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Comments will be accepted during the thirty days following that publication date.**

LEGAL NOTICE

Dover C-100 Snowmobile Trail Relocation Project USDA Forest Service – Green Mountain National Forest Town of Dover, Windham County, VT

In accordance with notice, comment and appeal regulations (36 CFR 215), the USDA Forest Service is providing notice of opportunity to comment on proposed snowmobile trail activities on the Manchester Ranger District of the Green Mountain National Forest, Town of Dover. The proposal includes the relocation of approximately 1430 feet of trail on the National Forest System lands and the modification of two sharp corners. It is anticipated that this project would begin implementation this fall, 2008. Alex Sienkiewicz, District Ranger for the Manchester Ranger District, is the Responsible Official for this decision.

This proposal 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 human environment (see 40 CFR 1508.4). Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained from Doug Reeves, Manchester Ranger District, 2538 Depot St., Manchester Center, VT 05255, (802) 362-2307 ext. 224 or email at dreeves01@fs.fed.us (email).

How to Comment and Timeframe

A 2005 court ruling (*Earth Island Institute v. Ruthenbeck*, CIV F-03-6386 JKS) requires that categorically excluded actions such as this proposal that include upgrading, widening, or modification of OHV routes (including snowmobile trails) to increase either the levels or types of use by OHVs, provide for public notice and comment, and opportunity for administrative appeal. Comments will be accepted for a 30-day period following publication of this notice in the *Rutland Herald*. The publication date in the *Rutland Herald* is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period. Do not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. Regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period (36 CFR 215.6).

Postal, hand-delivered, oral, electronic and facsimile (FAX) comments on the proposal will be accepted. Postal or hand-delivered comments must be submitted to Doug Reeves, Manchester Ranger District, 2538 Depot St., Manchester Center, VT 05255, ATTN: C-100 Relocation Project. Oral comments may be submitted by phone to (802) 362-2307, or in person at the District office. The office hours for those submitting oral or hand-delivered comments are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Comments may also be submitted to me by FAX to (802) 362-1251, ATTN: Doug Reeves, Dover C-100 Project.

Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), Word (.doc) or Portable Document Format (.pdf), to comments-eastern-green-mt-finger-lakes-manchester@fs.fed.us. Please include the subject header "Dover C-100" in your email. Comments must have an identifiable name attached or verification of identity will be required. A scanned signature may serve as verification on electronic comments.

Appeal Eligibility

The final decision on this project, expected in September 2008, will be subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.11(a). Appeals may be filed by persons or non-Federal organizations or entities that provide comments or otherwise express interest in the proposed action by the close of the comment period. For appeal eligibility each individual or representative from each organization submitting comments must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request. The USDA Forest Service is an Equal Opportunity Organization.