<br>12/2023 | Expected:01/2025 | 01/2025                 | Jennifer Ruyle 520-388-8351<br><a href="mailto:jennifer.mcrae@usda.gov">jennifer.mcrae@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>Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A.</b><br>EIS  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forests and Grasslands (128 units).   |  |                  |                         |  |
|   | - Regulations, Directives, Orders  | On Hold  | N/A              | N/A                     | Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886<br><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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| Projects Occurring Nationwide  |  |  |                  |                         |  |
| Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.<br>EIS | - Regulations, Directives, Orders  | In Progress:<br>DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/11/2022<br>Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2023 | Expected:09/2023 | 01/2024                 | Laura Conway<br>406-802-4317<br><a href="mailto:laura.conway@usda.gov">laura.conway@usda.gov</a>       |
|  | <b>Description:</b> Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.  |  |                  |                         |  |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450</a>   |  |                  |                         |  |
|  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.                 |  |                  |                         |  |
| Green Mountain National Forest, Occurring in more than one District                    |  |  |                  |                         |  |
| Forest-wide Opening Maintenance<br>CE<br><br>*UPDATED*                                 | - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Fuels management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 03/31/2023   | Expected:03/2024 | 03/2024                 | Scott Wixsom<br>802-362-2307 x7219<br><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. |  |                  |                         |  |
| R9 - Eastern Region  |  |  |                  |                         |  |

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| <b>Green Mountain National Forest, Occurring in more than one District</b>                                 |   |   |                  |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>   |
| <b>Telephone Gap Integrated Resource Project</b><br>EA<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b>                             | - Recreation management<br>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants<br>- Forest products<br>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Watershed management<br>- Road management<br>- Climate Change Adaptation   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 01/27/2023 Est.<br>Comment Period Public Notice 01/2024 | Expected:06/2024 | 07/2024                 | Jay Strand<br>802-767-4261 x5522<br><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 Chittenden, Goshen, Killington, Mendon, Pittsfield, Pittsford, Rutland Town, and Stockbridge.        |   |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>  |   |   |                  |                         | <b>Manchester Ranger District</b>  |
| <b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>  |   |   |                  |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>   |
| <b>Appalachian Trail/Long Trail (AT/LT) Relocations in Bennington County</b><br>CE<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Recreation management   | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 01/2024                                     | Expected:03/2024 | 06/2024                 | Danna Strout<br>802-362-2307 x7237<br><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><br>CE<br><br><b>*NEW LISTING*</b>             | - Recreation management<br>- Climate Change Adaptation  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 03/2024                                     | Expected:06/2024 | 07/2024                 | Danna Strout<br>802-362-2307<br><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>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>Corridor 7 Trail Relocation of 11/30 Crossing</b><br>CE<br>*NEW LISTING*            | - Recreation management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 01/2024 | Expected:09/2024 | 09/2024                 | Danna Strout<br>802-362-2307<br><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>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Winhall.   |   |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Grout Pond Loop Trail Relocation</b><br>CE  | - Recreation management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 01/09/2023          | Expected:02/2024 | 06/2024                 | Danna Strout<br>802-362-2307 x7237<br><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>Jones Brook East Trail Relocation and Managed Bike Use Addition</b><br>CE           | - Recreation management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 01/09/2023          | Expected:02/2024 | 02/2024                 | Danna Strout<br>802-362-2307 x7237<br><a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a> |
|  | <b>Description:</b> Manage Jones Brook East trail for mountain bike use and relocate a section of the trail where it is currently unsuitable for summer use. Trail relocation would be 830 feet in length and implemented in partnership with existing trail partners.     |   |                  |                         |  |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63331">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=63331</a>   |   |                  |                         |  |
| <b>Little Mad Tom Brook Diversion Repair Special Use Permit</b><br>CE<br>*NEW LISTING* | - Special use management   | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 01/2024 | Expected:01/2024 | 01/2024                 | Kate Miller<br>802-362-2307 x7217<br><a href="mailto:kate.miller@usda.gov">kate.miller@usda.gov</a>    |
|  | <b>Description:</b> Repair an existing breached berm that reroutes Little Mad Tom Brook to a long-established diversion channel. Reconstruction of the berm is necessary to prevent flooding and protect property and infrastructure.                                      |   |                  |                         |  |
|  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Dorset.  |   |                  |                         |  |

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| Green Mountain National Forest                                       |   | Manchester Ranger District               |                  |                         | R9 - Eastern Region   |
| <b>Lye Brook Trailhead Parking Relocation</b><br>CE<br><br>*UPDATED* | - Recreation management   | Cancelled                                | N/A              | N/A                     | Danna Strout<br>802-362-2307 x7237<br><a href="mailto:danna.strout@usda.gov">danna.strout@usda.gov</a>    |
|  | <b>Description:</b> The Lye Brook Trailhead parking area would be relocated on Lye Brook Road near its intersection with Benson and Glen Roads. The new parking lot would accommodate 30 to 40 vehicles.<br><b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61176">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61176</a>  |  |                  |                         |   |
|  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Manchester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Bennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Manchester.   |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Manchester Trail Bridge Replacements and Repairs</b><br>CE        | - Recreation management<br>- Watershed management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 01/09/2023 | Expected:03/2024 | 06/2024                 | Danna Strout<br>802-362-2307 x7237<br><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.<br><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.  |  |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Mount Snow High Traverse Widening</b><br>CE<br><br>*UPDATED*      | - Special use management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 05/15/2023 | Expected:02/2024 | 04/2024                 | Nathaniel Blanks 802-747-6714<br><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.<br><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.   |  |                  |                         |   |

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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><br>CE<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Special use management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 05/22/2023          | Expected:02/2024 | 02/2024                 | Jennifer Edmonds 802-353-8186<br><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><br>CE   | - Vegetation management (other than forest products)<br>- Research and Development<br>- Climate Change Adaptation   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 08/09/2023          | Expected:07/2024 | 08/2024                 | Joshua Wills<br>802-362-2307 x7213<br><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>Middlebury College Land Exchange</b><br>CE<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b>                     | - Land ownership management   | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 04/2024 | Expected:06/2024 | 06/2025                 | Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513<br><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.  |   |                  |                         |   |

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| <b>Green Mountain National Forest</b>  |  | <b>Middlebury Ranger District</b>                 |                    |                         | <b>R9 - Eastern Region</b>   |
| <b>Mountain Top Trail Improvement Project - 2023</b><br>CE<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b>       | - Recreation management<br>- Watershed management<br>- Special use management  | Completed   | Actual: 12/05/2023 | 06/2024                 | Jeffrey Hammell 802-222-1828<br><a href="mailto:jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov">jeffrey.hammell@usda.gov</a>     |
|  | <b>Description:</b> This project would widen and grade trails to improve drainage, allow for safe travel by skiers and snowshoers, and improve visibility on corners on existing Nordic ski trails within the Mountain Top Resort special use permit area.                     |   |                    |                         |  |
|  | <b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64074">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=64074</a>   |   |                    |                         |  |
|  | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Middlebury Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Rutland. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Chittenden.   |   |                    |                         |  |
| <b>Silver Towers Trail Right of Way Special Use Permit</b><br>CE<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b> | - Special use management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 05/22/2023          | Expected:05/2024   | 05/2024                 | Jennifer Edmonds (802)353-8186<br><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><br>CE<br><br><b>*UPDATED*</b>           | - Special use management   | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 01/2024 | Expected:02/2024   | 02/2024                 | Jennifer Edmonds 802-353-8186<br><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.   |   |                    |                         |  |

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| Green Mountain National Forest  |   | Rochester Ranger District                         |                  |                         | R9 - Eastern Region   |
| <b>Appalachian Trail Side &amp; Corridor Crossing Trail Designations</b><br>CE<br>*UPDATED* | - Recreation management   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 06/07/2021          | Expected:03/2024 | 03/2024                 | Christopher Mattrick 802-767-4261 x5513<br><a href="mailto:christopher.mattrick@usda.gov">christopher.mattrick@usda.gov</a> |
|   | <b>Description:</b> The project would add three existing trail segments to the National Forest System in the Town of Norwich, Vermont (Dothan Brook, Joshua, and Griggs Mountain Trails).<br><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.  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Chittenden Brook Campground Renovation Project</b><br>CE<br>*NEW LISTING*                | - Recreation management<br>- Facility management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 01/2024 | Expected:04/2024 | 05/2024                 | Philip MacAskill 559-855-5355<br><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; regravel and grade campsites as needed.  |   |                  |                         |   |
|   | <b>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.  |   |                  |                         |   |
| <b>Maier Right of Way Special Use Amendment</b><br>CE<br>*UPDATED*                          | - Special use management  | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 12/13/2022          | Expected:04/2024 | 04/2024                 | Jennifer Edmonds 802-353-8186<br><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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| Green Mountain National Forest   |   | Rochester Ranger District                         |                  |                         | R9 - Eastern Region   |
| Rochester Administrative Site<br>Garage Construction<br>CE<br><br>*NEW LISTING*    | - Facility management   | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 03/2024 | Expected:04/2024 | 06/2025                 | David Donahue 802-747-6726<br><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>Location:</b> UNIT - Rochester Ranger District. STATE - Vermont. COUNTY - Windsor. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Town of Rochester.  |   |                  |                         |   |
| Sugarbush Gate House<br>Mountain Bike Trails<br>CE<br><br>*UPDATED*                | - Special use management  | Developing Proposal<br>Est. Scoping Start 01/2024 | Expected:02/2024 | 03/2024                 | Nathaniel Blanks 802-747-6714<br><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.  |   |                  |                         |   |
| Sugarbush Super Bravo<br>Mountain Bike Trail<br>Improvement<br>CE<br><br>*UPDATED* | - Recreation management<br>- Special use management<br>- Carbon Stewardship   | In Progress:<br>Scoping Start 05/19/2023          | Expected:02/2024 | 03/2024                 | Jeffrey Hammell 802-747-6798<br><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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