

News from the
**White Mountain
National Forest**

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**WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST ANNOUNCES ECONOMIC
RECOVERY PROJECTS FOR FOREST FACILITIES**

Laconia, NH, August 10 - The White Mountain National Forest has received additional funding for under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

“Economic Recovery funding will be used for dam reconstruction at three sites across the National Forest in New Hampshire and Maine. This reconstruction will allow us to safely restore pond water to its’ previously designed level and improve fisheries and other wildlife habitat,” said Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner. “Repairs will also be made to a sewage treatment facility on National Forest land in Bartlett, NH.”

Province Pond Dam, Chatham, NH constructed by NH Fish & Game in 1960, Broken Bridge Pond Dam, Albany, ME constructed in 1959 by Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and Beaver Pond Dam, Woodstock, NH constructed in 1940, will all be replaced with concrete spillways restoring the ponds to the original constructed levels.

The East Central Lagoon, located in Harts Location, NH is used to treat sewage pumped from National Forest recreation sites. It will be restored to the original design capacity with a liner replacement. Minor repairs to the wellhouse and lagoon control building will also restore the original functionality of the structures and provide a safe working environment for system operators.

In March the White Mountain National Forest received ARRA funding for a two-year trail maintenance project. In June funding was received for roads maintenance and signage.

Nationally, the Forest Service has received \$1.15 billion through ARRA. \$650 million has been received for Capital Improvement and Maintenance and \$500 million – for Wildland Fire Management. As of July 24, the Forest Service has released 81% of the \$1.15 billion in ARRA funding.

Information on other Forest Service ARRA projects and related economic recovery efforts can be found at: http://fs.usda.gov/economic_recovery.