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Recovery Act Work To Start At Lefferts Pond Day Use Area

RUTLAND, VT (March 15, 2010) – Green Mountain National Forest officials are temporarily closing access to the Lefferts Pond Day Use Area in Chittenden, VT starting March 15, 2010. The temporary closure is necessary for public safety while reconstructing two dams that impound Lefferts Pond. The closure is anticipated to last one year, although the Forest Service intends to allow weekend and holiday access to the popular recreation destination.

Rehabilitation activities at Lefferts Pond are funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Forest Service entered into a contract with a local Rutland company to rehabilitate the two dams impounding Lefferts Pond, restore historic structures, and replace gates and a trail bridge.

“This is a great opportunity to complete a long identified need to rehabilitate the areas infrastructure and put citizens to work through the Recovery Act. I hope the long-term use and enjoyment of the popular site will outweigh the temporary impact to recreation users. I urge people using the area during weekends and holidays to exercise extreme caution.” said District Ranger Greg Smith.

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