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|  <p>Green Mountain National Forest</p> |  <p>Finger Lakes National Forest</p> | <p>Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests</p> <p>News Release</p> |
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Lefferts Pond and Robert Frost Recreation Areas Vehicle Access Closure

RUTLAND, VT (June 23, 2010) – Green Mountain National Forest officials are temporarily closing vehicle access at two recreation areas for construction activities. Lefferts Pond Day Use Area in Chittenden, VT will be closed to vehicle access June 18, 2010 to October 2010. Robert Frost Interpretive Trail in Ripton, VT will be closed to vehicle access July 5, 2010 until completion in fall 2010. Closures are necessary to insure public safety during reconstruction of two dams impounding Lefferts Pond, as well as trail bridge and toilet facility restoration at Robert Frost Interpretative Trail.

Rehabilitation activities at Lefferts Pond and Robert Frost Recreation Areas, funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, began in March 2010. In addition to reconstructing the Lefferts Pond dams, activities include restoring historic structures, replacing gates, toilet building and improving a trail bridge. For a complete list of projects and closures, please visit the Green Mountain National Forest website at:

http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/forests/greenmountain/htm/greenmountain/g_home.htm

“The abundance of Recovery Act funded projects means Forest visitors will encounter more construction crews and large equipment in the field than in past years. Providing for public safety is a priority during implementation of these projects. Temporary closures of popular recreation sites, such as Lefferts Pond and Robert Frost Recreation Areas, will be minimized. I urge visitors to be understanding of temporary closures that will result in long-term enhancements to the Forest,” said District Ranger Greg Smith.

For more information, please contact Greg Smith, Rochester District Ranger, at the Green Mountain National Forest office in Rochester (802) 767-4261 ext. 513.

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