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Invitation to Comment – Please Reply by July 15, 2022 Dutch Hill Glade Additions Project

Dear Interested Parties:

The USDA Forest Service is initiating an environmental analysis process for the proposed Dutch Hill Glade Additions Project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The proposed action would add three new 200-foot wide glades for backcountry skiing by removing low quality trees under 5 inches diameter at breast height and maintaining a vista at the true Dutch Hill summit. The work would be completed in cooperation and partnership with the Dutch Hill Alliance of Skiers and Hikers (DHASH). Please refer to the attached project information documents for additional details regarding the proposed action.

This proposal potentially falls in a category of actions excluded from analysis in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, as proposals of this type individually and cumulatively do not have a significant effect on the environment. This proposal appears to fall under the following categories:

36 CFR 220.6 (e)(22): Construction, reconstruction, decommissioning, or disposal of buildings, infrastructure, or improvements at an existing recreation site, including infrastructure or improvements that are adjacent or connected to an existing recreation site and provide access or utilities for that site.

I am interested to hear any concerns, issues, or suggestions you may have regarding the proposed action. Please provide your comments to us by July 15, 2022.

In your comments, please include the following information:

1. Your name, address and telephone number or email address.
2. The project you are commenting on: Dutch Hill Glade Additions
3. Site-specific comments about the proposal along with supporting information and rationale you believe will help identify issues that need to be addressed.
4. Concerns about environmental effects associated with the proposal.



Submit your written comments in c/o Danna Strout using any of the following methods:

- ✓ Mail
USDA Forest Service – Manchester Ranger District Office
2538 Depot St.
Manchester, VT 05255
- ✓ Email
comments-eastern-green-mt-finger-lakes-manchester@usda.gov
- ✓ Phone
(802) 362-2307 ext. 7237
- ✓ Facsimile
(802) 362-1051

Comments received in response to this invitation, including name and address of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record for this project and will be available for public review.

Additional information regarding the proposal can be obtained from: Danna Strout, Recreation Specialist, Manchester Ranger District, 2538 Depot Street, Manchester, VT 05255; (802) 362-2307 ext 7237; or email danna.strout@usda.gov

Thank you for your interest in the Green Mountain National Forest. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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