



PUBLIC NOTICE

Draft Mount Everett Summit Resource Management Plan Available for Public Review

The mission of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) is to exercise care and oversight for the natural, cultural, and historic resources of the Commonwealth and to provide quality public outdoor recreational opportunities that are environmentally sustainable, affordable, and accessible to all citizens.

DCR prepared the Mount Everett Summit Resource Management Plan in recognition of the globally unique natural resources and to guide management activities occurring on the summit of Mount Everett (located within the Mount Everett State Reservation in the Town of Mt. Washington, and partially located within the Schenob Brook Area of Critical Environmental Concern). The Plan also has been prepared to fulfill the provision of the EOECA Certificate (#12230, dated July 26, 2002) directing the Department to prepare a resource management plan for the summit of Mount Everett.

The overall goal of the plan is to protect the unique natural resources of the Mount Everett summit environment and to provide public access and recreation compatible with this stewardship responsibility. A significant amount of research has been conducted by pre-eminent scientists on the natural resources of Mount Everett. This Plan summarizes these field studies to frame the Plan's management goal and objectives to protect the natural resources on the summit. Key natural resources include dwarf pitch pine forest, habitat for rare moths, old growth forest and other unusual vegetation characteristic of the summit's ecology.

The Plan develops a clear overall management goal for the summit, articulates management objectives and environmental indicators to be used to judge if the vision has been achieved. The summit planning area is the 35-acre summit area located above the 2500 foot contour elevation and a 70-acre summit area buffer zone located between the 2400 and the 2500 foot contour elevation.

Based on the input of scientists, local officials, interested citizens, public agencies and private organizations, the stewardship recommendations address natural resource protection and monitoring, public safety, public access, and interpretive opportunities.

A public meeting regarding the draft Plan is scheduled for:

Monday, November 7, 2005, at 7:00pm in the Town of Mount Washington Town Hall.

The draft plan can be viewed and downloaded at the following website location:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/rmp/rmp-mtEverett.htm>

Comments may be submitted until 5 pm Wednesday, November 30, 2005 to:

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DCR Resource Management Planning Program Website Now Available

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has created a website for the agency's Resource Management Planning Program. The website is available at the following address:

<http://www.mass.gov/dcr/stewardship/rmp/>

The legislation that requires DCR to prepare management plans for all reservations, parks and forests under the management of the department (M.G.L. Chapter 21: Section 2F) also requires that draft plans be made available for a public review and comment period through notice in the Environmental Monitor. For further information please visit the Resource Management Planning (RMP) Program website or contact RMP Program Director Leslie Luchonok at 413-586-8706, extension 21 or Leslie.Luchonok@state.ma.us.

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Kehoe, Barbara (ENV)

From: Luchonok, Leslie (DCR)
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2005 2:10 PM
To: Kehoe, Barbara (ENV)
Subject: RE: posting public notices in Env Monitor
Importance: High

Hi Barbara,
I found out today that the document I sent you last Thursday had an incorrect website address!
Could you please use the attached document instead? (Mt Everett Draft Plan MEPA notice corrected.doc)
I'm sorry for the extra hassle.

Also attached is another notice for the next issue (RMP Program Website MEPA Notice.doc).
It can be listed as follows:
Agency - DCR
Notice Type - Notice of Resource Management Planning Program Website
Project Location - Statewide

Thanks so much!
Leslie

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From: Luchonok, Leslie (DCR)
Sent: Thu 10/13/2005 4:15 PM
To: Bourre, Richard (ENV); Kehoe, Barbara (ENV)
Cc: rsthibedeau@verizon.net; Richard.Thibedeau@state.ma.us; Andrea.Lukens@state.ma.us
Subject: RE: posting public notices in Env Monitor

Thanks, Rick.

Hi Barbara,
How are you?
Could you please include the attached Public Notice in the next issue of the Monitor?
Agency - DCR
Notice Type - Notice of Public Review of draft Mount Everett Summit Resource Management Plan
Project Location - Mount Washington

Thanks!
Leslie

p.s. This is our first public notice in the Monitor for an RMP project. We are required by legislation to provide notice of public review and comment in the Monitor.
p.p.s. I may have another notice to provide by Monday's deadline - the availability of the new RMP Program website - I'll let you know.

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