**News:**
Chad VanOrmer has accepted a position as the District Ranger for the Admiralty National Monument in Alaska. Congratulations, Chad! His last day with the GMNF is August 27. The Trail Collaborative remains a high priority for the GMNF and Chad is working with Colleen Madrid and Jay Strand to provide continuity for Forest Service representation on the Trail Collaborative.

**Upcoming meetings:**
-- Trail Summit hosted by the Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association (VASA) on Monday, September 13, 7:00 p.m. at the VASA headquarters in Barre.
-- Final Trail Summit, date and location TBD, Open invitation to organizations to co-host (organizations don't need to focus on trails/recreation to co-host)
-- Vermont Trail Collaborative, Tuesday, October 19, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce in Berlin. The room is reserved for the day in case working groups want to meet earlier.

**Stewardship and Communication Work Group** -- Brian Cotterill is taking the lead facilitating the initiative to develop a trails stewardship education plan for the state. Work group meeting notes are posted on the website at [www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/stewardship](http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/stewardship). Brian is working with recreation groups to organize several Trail Summits around the state, and five have been completed to date. The work group also is in the process of finalizing a web survey, which will be sent to the Trail Collaborative and several trail-related organizations next week. The web survey will be open though mid-September.

**Next steps:** Contact Brian at bdcotterill@gmail.com if you would like to schedule a Trail Summit or have questions about the survey.

**Landscape Management Work Group** -- The Landscape Management Work Group completed the public meetings on the north zone and they are setting up public information meetings for the south zone in the fall. Meeting notes are posted at [http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/landscape](http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/landscape). Chad will put together a summary of the north zone findings before he leaves for Alaska.

**Next steps:** The work group will summarize major issues and common themes from the 3 public information sessions in the north portion of the GMNF. Public information meetings for the south portion of the GMNF will be scheduled for the fall.

**Science Panel** -- The science panel has completed annotated bibliographies and sent them to Bill Valliere, who is compiling them into a draft report. Bill will send the draft report to the science panel to review by the end of August. The VAST study report will be posted soon at [http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/science](http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/science) and a conference call will be set up to discuss the report.

**Next steps:** How about Thursday, Sept 8 at 12:00 p.m. for the next conference call? Science panel members should let Lisa know if that works.

**Steering Committee:** The steering committee has monthly conference calls and everyone is welcome to join the call. Please let me know in advance if you'd like to join so I can send you the
call-in info and make sure we have enough open phone lines. The next call will be Thursday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m.