Below is an update on the Vermont Trail Collaborative and work groups. Visit [www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/trails](http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/trails) for more information.

**Upcoming meetings:**
-- Vermont Trail Collaborative, Monday, May 2, 2011 Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce in Berlin

**Stewardship and Communication Work Group** -- The final report from Brian Cotterill is posted on [www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/stewardship](http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/stewardship). The Trail and Greenways Council met on November 18 and the Executive Committee of Trails and Greenways is discussing next steps with the Trail Collaborative steering committee. For the next six months, the focus will be on encouraging user groups to adopt the Trail Ethic with their membership, rather than on printing and distributing signs statewide.

**Next steps:** Contact Danny at [director@vtvasa.org](mailto:director@vtvasa.org) for more information.

**Landscape Management Work Group** -- The Landscape Management Work Group held public information meetings in Weston on November 9, Manchester in November 29, and West Dover in December 6. Good representation of user groups (small and large, local and statewide). Lots of positive feedback and appreciation expressed for the opportunity to meet together and share ideas and concerns. The work group is planning to schedule additional public information meetings outside of the GMNF; most likely these will be held in northeastern and northwestern parts of the state in late winter or early spring.

**Next steps:** Meeting notes will be posted online at [http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/landscape](http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/landscape) soon.

**Science Panel** -- The draft report by the science panel is posted on [http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/science](http://www.uvm.edu/tourismresearch/science). Bill is revising it to reflect feedback from Trail Collaborative participants.

**Next steps:** Please send comments on the report and literature to Bill at william.valliere@uvm.edu

**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 Wednesday, January 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Feel free to get in touch with me to find out more information or share suggestions.

Enjoy the holidays!

Lisa