

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is releasing a draft of the "*Central Berkshire District Resource Management Plan (RMP)*" for public review and comment. The document will be available for your review at the DCR website at: www.mass.gov/dcr/forestry. A public meeting will be held to review the key findings and proposed management strategies of the RMP, answer questions, and take comments at **6:30 p.m. on September 29, 2005 at the Berkshires Regional Headquarters (South Mountain), 740 South Street, Pittsfield MA.**

DCR will be accepting public comments postmarked by **October 21, 2005**. Please mail all comments to Kris Massini, DCR-Bureau of Forestry, PO Box 1433 Pittsfield, MA 01202 or via e-mail: kris.massini@state.ma.us. If you need a hard copy of the document, please contact Kris Massini at (413) 442-8928 ext 33 or via e-mail: kris.massini@state.ma.us.

Comments will be evaluated and assessed to develop the final RMP and released to the public.

The Draft Central Berkshire County Resource Management Plan (RMP) was developed to guide forest, recreation, uses, and vegetation management decisions on DCR Forest and Park system lands. The RMP will delineate management zones, and describe the present conditions, public issues, desired conditions, goals, objectives and management guidelines for resources, recreation, uses, and activities within the State Forest and Park system in the Central Berkshire District of Massachusetts. The RMP also discusses how the State Forest system lands will be managed in a manner that meets DCR's legislative mission and the requirements of the *Forest Stewardship Council's Green Certification*. Meeting these requirements, will aid in managing our state forests in a sustainable mananer.

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The public is also invited to attend a meeting scheduled for 6:30 pm on September 29, 2005 at the Department of Conservation and Recreation's Pittsfield Regional Office. The intent of this meeting is to briefly review the key findings and management strategies, answer questions, and take comments.

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