VERMONT TRAIL COLLABORATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, October 19 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Convened by the University of Vermont Extension and Windham Regional Commission
Sponsored by the Green Mountain National Forest and the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation


R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, October 13.
Send an email to Lisa Chase at Lisa.Chase@uvm.edu to let us know if you can participate.
Thanks to everyone who has already R.S.V.P.’d.

Agenda:

1:00 – 1:30 Introductions and updates from the Green Mountain National Forest and Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation

1:30 – 3:00 Updates from the three work groups:
(1) *Stewardship and Communication Work Group* -- The Vermont Trails and Greenways Council is taking the lead on a coordinated effort throughout the state to improve the educational and interpretive information available for trail users. The group will present the Universal Trail Ethic and findings from the Trail Summits and web survey. Specific action steps and a timeline for implementing the Universal Trail Ethic will be presented and discussed.

(2) *Science Panel* -- A panel of stakeholders and scientists has been reviewing existing literature to identify the most relevant studies for trail management on the GMNF and surrounding areas. The panel will present relevant research studies and findings. In addition, the Vermont Association of Snow Travelers will share results from a study last winter that measured impacts of snowmobiles on water quality.

(3) *Landscape Management Work Group* -- The group is evaluating ways to improve upon the overall trail system on the GMNF and surrounding areas, moving from north to south. They will give an an update on the public meetings held in the north zone and plans for public meetings to be held in the south zone. Scheduled meetings include: Oct 28 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Bennington co-hosted by Jim Henderson of the Bennington County Regional Commission, Nov 8 or 9 in Weston, week of Nov 29 in Manchester, and Dec 6 at Mount Snow in Dover.

3:00 – 4:00 Round Robin -- What has been useful so far from the Vermont Trail collaborative? What do we need to focus on for the next 6 months and for the future? Open discussion in preparation for the final meeting to be held late April or early May.

Visit http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/trails for more information on the Trail Collaborative. Questions? Feel free to get in touch with Lisa, Colleen, Ed, or John. Be sure to email Lisa.Chase@uvm.edu by October 13th to R.S.V.P.