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White Mountain National Forest

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ARRA Funding to Improve Forest User Safety and Protect Natural Resources

Four projects on the White Mountain National Forest will be accomplished through recently awarded contracts, funded by the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). These contracts, worth approximately \$1,019,000, will complete projects designed to improve Forest user safety and protect natural resources.

The Patte Mill Road Reconstruction contract has been awarded to a New Hampshire company, LA Drew, for approximately \$620,000. About 3.5 miles of road will be reconstructed and drainage structures will be replaced, improving road conditions for users and aquatic passage as well as protecting resources, such as the historic schoolhouse and nearby wetlands.

Approximately \$258,000 will be used to reconstruct and repair two dams at Province Pond and Broken Bridge. This project will restore the ponds to their original or designed water levels and improve habitat for cold water fish, and other aquatic and wildlife species. This project has been awarded to the Drew Corporation of Center Lovell, Maine.

In addition, the East Central Sewage Lagoon near Bartlett, New Hampshire will be repaired, preventing untreated sewage from entering groundwater. This contract was awarded for approximately \$112,000 to Greenseal Environmental Inc. of Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts.

The fourth contract, awarded to a local New Hampshire company, New Hampshire Boring Inc., for approximately \$28,900, will seal ten well casings, thus addressing water quality hazards associated with an open conduit to the water table

Work on all four projects is planned to begin this spring. The Forest expects all of these projects to be completed this calendar year.

“We are excited to get these projects on the ground and assist in the economic recovery of the communities and towns surrounding the Forest through these ARRA projects,” said Deputy Forest Supervisor, Keith Lannom. “It’s a win-win situation. In addition to providing employment opportunities, these projects are addressing several deferred maintenance needs on the Forest.”

The White Mountain National Forest, with 796,700 acres of national forest land in New Hampshire and Maine, received a total of \$1.582 million in ARRA funds to improve Forest trails, roads, and facilities.

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

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