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Department of Conservation and Recreation to hold Second Workshop on the updating of the Public Access and Recreation Management Plan for the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (formerly the Metropolitan District Commission) will hold a workshop for the public regarding the upcoming Public Access and Recreation Management Plan Update for the Quabbin Reservoir Watershed on Thursday, October 13, 2005 at 7 pm, at the Petersham Town Hall in Petersham, MA. Following brief presentations by DCR/Division of Water Supply Protection staff, the majority of the workshop will be open for questions and discussion with the aid of a moderator. All are encouraged to attend.

The DCR/Division of Water Supply Protection is responsible for the management and protection of drinking water supply watersheds for nearly 2.2 million residents of Massachusetts in 47 communities (including 3 communities in western Massachusetts), which represents approximately 40% of the state's population. The Quabbin Reservoir, Ware River, and Wachusett Reservoir watersheds are the sources of drinking water for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA). The update of the public access and recreation management plan is an essential tool in the management and protection of these drinking water supply watersheds.

For further information regarding the workshop, please call the Quabbin Visitor Center at 413-323-7221.