

News From The
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White Mountain Forest Headquarters Thanks Public

Campton, NH - The White Mountain National Forest is pleased to announce the new White Mountain National Forest Headquarters, Exit 27, 71 White Mountain Drive, Campton, NH, 03223 is open for business. We would like to thank everyone for helping us celebrate the opening of our new Forest Headquarters at the dedication ceremony and open house held October 30, 2009. We were honored by the outpouring of support from the community.

“It was great to see our friends, partners, and neighbors come out for this momentous occasion,” said Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner.

The new 23,400-square foot Forest Headquarters complex, located in Campton, NH just off I-93 at Exit 27 provides office space for approximately 100 permanent and seasonal employees. The Forest has consolidated the Supervisor’s Office and Pemigewasset Ranger District offices to improve the efficiency of operations in a location more central to the Forest, visitors, and local communities. The new administrative complex has been built using construction techniques to reduce the carbon footprint, increase sustainability, and achieve, at a minimum, a Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) rating of Silver.

The complex is designed to have save energy through the co-location of three current offices, the physical orientation of the building, and by utilizing sustainable and efficient products such as super-efficient windows and building materials. The building takes advantage of natural and controlled lighting, utilizes composting technology to reduce water usage and waste water generation, recycles grey water, and minimizes site run-off, along with numerous other “green” technologies to save energy. With the heating, cooling, and power requirements reduced by 60 percent, the design further reduces the energy needs by heating the entire complex with wood pellets at one-third the annual cost for fuel compared to heating with oil or propane. The combined heat and power generating system uses innovative technology of biomass gasification for power and heat. This system will significantly reduce carbon emissions through the gasification process.

“We’re excited to be in our new building and proud of the new technologies reducing our environmental footprint. I invite the public to visit us and see the possibilities of a greener future in action,” said Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner.

The Forest Headquarters offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. However, the Visitor Center is open seven days a week (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) offering information services, a Discovery Center, recreation passes, and Christmas tree permits. More

information on the White Mountain National Forest and our new headquarters can be found online at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/white> or by calling us at (603) 536-6100. We look forward to serving you, and showing off our new building.

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