

Fall Newsletter 2012

September 2012



Upcoming Meeting Dates:

- ◆ **Select Board:**
- ◆ 9-25 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 10-16 at 7:00pm

- ◆ **School Board:**
- ◆ 9-25 at 6:00pm
- ◆ 10-23 at 6:00pm

- ◆ **Planning:**
- ◆ 9-4 at 7:00pm
- ◆ 10-2 at 7:00pm

Did you know?

- ◆ The Dorset Memorial Forest (Owl's Head Peak) was given to the Town by the Dorset Science Club in the early 1900's. The Science Club blazed the original of hiking trails that connected the group of old marble quarries along the mountainsides in Dorset. It is still possible to hike these old trails today.

Discover Dorset Weekend!



You are invited to southern Vermont's most beautiful small village for a fall festival weekend celebrating our arts, history and vibrant small-business community.

September 15 and 16, 2012

Guided walks, talks, craft demonstrations and more!

Stay in one of Dorset's elegant small inns, enjoy locally grown food in quiet surroundings, visit the studios of fine custom furniture makers and artists, learn about gardening, cheese making, pottery design, antique oriental rugs, geocaching (ten new geocaching sites will go live during the weekend), and tai chi. (see more on page 4)



The Dorset Village Library

Library Hours: M,W & Fri: 11am to 5pm T, Th & Sat: 10am to 3pm/
www.dorsetlibraryinfo.org 867-5774 dorsetlibrary@aol.com

New Saturday hours, the library stays open until 3pm on Saturday!

Becoming a Member of the Dorset Library

All permanent residents of Dorset may become members of the Dorset Library by filling out an application at the Library. This includes persons who winter elsewhere and own houses in Dorset. Applicants must give a street address, a mailing address, a telephone number and a computer address, if possible. The Dorset Community welcomes the use of the Library by all other Vermont residents. **Borrowing Limits:** Dorset residents - a total of 10 items may be borrowed. Non-Residents - a total of 6 items may be borrowed.



Public Notice:



This fall residents will be seeing the removal of “children at play” signs from the right-of-way of Dorset Town roads. At the order of VT AOT. Why? Unfortunately this places liability on the town due to the placement of these signs. (*example: Mr. Smith places a “children at play” sign along the road; Shortly after an accident occurs a 1/2 mile down the road and a child of Mr. & Mrs. Doe is seriously hurt. Mr. & Mrs. Doe then bring suit against the town for providing Mr. Smith with safety signage and not the Doe family.*) There is no way for the town to use this sign properly and not create a liability hazard for the town.

***Please note that residents can place child safety markers on their property, as long as it is not within the right of way of the Town roads.**



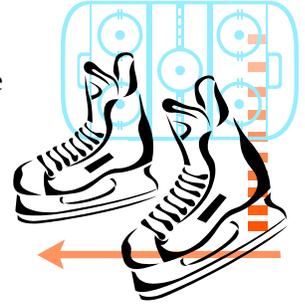
The ice will be nice at the Riley Rink this fall!



Dorset residents receive discounts off programming at the Riley Rink, including camps and season's passes for skating. Hope to see you when the ice opens up!



[Check out www.dorsetvt.org/recreation.php](http://www.dorsetvt.org/recreation.php) for more info



REMINDER: SUMMER RECREATION REIMBURSEMENTS

MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 16TH!

The Dorset School

In late August the Dorset School welcomed the installation of a new playground structure! The project involved a "sprucing up" of the facilities at the school, and ties into the goals that the Dorset School Board & Dorset Select Board have set for working together to create a community minded space at the school. ***Be sure to take your children or grandchildren for a visit!***



Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers for the Hazardous Household Waste Day on **Sat. Oct. 6th from 8am to noon at the Dorset School**. Jobs include: traffic control, attendee registration, collecting donations etc. Call 362-4571 x 3 if interested.



SEPTEMBER 15th & 16th

Arts & Artists

Art Show in the Bickford Building on Church Street: Past and present Dorset artists

[Black Sheep Yarn](#): Knitting demonstration

[George Bouret & Nance Dean](#): Costume photographs and jewelry on the Dorset Green.

[Dorset Custom Furniture](#): Open studio - Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm

[Flower Brook Pottery](#): Drop-in paint-your-own-pottery, see our [website](#) for more info.

[Holman Studios](#): Open studio - Saturday from 10 am - 4 pm

[In Stitches Fine Needlepoint](#): Elizabeth Turner trunk show

[Kara Finn Oriental Rugs](#): Demonstration of Oriental rug repair

[Marie Miller Antique Quilts](#): Antique quilt show

Gardening

[Mettowee Mill Nursery](#)

"Bulbs for the Landscape" presentation by horticulturalist Charlie Nardozzi, host of VPR's Vermont Garden Journal Saturday at 9:30 am

Local Food

[J.K. Adams](#)

Apples, Dorset honey and Jamtastic, factory tours

[Dorset Union Store](#)

Soft ice cream: 2 for 1

[Mad Tom Orchard](#) Apple picking

[Someday Farm](#)

Meet with the animals and attend a cooking class

[H.N. Williams](#)

Dorset Farmers Market Sunday 10 am-2 pm

For the Kids

[Dorset Exchange](#)

Toy tag sale with cookies and cider

[Dorset Fire House](#)

Tour of the fire trucks. Open 12 to 4 Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16.

History

[Dorset Historical Society](#)

Guided walks in Dorset and East Dorset

[Dorset Library](#)

Book sale on Saturday

Theater

[Dorset Players](#)

One-act plays on the Dorset Green

[Dorset Theatre Festival](#)

Reading of new play by John Nassivera

Restaurants

[Barrows House](#)

Will be offering a special locavore menu

[Dorset Inn](#)

In addition to their usual lunch and dinner menus the inn will be hosting a local cheese-tasting on the Dorset Green

[Inn at West View Farm](#)

Chef/owner Ray Chen will step away from his stove to give a Tai Chi demonstration on Saturday

[Mio Bistro](#): Lunch on the patio

Lodging

[Barrows House](#)

[Cornucopia of Dorset](#)

[Dorset Inn](#)

[Dovetail Inn](#)

[Inn at West View Farm](#)

[Marbleledge Lodge](#)

[Marble West Inn](#)

[Squire House Bed and Breakfast](#)

[Wilson House](#)

Town Clerk's Corner

The Town Clerk's Office is responsible for the recording of all land records, maintaining all vital records, supervising elections, issuing fish & wildlife licenses, dog licenses, and renewal of motor vehicle registrations.

♦ 2012 is a busy election year, be sure to stop by the Town Clerk's Office to register to vote.

Recent Property Transfers (June 2012 to present)

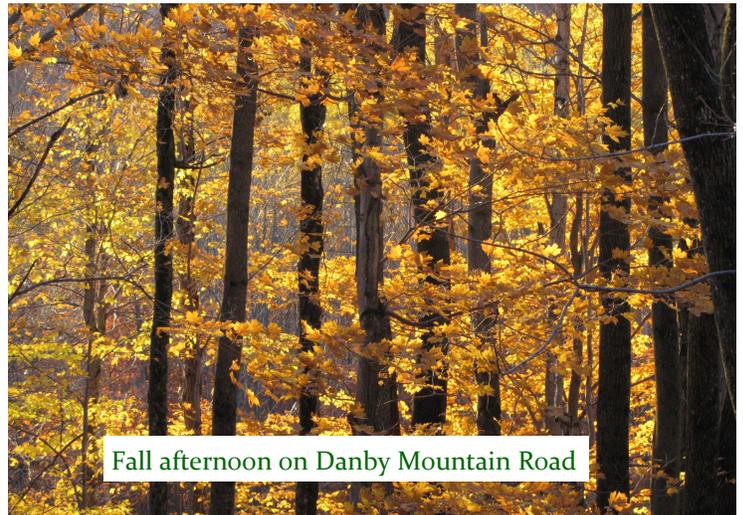
Seller	Buyer:	Address:	Price:
Deutsche Bank	Knight, Corrine & Heft, Donald	585 Nichols Hill Rd.	\$569,900
Martin, Greogy & Jeffrey	Jacobson, Matthew & Lauren	397 Red Tail Ln	\$562,000
Prudential Relocation	GSE Trust	195 Mystic Ln	\$385,000
Mackenzie Trust	Travers, Brenda	2977 Mad Tom Rd.	\$425,000
Trust Co. New York	Babicka, Jaromir & Lynn	481 Lower Hollow Rd	\$525,000
Hammer, Sandra	Van Degna Trustee	217 Cheney Rd.	\$565,000
Cronin, Chrisotpher	Fulco, Dana	255 Mad Tom Rd.	\$210,000
Dickenson, David & Katherine	VT Relinquished Properties	1161 Dorset West Rd.	\$1,450,000
Crawford, Vera Trust	Dickenson, David & Katherine	1474 Dorset West Rd.	\$590,000
Little, David & Tracey	Mainardi, Andrew & Priscilla	238 Birchstone Ln.	\$607,560

Questions? Call 362-4571 x 2 , Sandra Pinsonault, Town Clerk, CMC, CVC

Around Town.....We want your pictures!



New/Safer intersection at Red Tail Ln/ Upper Hollow



Fall afternoon on Danby Mountain Road

Throughout the year we'll be taking pictures to include in the 2012 Town Report, we invite residents to submit pictures to be included in the report & on the town website.

Email pictures to: townmanager@gmail.com or drop at the Town Offices.

Conservation Commission Update:

Recently the town acquired ownership in the eastern most portion of Pinnacle Lane, thanks to the generosity of the Keeler—Mithoefer family.

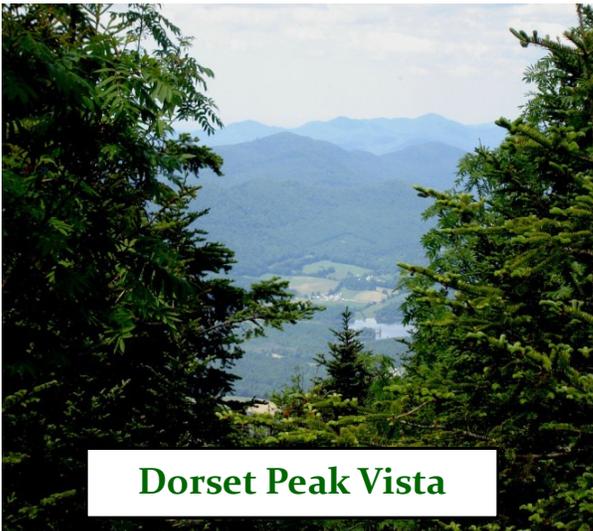
This now gives the town an ownership stake in all of Pinnacle Lane and allows for residents to access that park by car much easier.

The town road crew has been busy creating a small parking area off Pinnacle Lane, and a new trail header sign with information about the park will soon be erected.

We encourage residents to make the short trek to the property, take a quick hike and see the progress we've made!



Road Foreman Jim Hewes removing a stump to make way for the new parking area at The Pinnacle.



Dorset Peak Vista

LEGAL NOTICE

**Dorset Peru Integrated Resource Project
USDA Forest Service – Green Mountain National Forest
Bennington County, Vermont**

In accordance with notice, comment and appeal regulations (36 CFR 215), the USDA Forest Service is providing notice of opportunity to comment on proposed management activities on the Green Mountain National Forest, Bennington County, VT. The project proposal includes activities to improve wildlife and fish habitat, enhance forest health, provide timber products, control non-native invasive plants, restore soil and water conditions, increase recreation and scenery viewing opportunities, address travel system needs (trails and roads), and protect or enhance heritage resource sites.

William Jackson, District Ranger for the Manchester Ranger District, is the Responsible Official for this decision. Additional information regarding this proposal can be obtained from Melissa Reichert, Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest Supervisor's Office, 231 N. Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701, (802) 747-6754 or email at mmreichert@fs.fed.us. **MAP SHOWING ALTERNATIVES B & C IS SHOWN ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

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Maps of plans also available at: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=32091

Green Mountain National Forest

Dorset Peru Integrated Resource Project

Map 2

Dorset Mountain Proposed Activities Alternatives B and C



Legend

- DP/Vistas
- Summits
- 100ft Contours
- AT/TLT
- Forest Trails
- Existing non-FS System Trail

Forest Roads

- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Dirt or Unimproved Road
- Highway
- Paved Road
- Gravel Road
- Dirt or Unimproved Road
- DP Stands
- Dorset-Peru Project

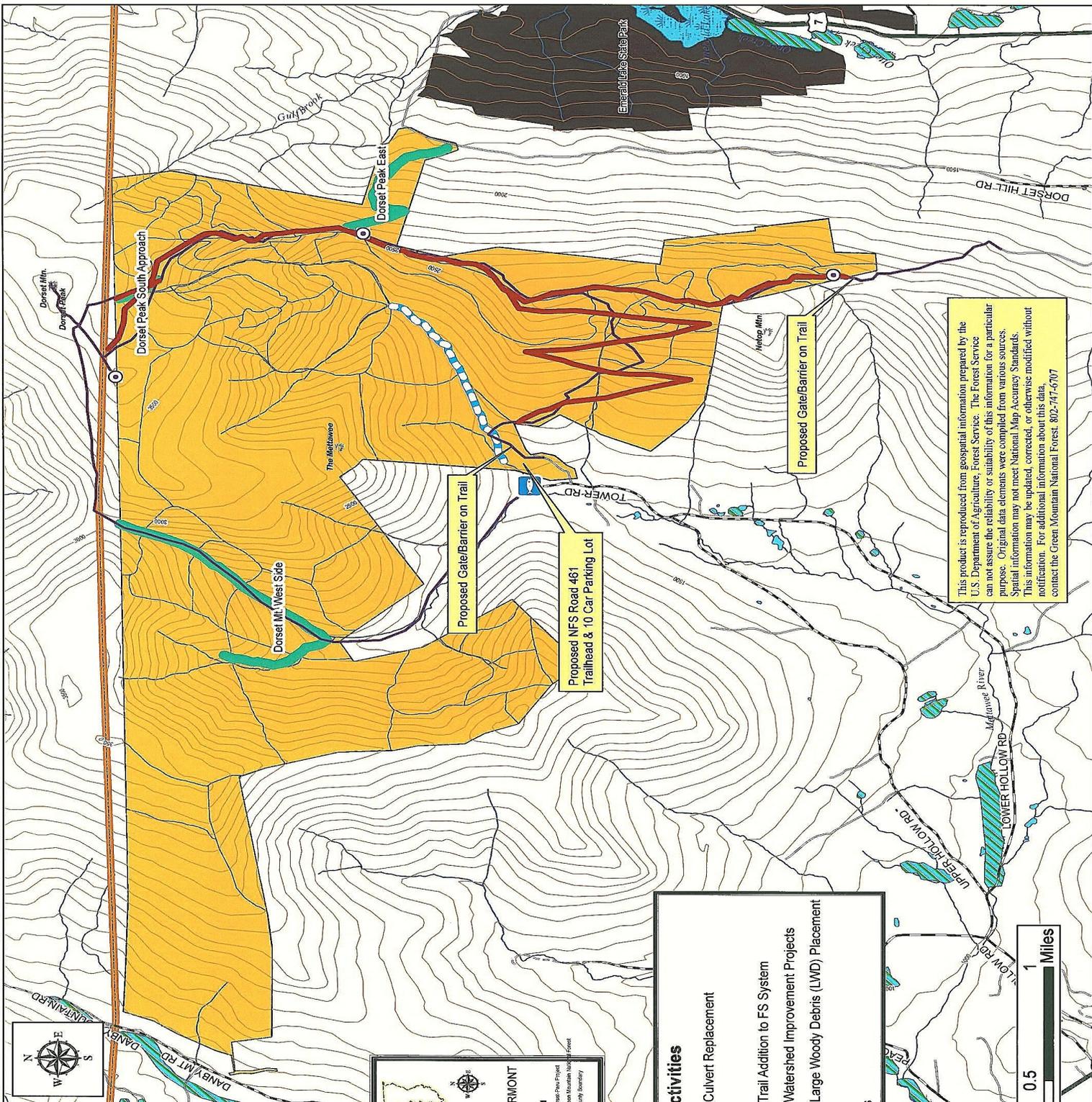
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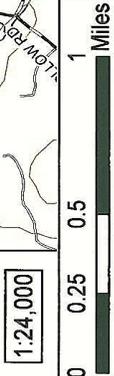
- Class 1 wetland
- Class 2 wetland
- Class 3 wetland
- Uplands (non-wetland)
- Water
- Marsh
- Lake/Pond
- Double-line Rivers
- Flowing Water
- Remote Backcountry Forest
- Green Mountain National Forest
- State Park
- State Forest

Proposed Activities

- Proposed Culvert Replacement
- DP/Vistas
- Proposed Trail Addition to FS System
- Proposed Watershed Improvement Projects
- Proposed Large Woody Debris (LWD) Placement
- Summits
- DP Stands



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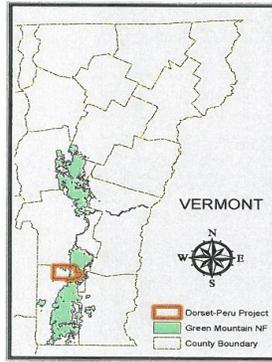
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Dorset Peru Integrated Resource Project

Map 3 East Dorset/Peru Proposed Activities Alternative B

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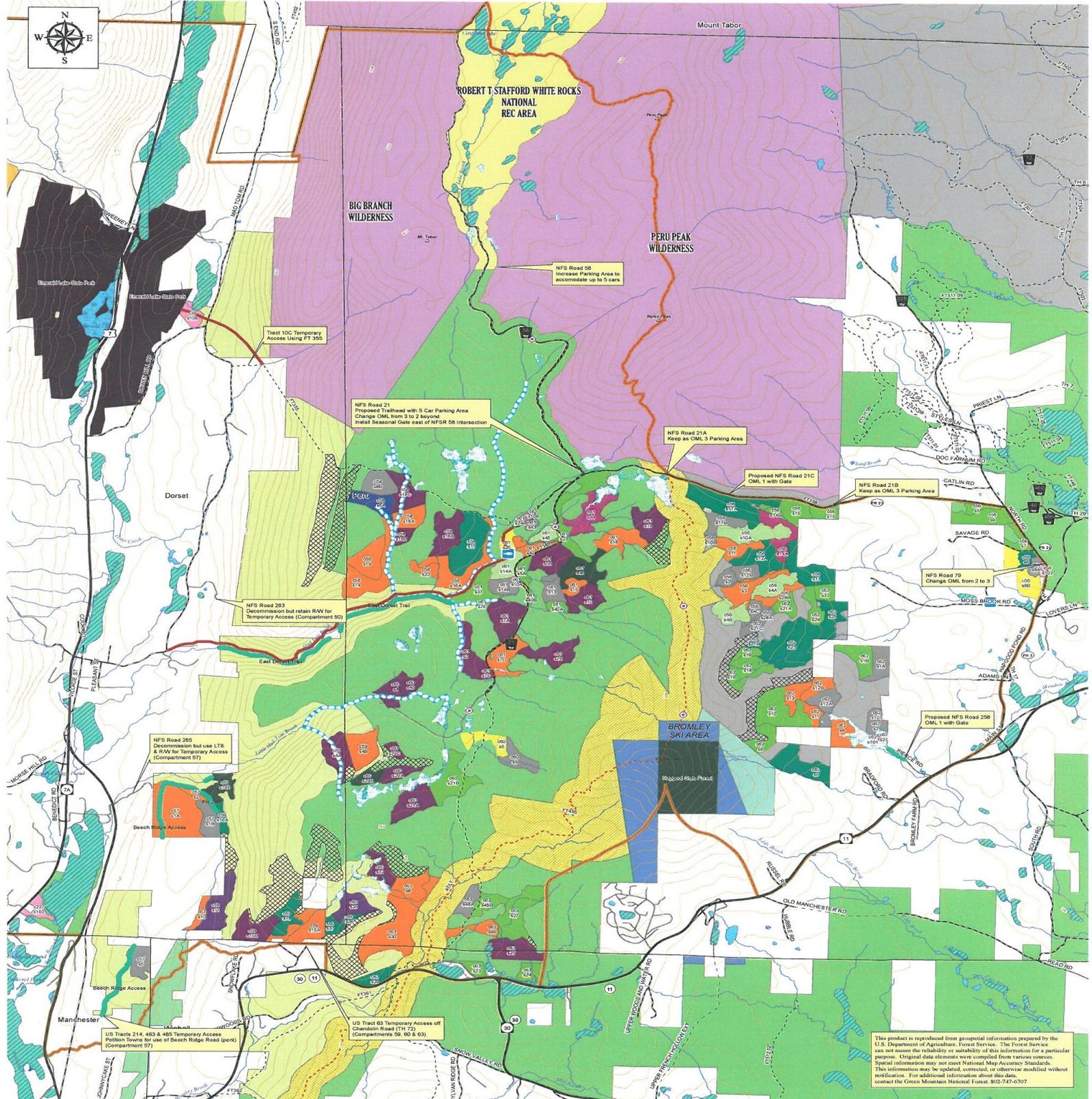
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Legend

- DP/Vistas
- Proposed Culvert Replacement
- Proposed Trail Addition to FS System
- EmLakeEastDorset
- Proposed Watershed Improvement Projects
- Proposed Large Woody Debris (LWD) Placement
- Shallow Soils
- Proposed Veg Treatments_4Jan2012
 - Clearcut
 - Convert To Opening
 - Group Selection
 - Improvement Cut
 - Overstory Removal
 - Restore Existing Opening
 - Seed Tree
 - Shelterwood
 - Shelterwood with Reserves
 - Single Tree Selection
 - Thinning
 - Timber Stand Improvement
- Summits
- 100R Contours
- AT/LT
- Forest Trails
- Road Surface
 - Paved Road
 - Gravel Road
 - Dirt or Unimproved Road
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 - Town Boundary
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 - Wetlands Mapped by GMMF
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- Wilderness
- Remote Backcountry Forest
- Robert T Stafford White Rocks National Rec Area
- Diverse Forest Use
- Diverse Backcountry
- Remote Wildlife Habitat
- Alpine Ski Areas
- Appalachian National Scenic Trail
- Green Mountain Escarpment
- Alpine Ski Area Expansion
- State Park
- State Forest
- Green Mountain National Forest

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VERMONT LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS WORKSHOP:

Tuesday October 2nd at 6:30pm at the Dorset Town Offices.

“Conducting Effective Meetings & Hearings”

Dorset residents are invited to an upcoming land use information workshop. The Vermont League of Cities & Towns (VLCT), will present “conducting effective meetings & hearings”. The workshop will outline the key element of how land use regulatory proceedings are handled at the local level. The VLCT staff are a great source of information on these topics and always conduct a worthwhile workshop.

The regular Dorset Planning Commission meeting will follow the workshop.

Reminder to Dorset Taxpayers:



PSST!

**First installment of
property taxes is due:**

Tuesday Sept. 11th

Mail payments to

Town Manager's Office:

PO Box 715 East Dorset, VT 05253

Or pay at the Town Offices:

112 Mad Tom Rd. East Dorset, VT

05253

Late payments are subject to interest

Call 362-4571 x 4 with questions.

Town of Dorset

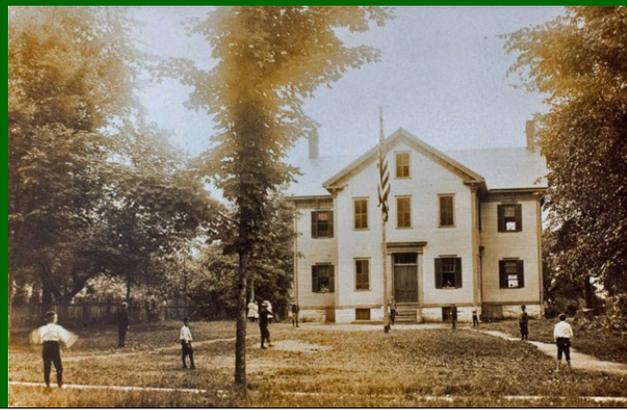
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Fax: 802-362-5156

Email: townmanager@gmail.com

Website: www.dorsetvt.org



East Dorset Village School early 1900's

Fall Events in Dorset



The Dorset Farmers Market is a producer only market located in beautiful Dorset Vermont, we are committed to the following principles grow, create, buy and sell locally. **Be sure to visit the Dorset farmer's market website for more information**

www.dorsetfarmersmarket.com



Sept 15 & 16: Discover Dorset Weekend sponsored by the Dorset Chamber of Commerce.

Sept 16: School to Tavern: East Dorset History Walk Walk through history on Benedict Road in East Dorset on Sunday, September 16th. This community, locally known as South Village, grew up along the Bennington-Rutland Road/aka Route 7. Come *Discover Dorset* and explore East Dorset history with the Dorset Historical Society.

Participants are asked to meet at 2 p.m. at the Wilson House in East Dorset Village and car pool to the southern end of Benedict Road where the first encounter will be with the South Village Schoolhouse, now the home of Dick and Trudy Myers. The last stop on Benedict Road will be the Peter and Sue Palmer residence, formerly the Deming Tavern. There will be refreshments afterwards at the Wilson House and sharing of anecdotes, memories and memorabilia. This event is part of the Dorset Chamber *Discover Dorset* weekend events and coordinated by Ruth Stewart of East Dorset. For more information contact 867-0331 or go to www.dorsetvthistory.org.

Sept 20: Lunchtime Lecture Series: **Adirondack Notes: 1895 & 1896** with Sid Whelan. 12-1 p.m.

Oct 18: Lunchtime Lecture Series: **Oriental Rugs** with James Gavagan. 12-1 p.m.

Oct 24: Annual Meeting

Energy Committee Notes

PACE: Planning an energy improvement project on your home? Be sure to learn about Dorset's PACE program and how it may be able to help with this process.

Visit: www.encyvt.com/pace for more info!

- On August 18th the "perfect house committee" sponsored a demonstration of ways to properly insulate and make your home more energy efficient. Certified BPI contractors were on hand to answer questions and give tips on saving energy in your home.

More information about the "Perfect House Committee" and their mission can be found at: www.perfect-house.org