Below is an update on the Vermont Trail Collaborative and work groups. Visit www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/trails for more information.

**Upcoming meetings:**
-- Trail Summit hosted by the Vermont Horse Council, June 13.
-- Trail Summit hosted by the Green Mountain Club, July 14.
-- 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 will be posted on the website at www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/stewardship. Brian is working with recreation groups to organize several Trail Summits around the state. The Vermont Horse Council will host a Trail Summit on June 13 and the Green Mountain Club will host one July 14. The Catamount Trail Association and the Northeast Stewardship Center will also host Trail Summits this summer. The work group is in the process of pulling past recreation-related surveys together and they are aiming to have a draft survey to administer to trail/recreation stakeholder organizations and the Trail Collaborative members by their next monthly workgroup meeting.

**Next steps:** Contact Brian at bdcotterill@gmail.com if you would like to schedule a Trail Summit and/or learn more.

**Landscape Management Work Group** -- The Landscape Management Work Group held a public information session on May 19 in Brandon. Meeting notes will be posted at http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/landscape. The meeting had diverse representation of user groups/interests and geographic distribution. Similar to the public information session in Warren, the small number of participants allowed for a facilitated round table discussion touching on the different issues/points.

**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 had a conference call on May 11. The group heard an update on the VAST study (the plan is posted at http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/science under the section on snowmobile use) from Bryant Watson of VAST. The group discussed the annotated bibliographies science panel members are working on, and Jay Strand of the FS gave a summary of the NEPA process and how it relates to the Vermont Trail Collaborative. Contact william.valliere@uvm.edu if you have additional links and documents to post on the webpage.

**Next steps:** The next conference call will be Friday, June 18 at 12:00 p.m. The phone number is 1-888-296-6500 and passcode is 603878.

**Steering Committee:** The steering committee has monthly conference calls and everyone is welcome to join the calls. 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 Friday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m.