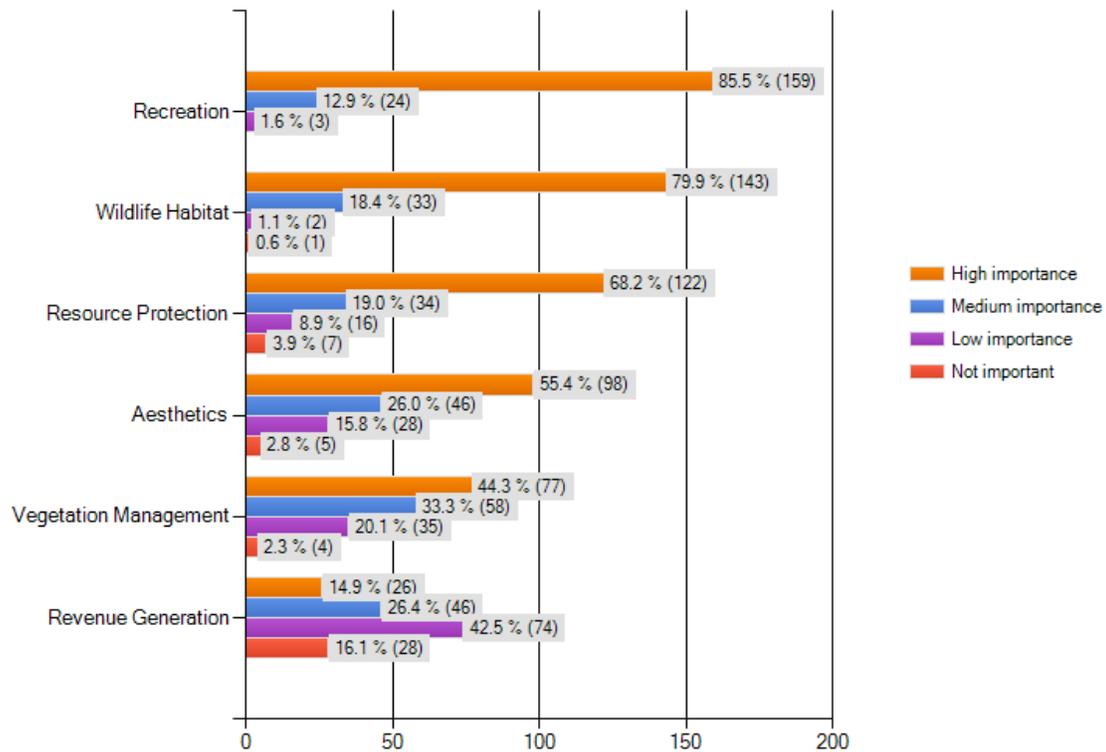


APPENDIX E (Part 1)

CHMU LRMP Public On-Line Survey Results & Comments and Responsiveness Summary

Question 1:

Which issues are most important to you regarding the management of the Camel's Hump Management Unit?(Vegetation management includes logging, firewood cutting, and mowing).



Additional Comments:

- 1- Vegetation Mngmt. and Wildlife Habitat are resource Protection.
- 2- Wildlife management.
- 3- Early successional wildlife habitat.
- 4- Prioritize Wildlife management w/NO motorized vehicles!!
- 5- Access for all members of the public is important including handicapped.
- 6- Ecological awareness, spiritual awareness, reverence, awe, gratitude.
- 7- "Vegetation Mngmt" = hiking and x-c ski trail management are OK (but no added snowmobile or mountain bike trails) -- and please leave the forest alone!
- 8- Protect property rights.
- 9- Snowmobiling and 4-wheeling.
- 10- ATV recreational access.
- 11- Keep snowmobile trails open: Very important.

- 12- Include motorized recreation, especially snowmobiling.
- 13- XC Ski Access - high importance.
- 14- The aesthetics are naturally there and require little management other than vi management as the key to abundant and healthy wildlife. Vermont Traditions Coalition does not support restricted "wilderness" or set asides by another name. Revenue generation from timber sales, etc. is important but secondary to recreational opportunity for the taxpayers who paid for the land and the personnel to manage it.

-Wildlife habitat management is a continuing priority of management on the CHMU.

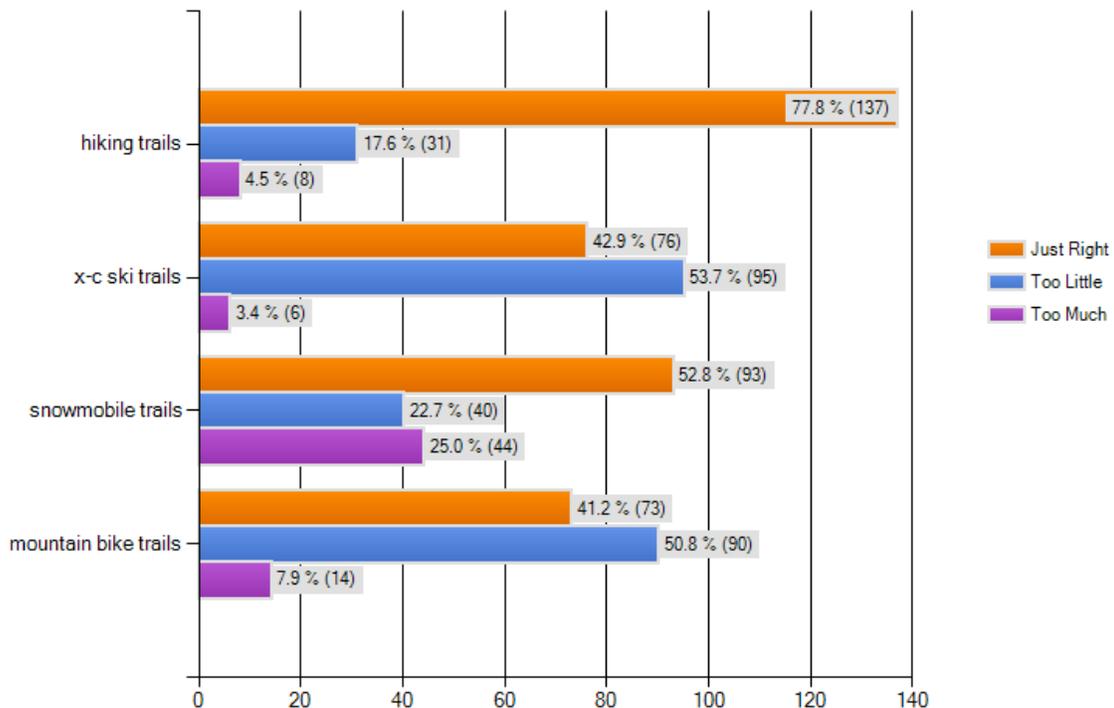
-Additional motorized recreation is not planned for on the CHMU. State policy does not allow for recreational use of ATV's on state land.

-There is one trail on the CHMU that used to be accessible, the Camel's Hump View Trail on the Duxbury Block. We hope to bring that trail back to an accessible standard. Access by disabled persons is supported on state lands. Visitors with a mobility disability will be allowed to access certain roads and trails with mobility devices in association with the existing policy. See the following website for additional information: <http://fpr.vermont.gov/accessibility>

-The plan is to allow the existing snowmobile trails on the CHMU to remain, but not expand.

Question 2:

At present there are just under 80 miles of officially designated trails and improved forest roads available for recreation on the CHMU. Of this total there are approximately 31 miles of hiking trails, 18 miles of x-c ski trails, 15 miles of snowmobile trails, and 3.5 miles of mountain bike trails. ATV's are not allowed on this land unit for recreation. Do you think this amount of trails is:



What changes or improvements would you suggest to the trail network?

Hiking:

- 1- The trails are fabulous and the volunteers are great. It would be nice to create an additional trail to take some of the burden off of Burrows and Monroe; they take a beating.
- 2- Drainage and bridge work.
- 3- More hiking trails would be fine too, but that's the 3rd priority since there are so many that are already well established.
- 4- Brushing out the hiking trails a little more routinely would be good.
- 5- A trail on the other side of Gleason Brook from the LT, tying into the old LT, would add an interesting perspective and views.
- 6- As this is such a heavily hiked area, investigate more hiking trails, highlighting a few great spots other than the summit - not every trail has to go up a mountain.

-The State is considering re-opening the former Callahan Trail route, with minor adjustments to the route; this project would take a considerable amount of trail work.

-Maintenance of trails is a high priority; more could always be done, but resources are limited.

-There are a few trail relocation options being explored, but no additional new hiking trails are envisioned.

Cross Country Ski:

- 1- Make the Camel's Hump challenge ski route a permanent trail that folks can ski all winter long - not just on the day of the annual event. (x17)
- 2- It would be nice to get more of the Catamount Trail onto State land (off private land) to the extent terrain and other resource considerations permit.
- 3- Consider developing an area with officially sanctioned gladed backcountry ski trails, possibly on Bald Hill. I'd love to see a classic ski glade cut and maintained as opposed to skiers constantly hacking their way back into prime backcountry spots. At this point some of the better spots that support backcountry alpine skiing are worthy of an "official" trail to get to them.
- 4- More Cross Country Skiing trails. (x8)
- 5- As a user of the camel's hump skiers association trails and a participant in the annual camel's hump challenge, I strongly support the following: I'm a xc skier and an enthusiastic supporter of the long-term efforts of Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Area (CHNSA), the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), and the Camel's Hump Challenge (CHC) organizers to coordinate the introduction of new xc ski trail routes in the Camel's Hump Mgt Unit. CHNSA provides a network of groomed and ungroomed xc ski trails on the western aspect of Camel's Hump. The Catamount Trail Association maintains a xc ski trail that runs the length of Vermont and the Camel's Hump Challenge trail provides a wilderness experience circumnavigating Camel's Hump. The proposed new trail routes would all connect to and be accessed by the existing xc ski trail network of the non-profit CHNSA or from Catamount Trail access points in the area. They are being identified by GPS mapping which will illustrate their interconnectedness and locations. The proposals include: 1. Mapping and marking the CHC "around-the-Hump" backcountry trail. 2. Re-routing the Catamount Trail in the Camel's Hump area to a higher elevation (around 2500'), 3. Developing a backcountry ski trail from CHNSA that would lead to the Bald Hill ridgeline and Little Baldy and afford skiers access to telemark skiing off the slopes of Bald Hill; 4. Establishing a backcountry loop departing from the north end of the existing Lion's Ridge Trail on the west rim of the Honey Hollow drainage basin and accessing the Robbins Mountain ridgeline and

additional telemarking terrain. 5. Establishing a groomed trail rising gently east from the CHNSA "Stagecoach Road" trail on private land, to a Bald Hill saddle loop in CHSP, at about 2200', 6. Continuing a groomed route in CHSP descending gently south and west from the Bald Hill saddle loop (#5) that returns skiers to the existing CHNSA trail system Thanks for listening. (x7)

- 6- x/c ski trail networks could be conservatively expanded, including making the Camel's Hump Challenge trail available for public access through the ski season. Moderate expansion of wilderness experience trails (minimal and ungroomed), if limited to winter xc ski use, would be beneficial with the least environmental impact of any other incursion.
- 7- I would like to see additional cross country skiing trails marked. These have the lowest environmental impact, being used in the winter months, and little effect on habitat. Establishing a backcountry loop departing from the north end of the existing Lion's Ridge Trail on the west rim of the Honey Hollow drainage basin and accessing the Robbins Mountain ridgeline would be another.
- 8- As a Waterbury resident and the author of a guidebook on backcountry skiing in the Northeast (which includes a chapter on Camel's Hump), I support the proposal by the Catamount Trl Ass. to relocate and consolidate the backcountry ski trails on Camel's Hump. This would be helpful in making it more clear to skiers where to go and would merging a confusing ski trail network into one shared path. A great idea that has minimum impact on the forest.
- 9- • easier parking/access to the trail from the Burrow's Trail parking lot • use of a portion of the existing Camels Hump Circuit trail as part of the CT • relocation of over 5 miles of the CT off private parcels and onto conserved State Park land • location of CT at higher elevations, providing more consistent snow coverage for a longer season • continued connectivity to the CHNSA trail network.
- 10- Formalize the Bald Mountain ski trails. Connect trail network to the adjacent WMAs.
- 11- Allow more cross country and back country ski trails because they have little if any environmental impact. Make sure they are not obvious to hikers so they don't get used by hikers. Light winter use will not cause erosion, unduly disturb wildlife or in any way change the environment.

-The State is working with the Catamount Trail Association at the possibility of relocating a section of the Catamount Trail on the southern side of Camel's Hump.

-The State is supportive of designating the Challenge cross-country ski trail as a winter long trail.

-The State is supportive of some additional cross-country ski trails adjacent to the Camel' Hump Nordic Ski Association trails.

-The state is open to glade management in the Bald Hill area, and in the vicinity of the old Callahan Trail, assuming a partnering organization is available to help manage this use.

-The State may support establishment of groomed cross-country ski trails on the CHMU adjacent to the existing network of the Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Area.

Snowmobile

- 1- Limit snowmobile use based on degradation that results.
- 2- Make sure snowmobile trails are kept open and if one gets closed another one gets opened. VAST pays for trails. Snowmobilers do not ask the State to build or maintain the trail system. Other recreations expect the State of Vermont to build and maintain trails for their sport.
- 3- Currently, only snowmobilers have to pay VAST trail use fees to use the trails on this system, and those members help maintain these trails. Folks who use these trails for other purposes including hiking and cross-country skiing should also have to pay to use this trail system.

- 4- More Open areas for snowmobiling.
- 5- Need to maintain current level of snowmobile access, as these trails are an important link in the Statewide Snowmobile Trail System (SSTS) developed with the cooperation of VAST and State Agencies. Snowmobile access also offers emergency and rescue capabilities in remote areas of Camels Hump.

-The State supports the existing snowmobile trail network on the CHMU. There are no plans to expand the snowmobile trail network on the CHMU.

Mountain Bike:

- 1- Limit mountain biking use based on degradation that results.
- 2- Appropriate development of low elevation biking trails would serve a growing group. Erosion control and education about inappropriate riding conditions including denning and nesting seasons will be important. Expand, connect and preserve more permanent trail networks for mtn. biking and x-c/backcountry skiing with signage and maps.
- 3- I'd love to see more mountain bike trails first and foremost.
- 4- Work with local mountain bike community to develop and maintain trails in sustainable locations.
- 5- More mountain bike trails.
- 6- There are opportunities to connect existing mountain bike networks together and integrate CHSP into a much larger whole. Mountain bikers are sadly underserved by the state park system and trails, particularly at lower elevations are badly needed.
- 7- Allow mountain biking on the WMA's.

-The State supports the concept of additional mountain bike trails adjacent to the existing trail network on the Phen Basin Block in Fayston.

-Mountain bike trails are not allowed on WMA's.

Motorized:

- 1- Allow ATV's to have a trail system there. (x35)
- 2- Please keep ATV's off state lands. NO ATV trails!!! Ever. (x5)

-State policy does not allow for recreational use of ATV's on state land.

Other:

- 1- More trails available year-round.
- 2- Even out the trail systems so users have an equal trail system, some trails could be used by more than one user group, which would make maintenance of these trails a project of more people instead of a handful from a singular group.
- 3- Allow for a more balanced multi use. In general the unit is dominated by hiking trails with little else. More trail for other users is recommended.
- 4- I do not suggest cutting a trail over from Wind Gap to the Burrows trail.
- 5- Do allow for increases in the trail network.
- 6- Encourage more multiple use trails.
- 7- The most important thing for me is having each designated trail marked clearly.
- 8- More forest management and use, less "wilderness" considerations. More active management for game species.

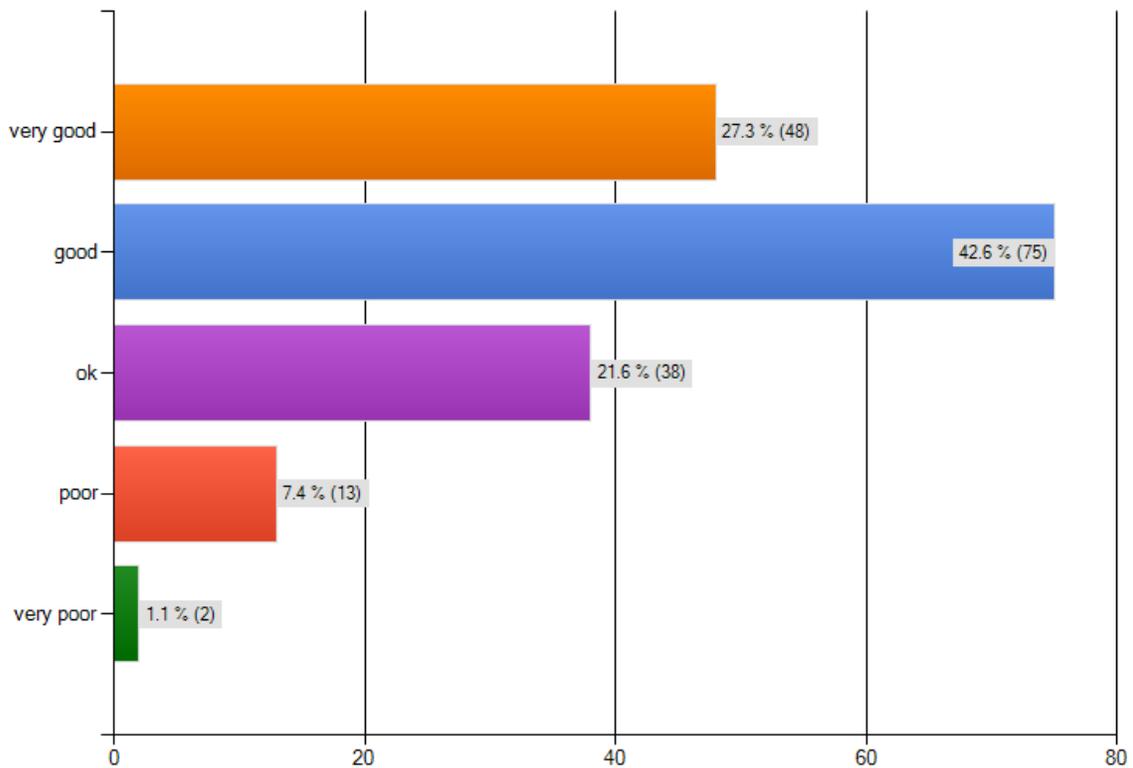
- 9- This is not filled in because these decisions depend on the need of local clubs. Many portions of this sprawling network of state lands are ideal for snowmobiling and the snowmobile trails that are already there are some of the most scenic in the state. Similar consultations need to be had with other trail groups. VTC opposes attempts by trail groups such as the Green Mt. Club to establish trail buffers banning nearby motorized recreation or timber management so that they can have the woods all to themselves. There's room for everyone and the so-called overcrowding issue is way exaggerated. I base this on my own experience hiking in these woods nearby to my home and a long history of quiet recreation as well as motorized recreation throughout much of Vermont.
- 10- Improve existing trails for future sustainability; improve environmental education efforts along the trails to promote allowable and appropriate use, encourage stewardship and volunteerism to help protect resources from environmental impact from heavy or misuse/use.

-Camel's Hump Management Unit is an extremely popular recreation destination. Striking the balance between accommodating growing use and ensuring some areas that are more remote is a challenge. The plan proposes some additional trails, but for the most part, these are in close proximity to existing trail networks.

-Maintenance of the existing trail network is our top priority.

Question 3:

From what you have observed, how would you rate the job the State does with management of the CHMU?



Comments:

Recreation:

- 1- Better trail maintenance.
- 2- The trails can always use work. I'm not sure how volunteers are organized, but they (we) could do more.
- 3- Like always hiking seems to be all the state cares about with recreation.
- 4- Many thanks to GMC for their help!
- 5- I would not mind paying a small daily-use fee into a box at the various CHMU trailheads (as at Mt Mansfield State Park ranger station/parking lot there's a \$3 daily use fee, which is entirely good & justified. \$3 is modest and realistic.) Free use of CHMU is unnecessary, especially given all these new hopeful improvements and additions to the hiking and ski trail network around Camel's Hump. Hikers and x-c skiers shouldn't expect that only the universal VT state income tax system can generate enough management funds to maintain a hopefully expanded trail network in CHMU. But remember, I'm only advocating a very modest \$3 daily use fee into a trailhead box.....(or would vandalism/theft of the box then be an issue? !!! --- but they do this at hiking trailheads in NH White Mountains National Forest -- and have been for years without problems, as far as I know -- I think it's a \$5 daily use fee for the hiking trailhead thick metal boxes on cemented in metal pipe stands).
- 6- Antipathy towards biking in past.
- 7- Nice job, folks! Now let's improve and expand the network of back-country x-c ski trails.
- 8- I don't have any experience with the state's management - they don't do the outreach the CTA and CHSA groups do to alert members and users of their activities, so I don't know who to credit with work and oversight of the trails and area in general.
- 9- I think more effort needs to be made to educate the public about the importance of LNT, keeping off of the trails in the wet season, walking on roots and rocks, and keeping on the trail instead of detouring around wet and muddy spots.
- 10- I think the GMC caretakers on Camels Hump are a valuable tool in education the public.
- 11- My favorite Mountain to hike!!!
- 12- Since I am a hiker and skier, I do not see the state maintaining any of it. it is done by volunteers.
- 13- I have observed only what private entities have accomplished (such as the Camels Hump Skiers Association and Catamount Trail Association). Both of these organizations have been stellar in their care and maintenance.

-Trail maintenance is a high priority of trails management on the CHMU. A combination of efforts makes this happen, including trail crews, seasonal staff, volunteers, and full time staff.

-There are a variety of trails on the CHMU.

-Funding of trails development and maintenance is always a challenge. The State utilizes grants and partners with trails organizations.

-Given limited resources the State is challenged with setting priorities for utilization of available funds.

-The State has been considering alternatives to the existing funding sources.

Motorized Trail Use:

- 1- Keep good relations between VAST and the State. The State needs to recognize the dollar value snowmobilers bring into the State and Business. Mom & Pop Business rely on Snowmobilers for their winter revenue.

- 2- Allowance for off-road vehicles, other than snowmobiles must be part of the program. It's time to start discriminating based on old biases.
- 3- Concerned that ATV's will eventually be allowed access. Feel strongly that ATV represent a significant degradation to the landscape - and although there's a place for all forms of recreation - CHMU is NOT the place for such invasive recreation. Snowmobiles are a close second, but do not cause the same lasting impact on the ground.

-State policy does not allow for the development of trails for recreational ATV use on state lands.

Vegetation Management:

- 1- More funding to support disease and insect, wind and ice damage of mid-elevation paper birch glades and park-like stands of birch. Keep a handle on bootleg trails work w/ backcountry skiers to minimize impact on understory.
- 2- From what I understand timber management should be a higher priority.
- 3- More timber management and public access would be appropriate.
- 4- Design of additional timber harvesting sales, either selective or clear cut (where feasible). There currently are acres of downed, dying and diseased timber stands that provide little if any wildlife habitat or benefits. Active land management includes timber harvesting, not just preservation. There are no wilderness areas in this management unit.
- 5- Expand timber management with wildlife food regeneration in mind, avoiding winter cover. There is too much mature maple & ash up there.
- 6- We should be logging and creating more wildlife habitat. Our economy is in dire straits and we need to create jobs and stop the political (bull). Vermont already has too much forever wilderness in our state so please don't add anymore dead property for us to pay for.
- 7- Make sure that timber management is done and all access remains open to all users.
- 8- I would like to see more vegetative management in the form of commercial timber sales with revenues used to assist in the maintenance of these state lands.
- 9- Recent wildlife clearcuts on Robbins Mtn are a great improvement. Would like to see more selective cuts and possibly soft mast introductions (apple trees, etc).
- 10- I'd like to see more active management of forests to provide wildlife habitat--too much of the forests are mature timber.
- 11- Need to manage the logging of the forest to create revenue and provide habitat for wildlife.
- 12- With proper management the state should allow all recreation and timber harvest and make money. The state of Vermont has failed at most of these and is missing opportunity to pacify a few.
- 13- More active habitat management is needed. It can be a source of revenue for other projects as well.
- 14- I see some barberry left uncontrolled. Would like to see plantations cut in a way that they will re-grow into a more natural forest. Recreational use is too high, year round.
- 15- NO ACTIVE FORESTRY PRACTICES.

-The State plans to continue with sustainable timber management on the CHMU.

-Wildlife habitat management is a high priority for the CHMU.

-Control of invasive species is an important aspect of land management on the CHMU.

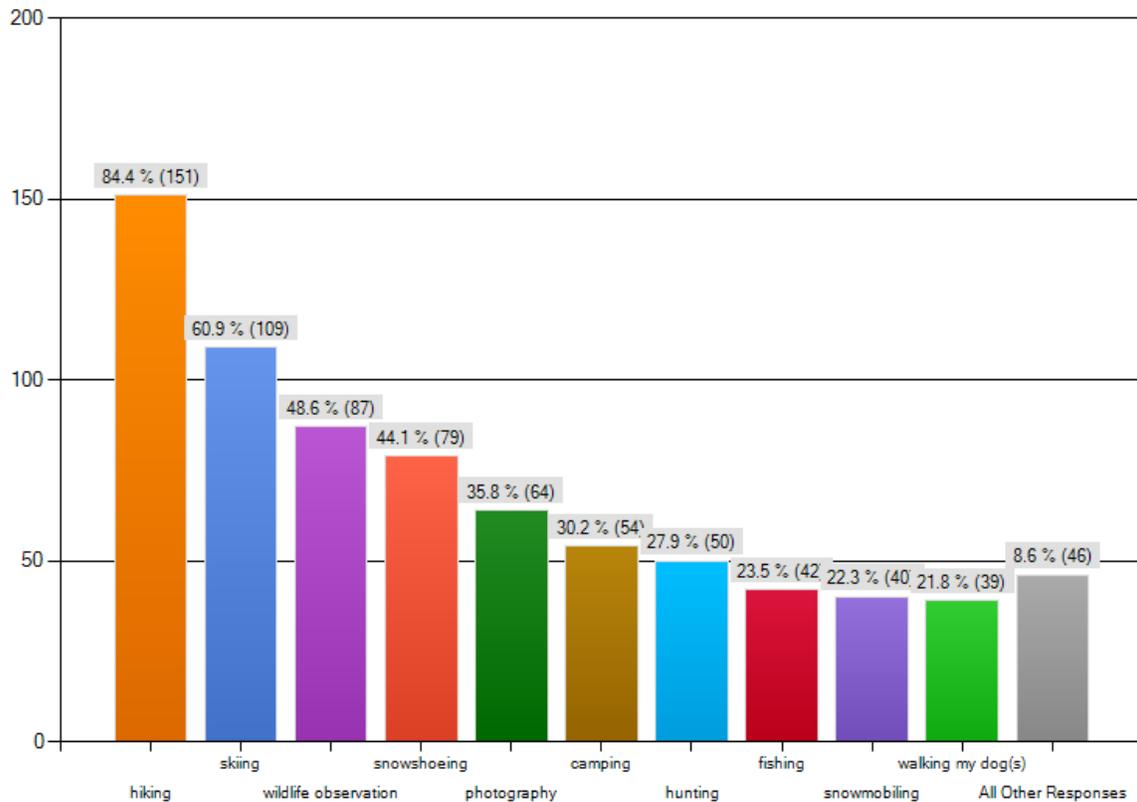
Other:

- 1- Given the amount of pressure on and use of CHMU, I think that the State is doing a very good job.
- 2- Have not enough info.
- 3- The State manages in the same way the Forest Service does, whatever the Federal policy is the State seems to follow suit, and only certain special interest groups get what they want, sometimes in exchange for actively working against other user groups.
- 4- I'm sorry I don't have sufficient info to make this decision right now.
- 5- State staff have always been responsive to my questions and requests for assistance with trail construction and maintenance.
- 6- I don't have sufficient information.
- 7- I'm not sure what the State's job responsibilities include.
- 8- I am grateful to the CHMU for all of its hard work managing a truly wonderful place.
- 9- Not familiar with State management.
- 10- I do not have information that would help me make a decision on this subject.
- 11- I've always been impressed.
- 12- I do not have sufficient information to rate the states management performance of these lands.
- 13- Better erosion control on the forest roads
- 14- Unknown, no information given as to how the land is being managed now?
- 15- Not familiar enough at this point in time to comment.
- 16- Don't really have enough info to make a strong opinion.

-As we move forward the State hopes to be able to do a better job with providing information and education about what we do and what we plan for the future.

Question 4:

What do you use the CHMU for?



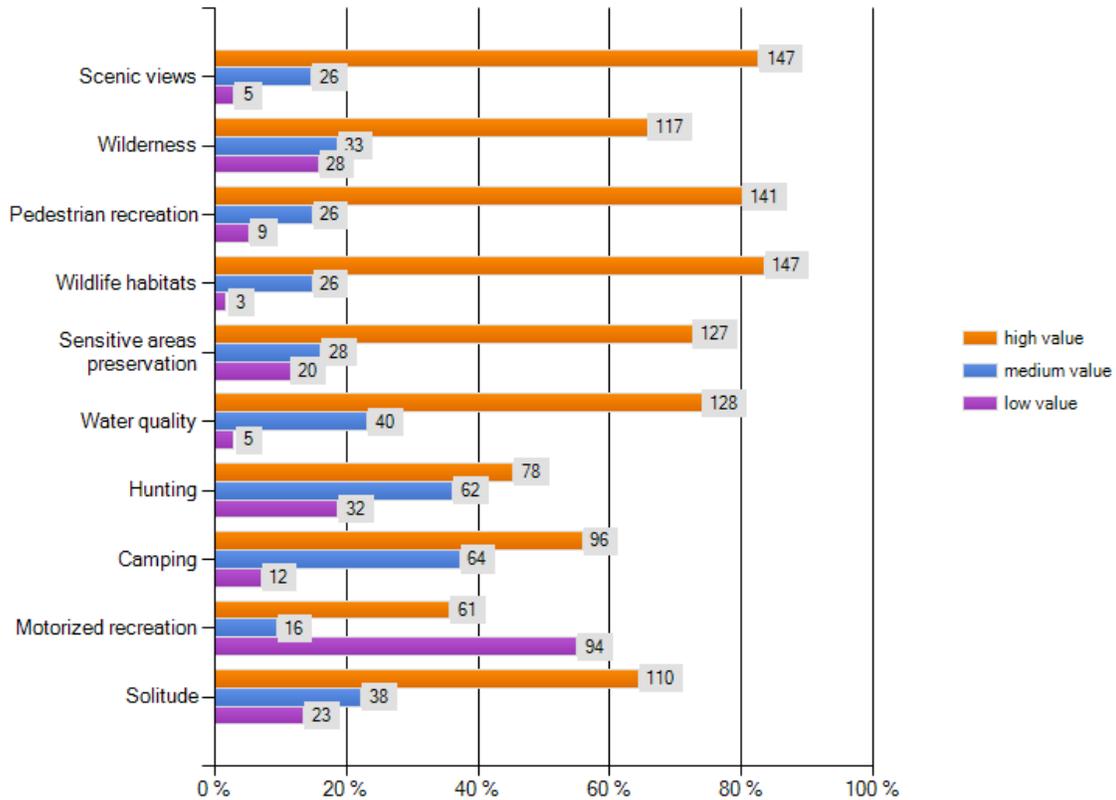
Other (please specify)

- 1- Camel's Hump Challenge Cross country skiing.
- 2- I would like to see some atv trails also, there is more than enough room for everyone.
- 3- Again, I would like ATV access.
- 4- Would like to use for atv riding.
- 5- Any ATV use of state land should be decided on the basis of the law at the time of the proposed use and the individual merits of each proposal.
- 6- my parents are both 70 years old. they have been riding atv's for 15 years. my mom is handicap so i got a side by side. so she could still go riding with us and enjoy the woods and mountains.
- 7- I would also use my ATV if permitted.
- 8- Stream swimming.
- 9- Would like to use my av there.
- 10- Mtn biking.
- 11- Trail running.
- 12- I would like some ATV access.
- 13- Logging is way over due to help with creating proper wildlife areas.
- 14- Allow ATV's and I'll show up more...some people still enjoy this, and they should be allowed to.
- 15- ATV RECREATIONAL RIDING.
- 16- We need atv connector trails thru it.

- 17- Need ATV trails.
- 18- Nothing presently as I am an ATV rider and do not really know what this area has to offer.
- 19- Again, while I like to hike I also like to ride my ATV and I feel that Vermont should not totally restrict motorized use on State land.
- 20- Snowmobiling is the only motorized activity I would deem appropriate.
- 21- while up to the present time I have not used the CHMU area I believe that allowing atv use of some of the trails would open this area up many people who otherwise would never be able to see how truly majestic the green mountains are. If it could be opened to some atv use through a daily permit process I believe you could control what goes on.
- 22- Solitude and escape into nature.
- 23- State of VT wood lot program - Honey Hollow in previous years.
- 24- Just looking at it and living so closely to it!
- 25- Contiguous land, buffer.
- 26- Trail Running.
- 27- Peace and quiet.
- 28- To reboot my soul!!!
- 29- Swimming.
- 30- I would bike if I knew about any biking trails. I would ski more if there were more trails.
- 31- I'm responding for The Nature Conservancy who has helped ANR acquire lands in this mgmt unit. We are interested in resource protection and how the resource is managed.
- 32- Roadside firewood permit.
- 33- Birding.
- 34- Cross country skiing.

Question 5:

What are the most important values and/or benefits of the CHMU?



Other:

- 1- Skiing.
- 2- ATV access.
- 3- Note: these benefits are primarily benefits to humans.
- 4- I have here championed my own values but I very much respect the various uses to which the Mountain is put.
- 5- Use of surface waters for Micro Hydro facilities. Consider development of mid-elevation hut system like in Maine and Europe to help boost the local economy.
- 6- No atv's.
- 7- Restrict or eliminate snowmobile trails in CHMU -- they make too much air pollution (you smell the lousy 2-stroke engine oil/gas even hundreds of yards away), and the irritating intrusive loud noise pollution is unacceptable (you hear them a mile away) -- IF THEY'D JUST PUT NOISE MUFFLERS ON THEM AND IF THEY EMMITTED NO SMELLY, HARMFUL GASES INTO THE AIR, I WOULD NOT HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH SNOWMOBILES!
- 8- You need good wildlife habitats to see wildlife.
- 9- Only snowmobiling as motorized use.
- 10- Forest management.
- 11- What are traditional uses???

- 12- What do you mean by "traditional uses?"
- 13- Mountain biking.
- 14- What do you mean by "traditional uses??"
- 15- Habitat linkage.
- 16- Traditional uses should be defined.

-Traditional uses include hunting, fishing, trapping, logging, farming, hiking, firewood cutting, skiing, swimming, and camping.

Question 6:

What conflicts do you foresee and how would you resolve these conflicts?

Motorized vs. non-motorized:

- 1- Motorized and non-motorized users. No place for motorized transportation in CHMU - except perhaps quieter snowmobiles (4 cylinder).
- 2- Many people will oppose the use of OHV on state lands because of their lack of knowledge of responsible use. With me living very close to the CHMU, most of the land does not get used at all for any recreation with the exception of hunting.
- 3- People on motorized transport want to get out into quiet, unspoiled areas, not really seeing the irony. I don't believe in taking anything away from people, but I do believe in non-impactive interactions with the woods and with each other. Smoke-spewing vehicles work great for those on them, not so great for those who have to listen to them or breathe in the exhaust. I can't see a way to resolve these conflicts happily because ATV and snow machine owners don't view woods or relationships in the same fashion.
- 4- ATV's can do damage and interfere aesthetically VASA can repair any damage, restrictions of time could allow for sharing without interference.
- 5- Allow future use of atvs.
- 6- Non-motorized users are always against any other uses, I know, I have had confrontations with hikers on the National Forest while using my ATV on my access to my land, these people have even told me that I have no right to own land where I do.
- 7- Conflicts are avoidable as long as people are willing to share a little bit. Many VASA clubs allow other forms of recreation to share our trails.
- 8- Conflict between motorized and non-motorized use; Allow ATV use similar to snowmobile and mountain bike uses.
- 9- Motorized use and logging vs. human powered and preservation. Preserve Preserve Preserve.
- 10- The use of atvs. Allow limited use of trails for atvs.
- 11- Any lobby effort for motorized ATVs will conflict with wildlife habitat preservation and advocates thereof. Keeping ATVs out is important to limiting damage.
- 12- Increased accessibility for snowmobiles is putting more and more pressure on the trail system, the habitat and the wilderness ski experience. Only resolution is to ban them. There are too few places to ski in unsullied wilderness (even in VT) and too many for snowmobiles already.
- 13- Motorized versus non-motorized use.
- 14- From the perspective of a devoted cross country skier, traditionally my own intrapsychic conflict has been with snowmobiles. A beautiful ski track laid down by skiers in the snow serves to route one's skis: snowmobiles and even snowshoes obliterate that parallel 'inverse rail'. But conflicts

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- 17- Motorized vs. non-motorized users and the latter should have greater and more extensive access as the impact is far less than a motorized vehicle.
- 18- Hippies won't want motorized anything. The state will allow snowmobiles. Lots of people will get screwed out of recreation opportunities, not to mention logging opportunities. The woods are big enough so everyone should be able to do what they enjoy.
- 19- ATVs - Don't ever let them of access.
- 20- Pedestrians vs. ATVs: Keep ATV tracks from crossing hiking trails.
- 21- Motors vs. non. Keep motors out.
- 22- I can foresee unmanaged access to OHV being a conflict. Involving organization similar to VAST which are managed outside of the state to relieved the burden on the state. This additional access option to a resource we "all own" will generate economic benefits through additional visits to the area for use. Lodging, meals, taxes and jobs.
- 23- Motorized vs. non-motorized recreation; Motorized Rec. participants are willing to compromise and are willing to accept restrictions; other parties should also.
- 24- Motorized vehicles in the backcountry -- eliminate or reduce.
- 25- ATV's trying to push into this area prized by quiet users.
- 26- No ATV access. I think some ATV trails would help me access the management units as I get older. I pay taxes on this property and would like to use it the way I use to.
- 27- Motorized vehicles (4 wheelers, etc.) have done a lot of trail damage in areas. They should not be allowed.
- 28- Allow ATV access!!!
- 29- not having land for all types of recreational vehicles including ATVS.
- 30- Illegal atv use, fix by legal atv use(vasa).
- 31- Conflicts between motorized recreation groups and non-motorized groups. However, there is room for all and everyone should have the opportunity to recreate on any state land.
- 32- "Motorized recreation" is biased. There are only 3- major possibilities- snowmobiles, trucks, and 4-wheelers. As you know the trucks and 4-wheelers can only be used for management, not recreation. Many people have issue with 4-wheelers, significantly fewer with snowmobiles. Presented as a group your data will be unreliable on your real question, snowmobiling.
- 33- I see a greater request for more motorized recreation in the CMHU. Since these lands are for all Vermonters perhaps some section no known for its solitude could be developed to satisfy these requests.

- 34- Separate non- and motorized recreation. If not possible, need education @ shared use.
- 35- Snowmobile use on designated trails is fine, but ATV use is not, except in VERY limited lower areas and unlike snowmobiles I don't believe they are easily controlled.
- 36- ATV use-- If it must be allowed somewhere, maybe only on small portions of the VAST trail away from more sensitive wildlife areas.
- 37- Motorized and extractive uses versus protection, preservation, and providing a stretch of land where we can find peace and solitude.
- 38- I see ATVs trying to impede on the tradition of quiet pursuits on this land. It should be kept special first for the hunters who pay for it and also for the foot-borne other users of the forest. I also see the need to continue to cut mature non-mast (maple, etc.) hardwood stands that are prominent in this area.
- 39- Will always have conflict with people who love the noise of motorized vehicles just have to keep reminding them of the intent of the original plan of "forever wild".
- 40- The on-going conflict of non-motorized and motorized use of state lands. Designation of certain areas as non-motorized, allowing current motorized areas to remain and be maintained in a way that would preserve and enhance their use. Limited access of ATVs to certain areas needs to be investigated as this is a growing sector of recreation in the state.
- 41- Motorized vehicle sports have lots of money for lobbying.
- 42- ATV's cause man problems.
- 43- Motor vehicle use, traffic, speeding, parking.
- 44- Any motorized use conflicts with non-motorized use, and the latter should be the focus of park efforts. Snowmobile trails should be kept separate from any ski or hiking trails.
- 45- Do not allow motorized recreation in the CHMU.
- 46- Motorized users are much more tolerant of other uses than "quiet" users. There needs to be as much public access and multiple use that accommodates the needs of all users.
- 47- Motorized vehicle access should be very closely monitored to keep the mountain's environment healthy. I would offer those who'd rather ride through the woods the benefits of using your two feet to gain access to the back country. You can see more and gain the rewards the mountain has to offer for your efforts!
- 48- The usual motorized vs. non-motorized conflicts. But I'm not aware of a current conflict. So looks like these trails are away from each other.
- 49- I'm sure ATV riders would like access to some roads/trails; the ban should continue. Some folks may think that there are too many people on the Hump, I don't like limiting the number of hikers but it may come to that.
- 50- I would continue the ban on ATV use (better policing of this policy may be needed). I would oppose any consideration of commercial wind energy development.
- 51- Educate trail users on the importance of all forms of recreations. Our state lands should continue to allow and heighten managed motorized recreation opportunities.
- 52- Keep ATVs out of the CHMU.
- 53- I have hiked and hunted Robbins Mt WMA for 40 yrs., kids, grandkids, etc., it's a nice, nearby, fairly remote resource and I would hate to see a lot of traffic of any sort, certainly not motorized.
- 54- Hikers wanting more wilderness and restricting power sports use as a taxpayer of the State I would like to see traditional uses with increased logging and only use comment from individuals not special interest groups.

Recreation/wildlife vs. vegetation management:

- 1- There is a desire to extend skiing (and other trails?) into the Robbins Mtn. WMA. This should only be allowed if compatible with wildlife management, which should have priority here.
- 2- Activity conflicting with each other, reroute, relocate trails to move like interests together and separate conflicting interests.
- 3- Illegal ski trail cutting is a problem. This might be mitigated by permanent recognition of more trails or ski corridors.
- 4- Logging below 2500' and Moose. Moose browse currently prevents regeneration of shade tolerant species within 1800' and higher. This promotes hobblebush thickets and other shrubs and/or stunted sugar maple. Either no cutting or large patch cuts (20+ acres) with site preparation would be able to resolve these conflicts.
- 5- Although traditional, hunting and logging can cause conflicts; with good management these can be minimized.
- 6- Illegal cutting of trails for skiing, mtn biking, etc.
- 7- Logging and recreation. Perhaps limiting logging to the times of year with less recreational demand.
- 8- Could be a conflict with wild life and some logging and water quality. Keep an eye on loggers making sure they follow standard procedures with water bars and other erosion control methods. Keep ski trails and snowmobile trails well separated from each other.
- 9- Pedestrian recreation can come into conflict with areas that are being actively logged. Resolution would be by providing trail buffers that exclude logging where possible. For places where this is not possible or practical, provide careful signage and control, and provide maintained crossings for trails to cross logging roads. Do the logging work in these multi-use areas as quickly as possible, then restore/cleanup and return to usefulness for pedestrian recreation as quickly as possible. Do LOTS of coordination and shared management of these conflict areas, involving CTA - CHNSA - GMC, and the loggers.
- 10- Extractive activities vs. preservation. Sensitivity to what it takes to maintain a delicate ecological balance vs. the concept of having a "right" to do whatever you want on the land. Awareness of a larger picture vis-a-vis watershed issues, wildlife corridors, etc. vs. the desire to extract resources or recreate in a manner inappropriate in a delicate ecosystem.
- 11- Too many people view active habitat management as bad--educating people on the value of early successional habitat and having a variety of age-classes, different forest types, etc. would go a very long way towards changing people's opinions.
- 12- Efforts by some groups to restrict other groups' forms of recreation, timber management, etc.

User experiences:

- 1- By letting everyone enjoy their sport everyone can work together to keep the trails and woods clean and patrol the bad groups.
- 2- All Vermont taxpayers deserve equal rights and access to State lands.
- 3- Competing interests can lead to conflict - balancing interests and avoiding overlaps (i.e. locate differing uses in different areas or in differing seasons) is key. When human use is in conflict with the wellbeing of natural communities, natural communities should be given special consideration by the State. In this area, I believe the State has a responsibility to advocate for the sustained wellbeing of flora and fauna.
- 4- Access v. solitude.
- 5- Too much over population
- 6- Property rights.

- 7- Population is the big problem. I do not know how to solve that problem. I do not want to see a limit on the number of people per day sort of rule.
- 8- Recreation is the only chance for Vt. It should be promoted.
- 9- This should be self-managed. There's enough room for everyone to have a place to use.
- 10- Sharing with different recreations.
- 11- I would imagine the only conflicts would be from the folks who do not want to share. It has been my experience that those that have what they want could care less about any one else's wants or needs. To resolve these issues you have to ask yourself honestly where do you personally come down on the issue and are you willing to compromise.
- 12- There is plenty of room to avoid most conflicts.
- 13- CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE PASSIVE FOLKS AND THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOT.
- 14- Folks who want solitude will have to go elsewhere or use the area at inhospitable times. There is just a lot of demand for use of the area. Use and protection conflict, but wise use can be balanced with protection.

Trail types/uses:

- 1- Some conflicts between hikers and mtn. bikers but minor. Bootleg ski trails can get out of control.
- 2- All the various groups disagreeing and getting nowhere. Have people understand we must share and work together for the common good.
- 3- I do not see any conflicts that could not be resolved between the parties involved. The area is large enough for everyone to use and not bother each other.
- 4- There would be a conflict if some users, that helped pay for the land, were excluded from using their land.
- 5- Most conflicts originate at the trail heads or access areas. More assess areas or improve the existing ones would be a solution.
- 6- Overuse and erosion would be primary culprits of any new trail development, but these can be overcome.
- 7- Overuse if the popular hiking trails.
- 8- Hiker/biker conflicts can be avoided by providing designated mountain biking trails within the park. Bikers don't want to ride hiking trails when good mountain bike trails are available.
- 9- Do not cater to only one group. open the land to all recreation.
- 10- Watch out for rogue back country skiers cutting private trails and glades!
- 11- Too many day hikers and skiers. Don't advertise the trails. Encourage GMC not to promote them.
- 12- I'm sure there is a concern that additional ski trails may invite non-winter use of trails that should be minimized or avoided to support wildlife habitat and sensitive areas. Perhaps very clear signs at applicable trail heads that promote winter-use only, with the acknowledgement that the trails will be discontinued if non-winter use occurs.

Other:

- 1- I see no conflicts. Current management is fine. There is enough land for everyone to enjoy.
- 2- Not sure.
- 3- No comment.
- 4- None. Any that arise should be resolved through education and understanding.
- 5- Environmentalists who won't listen and always think they know everything.
- 6- Unwillingness of some advocacy and user groups to share our resources responsibly.

- 7- Vermont is letting organizations from outside VT dictate with their lawyers what we do with our land. We need to manage and use our land to benefit Vermonters first not organizations from other states.
- 8- Conflict=True North Wilderness Program.
- 9- Conflicts may arise with increased group interests using this area for recreational use. One way to resolve conflicts is to work closely and consistently with all user groups to help manage and promote appropriate use in concert with FPR's mission & values. Be sure to identify what kinds of use that would diminish the value of this parcel, that people have enjoyed and valued for many years and to wrap these messages into conversations with individuals and groups while accentuating why Camel's Hump State Park is so amazing because of the people who take personal responsibility to keep this area special. Promote leave no trace; respect for the land, water, and people who make the efforts to maintain this area this generation and the next to come to enjoy. Set up a system where friends and others can make donations for future preservation and management.

Question 7:

How can the managers of the CHMU better accommodate your interests or needs on the CHMU?

Recreation:

- 1- I would like to see the Camel's Hump Challenge one-time-per-year trail become a regular winter use only trail similar to the Bolton to Trapps trail. This provides an opportunity for individuals wanting a long distance backcountry ski experience. I would suggest signage that this is a long and backcountry trail and should not be done alone. (x4)
- 2- Significantly expand options for backcountry cross-country skiing trails (ungroomed).
- 3- Work w/ backcountry skiers, NGOs and individuals cutting wild trails.
- 4- More x-c ski trails. (x7)
- 5- Volunteer crews to cut more cross country ski trails.
- 6- More cross country ski trails that connect to Huntington trail system so as to encourage their use and a tourist economy.
- 7- The State should continue to work with the Catamount trail and Camels Hump Ski association to improve and maintain ski trails. Existing hiking trails should be allowed to continue.
- 8- Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Area (CHNSA), the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), and the Camel's Hump Challenge (CHC) organizers to coordinate the introduction of new xc ski trail routes in the Camel's Hump Mgt Unit.
- 9- The Catamount Trail Association would like to make improvements to the route of the Catamount Trail. These reroutes seem reasonable and will improve this important state-long trail. Please give their plan careful consideration.
- 10- Increased opportunities to ski for "average" skiers.
- 11- Logging roads could be open to mountain biking on Duxbury side. Get staff comfortable with biking.
- 12- More organized non-motorized opportunities. Mt Bike trails can be properly cut to minimize impact and can make great hiking trails too. Backcountry ski equipment has come a long way and it is time for the state that has a great history of skiing to embrace the new BC skiing movement and provide opportunities for all levels of Backcountry skiers. If the state provides places to glade ski, perhaps the illegal cutting will slow down!?
- 13- More mountain bike trails. (x3)

- 14- More transparent management, with more inclusion of recreational uses.
- 15- Permit people to recreate anyway possible.
- 16- More back-country pedestrian trails (summer and winter).
- 17- Allow existing trail systems to be maintained and managed so activities can co-exist.
- 18- Rock climbing.
- 19- Increased snowmobile trails. (x2)
- 20- Help with rebuilding snowmobile trails should they get damaged.
- 21- Open the land to all recreation.

-The State supports the concept of designating the Challenge Trail as a winter-long cross-country ski trail. We have been working with a core group of volunteers on this possibility. The first phase would be to better mark the trail, and then establish an agreement with this group to formally adopt the trail for future maintenance. This trail has been used for a fund raiser event for over twenty years, and no significant problems have been experienced.

-The State supports limited additional cross-country ski trails on the CHMU, and is working with the CHNSA and the CTA to develop potential routes.

-The State is working with the CTA to explore options for relocating sections of the Catamount Trail from nearby private land onto state land.

-Most of the existing gravel forest access truck roads on the CHMU are available for bike use already. Logging skid roads that tie in to gravel truck roads are not available for bike use, as they are not built to a standard to accept this kind of use.

-The State agrees that there are limited opportunities for expansion of the mountain bike trails on the CHMU. The location best suited for more trails is adjacent to the existing trails on the Phen Basin Block in Fayston.

-In accordance with FPR policy, rock climbing is allowed unless otherwise restricted. The plan identifies two areas where rock climbing is prohibited. These include the summit area and the newly designated "cliff reserve". The plan does not propose managing any area specifically for rock climbing, building trails to rock climbing spots, or designating rock climbing routes.

-The State does not support increasing the snowmobile trail network on the CHMU.

-The State does assist with the rebuilding of snowmobile trails when needed, and as funds are available.

Motorized Use:

- 1- Allow ATV ridding. (x12)
- 2- Any ATV use of state land should be decided on the basis of the law at the time of the proposed use and the individual merits of each proposal.
- 3- Allowing ATV's and VASA to organize a trail system so everyone can see the beauty this land has to offer. Not everyone can hike or bike to see this wonder.
- 4- Allow other established OHV organizations to manage the use of the trails and infrastructure relieving the burden on the state. It is possible to manage trail systems keeping the environment safe.
- 5- Coordinate an MOU to allow motorized recreation on appropriate and environmentally compatible trail systems.
- 6- Keep ATVs out. (x3)
- 7- Allow motorized uses, year-around, through-out the entire CHMU. Why do the "enviro's" get their form of recreation allowed on EVERY WMA and those of us who need to use "motorized recreation" get little or nothing. Read our State constitution> no people or group of people shall

benefit more than any other person or group of people. That is what you are doing by making these "Non-motorized" areas!

-The State policy on ATV's does not allow their use for recreation purposes on state land.

Public input/information:

- 1- Please make available on the web maps showing existing trails and potential trail changes.
- 2- The public needs to be better educated on "Carry In / Carry Out". Perhaps fines and more enforcement could be added.
- 3- I am generally happy with the management of CHMU. Some better posting at key intersections within the trail network would be useful.
- 4- Keep the public adequately informed of projects in the CHMU.
- 5- Communicate how they are achieving a balance of the need/demand for recreation use vs. wilderness preservation.
- 6- Protect land owner property rights.
- 7- Public literature that defines the current use of the area with maps.
- 8- More education of colleges and other organizations which seem to sponsor inappropriately large groups on the trails. I've encountered college groups, Middlebury and maybe others, with numbers way over 10, on the summit cone of Camel's Hump. They should know better.
- 9- Keep asking the questions.
- 10- Post signage to say what's allowed and what isn't--if it doesn't exist.
- 11- Well announced fundraisers for the Mountains health for like-minded individuals.
- 12- LISTEN TO AND BE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.

-The State maintains a webpage for Camel's Hump State Park which has a map showing recreational trails. (<https://vtstateparks.com/camelshump.html>)

-The existing trail head bulletin boards and shelters have posters explaining the Leave No Trace ethics. The webpage for state lands has this info as well. Enforcement of these policies is very difficult.

-Better signage is always an issue, and is addressed as we move forward with suggestions from various users.

-Keeping the public informed of projects planned is a challenge; we could do better, but are not certain how to do this.

-The State believes we are striking the appropriate balance between recreation and preservation. Recreation and preservation are not mutually exclusive.

-Providing education is a goal, making it happen is tough, but we try.

-We do post basic rules at trail head bulletin boards, and on our webpages.

General Management:

- 1- Always make someone unhappy. Seriously.
- 2- Listen to suggestions and comments of the residents of the area. (Not that they do not now).
- 3- I think a great job is being done now.
- 4- Not sure.
- 5- Open up equal uses for all interest.
- 6- Provide technical support and small funding to existing interest groups in establishing moderate expansion of routes, and assisting with coordination.
- 7- Ban hippies.
- 8- Return it closer to a natural resource, less open capabilities for general public.

- 9- Accommodate more user groups and permit more access points in order to spread users out across the property.
- 10- Keep logging wildlife cuts.
- 11- Start managing with the idea of helping VTs not worrying about being sued by enviro not for profit organizations.
- 12- By being fair and balanced in decisions. Remember the wildlife are not afraid of a motor. They run when they see a human walking. Wildlife are used to the sound of a motor. If you shut the motor off and step off the snowmobile that's when they run.
- 13- Listen to and work with groups that are willing to work together to be all inclusive and good stewards of the land, instead of being exclusive.
- 14- Preserve the status quo.
- 15- More timber management to let the forest and wildlife flourish.
- 16- I believe that all parties can be accommodated if folks are willing to compromise.
- 17- Try not to change much.
- 18- Make your management decisions based on what is best for the ecosystem.
- 19- Cut mature maple stands; prioritize hunters interests above those of non-hunters. (We have done more to pay our way).
- 20- Doing a good job now.
- 21- Continue wildlife habit improvement (logging), otherwise, leave it alone.
- 22- Put ecological preservation at the top of the priority list. If extractive and recreation activities can fit in as secondary priorities, then I'm all for those that are the least destructive.
- 23- Increased logging.
- 24- No wilderness or sensitive area designations the park is already protected by being a park.
- 25- Do NOT set aside restricted wilderness areas - do not surreptitiously "post" portions of this area, making it off-limits to any part of the public.
- 26- There needs to be more active management of State lands in general. State lands are to be used by the people of VT. Multiple use and access need to be stressed over resource protection which should only be considered in isolated instances. Our state needs to limit additions of wilderness as many of our State lands may be needed for other purposes in the future.
- 27- Focus on recreation and active vegetation management. It looks like there has been very little logging on these lands despite the fact that the vast majority of the trees are at harvestable age. Game species and virtually all non-game species suffer as a result.
- 28- They are doing a good job. More and more people are looking to get out in the woods in the winter. CHMU managers need to accommodate them to control their use and balance protection of sensitive areas.
- 29- We would support the creation of a new or expanded Natural Area designation.
- 30- More firewood lots if possible. Back to first come-first served, not lottery.

-The LRMP proposes to continue with active wildlife habitat management.

-The LRMP proposes the use of a balanced and multi-use approach for management.

-Most of the unit is managed in a passive way.

-There are no official "wilderness" areas on the CHMU. Certain areas experience more passive management than others due to a variety of factors including legislative designations, deed restrictions, easements, and simply terrain constraints. The plan does not propose an increase in 'wilderness' areas on the CHMU.

-Recreation management is an important focus for the CHMU.

Question 8: (Additional comments):

Motorized Trails-ATV's:

- 1- How about ATV Mondays for a starter.
- 2- Being from CT where no public ATV riding is allowed, we often ride in VT where we spend hundreds of dollars on registration, club membership, food, hotel accommodations, fuel, etc. We sometimes head over to NH or NY for additional trail access-it would be more economical for us to stay in VT and continue to ride extended trails. It is foolish for CT to forego motorized rec. vehicle income...be smarter.
- 3- I am pro ATV, there is very limited ATV access but the forest is big enough for everybody to enjoy.
- 4- This is a resource we all own and it is not fair to limit it to specific areas of unique interest. All other surrounding states allow access to OHV groups. Vermont is losing to the revenue in many different areas due this.
- 5- I am an ATV user and I enjoy getting out to see many of the remote areas in our states forest. I am 59 years old with bad knees and now not as able to get back to many of the areas of the forest where it might be better hunting or fishing or even many of the scenic areas of the woods. I would like for the state to give the atv'ers a chance to prove that we are not out to ruin our state lands but just want a chance to enjoy them along with all the other groups. We pay our taxes like everyone else and would like the same privileges.
- 6- Our state is 80% forest and we have no legal place to ride ATVs or off-road motorcycles. Something is wrong with this picture. If states like MA, NH, ME, NY, NJ, and WV can all have revenue generated from legal riding, why can't we??? We live in the woods!
- 7- Responsible motorized recreation on public lands is allowed in every state except Vermont, Rhode Island and Hawaii. It can and has been be done successfully and in a responsible and sustainable manner. Just saying "no: is not a management plan.
- 8- All state and federal management units should have access to tax paying registered ATV users.
- 9- My bias is that I despise motorized recreation and support efforts to implement ski trails as I consider winter activities to in large part be a lesser impact.
- 10- We need legal ATV use.
- 11- Fair is fair, (except in Vermont) so open some State land to motorized use, especially ATVs.
- 12- ATVing and other forms of OHV should be determined based on the circumstances of each proposal and the applicable state regulations in place at the time of the proposal. There should be no statement banning ATVs because laws and regulations change over time. Are there any easements on this land restricting ATVs? Other uses? What uses?

-The current policy of the Agency of Natural Resources does not allow for recreational use of ATV's on state land in Vermont.

Recreation-Non-Motorized:

- 1- Please open winter use of the camels hump challenge trail.
- 2- I recently backpacked through this area as was very impressed with the level of trail maintenance compared to adjacent areas, specifically the Long Trail south of App Gap.
- 3- I was first put on skis when I was 4. I was taught skiing in the Ford Sayer's Program in Hanover. I am now 56. My father, Dr. Warren Beeken, and I shared many hours with topo maps situating trails, trimming them, and skiing. It was my father and his friends who established the Camel's

Hump Challenge. I would like to have the opportunity to remember him up there more often. I am now 56 and I intend to ski for the rest of my life.

- 4- I'm an xc skier and member of the Catamount Trail Association. I am an enthusiastic supporter of the coordinated, long-term efforts of the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Area (CHNSA), and the Camel's Hump Challenge (CHC) organizers to establish the following new xc ski trail projects in the Camel's Hump Mgt Unit. As I understand it, these proposed trail routes would all connect to and be accessed by the existing xc ski trail network of the non-profit CHNSA or from Catamount Trail access points in the area, and they are being identified by GPS mapping to illustrate their low-impact locations--primarily at lower elevations to the west of Camel's Hump--and interconnectedness for consideration by the Vermont Dept of FPR.
- 5- Please limit logging except in a small mountain area to encourage back country skiing. This would clean up the area (bushes, downed trees, low branches) so as to allow skiing between the trees.
- 6- Mtn. Bike trails on private land are being lost, we need more recreation trails on public land.
- 7- There is no reason mountain biking should not be allowed on the WMA's; they were there once and didn't bother anything.

-The State supports opening the Challenge Trail as a winter long cross-country ski trail.

-There are opportunities to expand the mountain bike network in the Phen Basin Block in Fayston.

General Management:

- 1- Perspective of science based, natural communities expertise is very valued and I suggest making this input known to the public to create better understanding of the public's appropriate use of this irreplaceable resource.
- 2- It's in need of some logging.
- 3- Thanks for being open to allowing more Recreational Uses on our State Lands, as it should be!
- 4- Do not restrict any ongoing uses.
- 5- I'm a xc skier and an enthusiastic supporter of the long-term efforts of Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Area (CHNSA), the Catamount Trail Association (CTA), and the Camel's Hump Challenge (CHC) organizers to coordinate the introduction of new xc ski trail routes in the Camel's Hump Mgt Unit. CHNSA provides a network of groomed and ungroomed xc ski trails on the western aspect of Camel's Hump. The Catamount Trail Association maintains a xc ski trail that runs the length of Vermont and the Camel's Hump Challenge trail provides a wilderness experience circumnavigating Camel's Hump. The proposed new trail routes would all connect to and be accessed by the existing xc ski trail network of the non-profit CHNSA or from Catamount Trail access points in the area. They are being identified by GPS mapping which will illustrate their interconnectedness and locations. The proposals include: 1. Mapping and marking the CHC "around-the-Hump" backcountry trail. 2. Re-routing the Catamount Trail in the Camel's Hump area to a higher elevation (around 2500'), 3. Developing a backcountry ski trail from CHNSA that would lead to the Bald Hill ridgeline and Little Baldy and afford skiers access to telemark skiing off the slopes of Bald Hill; 4. Establishing a backcountry loop departing from the north end of the existing Lion's Ridge Trail on the west rim of the Honey Hollow drainage basin and accessing the Robbins Mountain ridgeline and additional telemarking terrain. 5. Establishing a groomed trail rising gently east from the CHNSA "Stagecoach Road" trail on private land, to a Bald Hill saddle loop in CHSP, at about 2200', 6. Continuing a groomed route in CHSP descending gently south

and west from the Bald Hill saddle loop (#5) that returns skiers to the existing CHNSA trail system Thanks for listening.

- 6- I think you and the Green Mountain Club do a great job of maintaining trails and letting us use the forest for recreation and logging.

-Within the plan is an extensive explanation of the natural communities on the CHMU.

-Logging on the CHMU will continue in a sustainable manner.

-There are no plans to restrict current designated uses.

-The CHMU LRMP covers opportunities for limited expansion of the cross-country ski trail network.

-As always, the CHMU is managed for compatible multiple uses.

Other:

- 1- Off-leash dog walking should be discouraged in November.
- 2- Thanks for listening.
- 3- Thank you!
- 4- Thanks for our input.
- 5- Thank you for listening to my comments.
- 6- If we need to create Vt. laws to protect you from being sued by the environmental groups so you can do your job then let's do it. Thanks.
- 7- Thanks for this survey. Good job and effort.
- 8- I don't think it's necessary for the State to incorporate "wilderness lands" or "core areas" we have to many of these areas on the National Forests within Vermont.
- 9- Continue to include extractive forest resource management as an important component of CHMU, and pro-actively manage the unavoidable conflicts between those extraction activities and back-country pedestrian trail users.
- 10- How can individuals help you?
- 11- Support healthy, green exercise opportunities on state land.
- 12- Maine, NH, NY, Canada Provinces co-exist with all recreation why can't Vermont?
- 13- I would be interested in learning more on how I can contribute and be a better steward of the woods.
- 14- Thank you!
- 15- I BELIEVE THE TAXPAYERS OF VERMONT PAID FOR THESE LANDS SO EVRYONES WISHES AS FAR AS USE SHOULD BE LOOKED AT AND IMPLEMENTED IF FEASIBLE.

-In general we do discourage off-leash dog walking especially in conjunction with trails. Good idea to encourage this practice in concert with hunting seasons. We will develop posters to that effect.

-It is important to have natural areas in various locations around the state; there is plenty of land within the CHMU to have some here too.

-Vegetation management will continue on the CHMU including timber and firewood sales.

-We appreciate the support of the public. Thank you!

APPENDIX E (Part 2)

Camel's Hump Management Unit LRMP Public Meetings on 6/14 & 15/2011

Compilation of Notes from Posed Questions and Responsiveness Summary

1- What changes, if any, would you like to see to the Camel's Hump Management Unit over the next 20 years?

TRAILS:

- Mountain bike trails where appropriate.
- Where are mountain biking trails?
- More trails on western side of mountain.
- Expand CH ski touring center and CH challenge trail.
- Ski trail additions (CHNSA, CTA, trail around Camel's Hump).
- More back-country ski trails.
- More backcountry ski trails/glade thinning.
- Snowmobile trail mileage inadequate for acreage.
- Hiking and ski trails - added and maintained at Robbins Mt. and Stevens Blk.
- More integrated trails covering all of the unit, e.g. Robbins Mt.
- Lower elevation [x-c ski] trails on western side of park which can be groomed.

-The state has received one formal request to include a mountain bike trail network in lower Honey Hollow from the Vermont Mountain Bike Association. FP&R staff has evaluated this location, and have determined it is not a good fit at that location due to conflicts with other users, poor soils, proximity to a deer wintering area, and lack of public support. The State has also heard that the local users of the mountain bike network in place on the Phen Basin Block could be expanded. The State supports this concept, but no formal proposal has been received.

-Most of the western side of Camel's Hump is designated as research area or natural area, and as such additional trails need to be planned very carefully. The LRMP would allow limited cross country ski trail expansion as well as an opportunity to manage glades in this area, with the help of a willing and qualified partnering organization.

-The State cannot expand the CH Nordic Center, as it is a private entity. The LRMP would allow the CHNC to add a limited amount trails on the CHMU. The LRMP would designate The Challenge Trail is as an official winter-long cross country ski trail.

-The State does not agree that the CHMU should have more snowmobile trails.

-While dispersed access is allowed on Wildlife Management Areas, in general they do not support hiking or ski trails; they are managed for wildlife purposes, and have restrictions related to funding sources for purchase and maintenance.

-Due to low interest, and lack of resources and organized support group, the plan does not propose additional trails on the Stevens Block.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT:

- Effective timber management to get money out of land.
- Good work on current harvesting.

- Continue sustainable timber harvest.
- Increase sustainable timber harvest.
- Continued active management for Earth Successional Habitat (x2).
- More frequent harvesting.
- Question about extent of areas not harvested (maybe review this).
- How many acres are actually available for timber management?
- Make land available for maple sugaring. (x2)
- What early successional wildlife habitat work has been done?
- More Early Successional Habitat management (wildlife).
- More timber and firewood harvesting in appropriate areas.
- Stop all logging and allow the forest to age and transition, following its natural evolution.
- More timber harvest, more snowmobile trails, additional road system to allow better access for people, create more wildlife habitat.
- The only changes I would like to see are more forest management implemented. As we know wildlife can only flourish with active forest management. From what I gathered from the meeting it happens but not enough and I do understand that a lot of the land is owned by forest companies, but I think you folks should encourage those folks to do more.
- Acquire timber rights from A. Johnson for Huntington Gap (WMA). (x2)

-The State actively manages a portion of the CHMU for forest products. Revenues are gained from these activities. Continuation of a sustainable harvest is planned. Approximately 8,500 acres of the CHMU is accessible and available for harvesting activities. Much of the CHMU is allowed to follow a natural succession, and is not commercially logged. This plan calls for an average of about 200 acres of commercial timber harvest per year.

-Wildlife habitat management is a very important aspect of the activities on the CHMU, and will continue to be a top priority.

-There are limited areas that could be available for maple sugaring operations.

-We have inquired about the possibility of acquiring the timber rights for the Huntington Gap WMA. These rights would be very expensive, and funds for this are quite limited. The present owner, A. Johnson Co., might be interested if the price were right.

ACCESS:

- Parking access/ developed for multiple vehicles (snowmobiles, trailers, Charlie Smith Road).
- Snowplowing at designated parking areas (Robbins Mt. WMA).
- Parking for Beane Trail and Trapp Road?
- Improved access through gates and expand time of year.
- Better Parking at Forest City.

-The State does not control Charlie Smith Road, as this is a town road, and the adjacent lands are private.

-The parking potential at the Beane Trail and Trapp Road are on town roads, and the adjacent lands are private.

-The State does have snow plowed from five parking areas. The access to Robbins Mt. WMA is primarily through the Chittenden County Fish and Game Club which is private land. The other old parking area to the south of the club entry road is planned to be closed, due to the fact that the access leading out from the location is directly behind the shooting range, and is not safe.

-Access on the forest access roads is limited to protect the resource. Funds for maintenance are very limited, and when gates have been opened other problems occur such as large quantities of trash

the Staff needs to deal with. Also, having limited access improves opportunities for wildlife brood rearing. Some gates are opened during hunting seasons.

-The parking at the Forest City trail head is within the town road right of way. Adjacent property is privately owned, limiting the opportunity to expand this parking area.

OTHER:

- Maintain unique identities.
- More funding – land acquisition (x2).
- If you don't have resources to manage then don't own it.
- New development account for Bicknell's Thrush in all season and other species (bob cats, bears etc.).
- "Resource Based" Leases (availability, applications, etc. i.e. sugaring and/or AG).
- Maintain "wilderness" (remoteness) keep undeveloped.
- Increased focus on multiple use (x2).
- More education on the full extent of public resource/ more outreach to public schools/ engage next generation in all the uses.
- Public education about all the parcels.

-Camel's Hump does have a unique identity, and we intend to maintain that.

-The State periodically prioritizes parcels for acquisition; acquisitions are based on a willing seller basis. The State partners with organizations and explores various funding opportunities as possible.

-Priorities for acquiring land are varied, the decisions can be tough, and some opportunities are hard to pass up, since they may not be available again.

-Newly proposed activities and projects take into consideration a variety of factors before they could be implemented.

-It is rare that a Lease is utilized on State Lands; typically Licenses or Special Use Permits are used. Applications and information are available on our State Lands website.

-Much of the CHMU will remain undeveloped into the future.

-Multiple use management is the focus of management for the CHMU.

-Educational outreach efforts are ongoing, but there is room for improvement in this area.

2- How could the CHMU be managed better or differently?

TRAILS:

- Buffer trails from harvesting.
- Add managed glades to ski trail system to discourage bootleg cutting.
- Education program for winter uses to discourage unauthorized ['trail'] cutting.
- Recognize demand for glades and more trails.
- Develop firm policy against unauthorized trail clearing.
- Locate back country ski routes in a thoughtful way.
- Consider a remote downhill trail (similar to tear drop) in conjunction with back country system.
- Improve trailhead signage/ signs about dogs.
- More cross-country ski trails.

-When harvesting operations are undertaken many factors go into the planning and implementation of these projects, including protection of trail values.

-The LRMP would allow FPR to work with a qualified partner to manage ski glades in the Bald Hill area and in the vicinity of the old Callahan trail.

-A policy against unauthorized trail clearing already exists; posting of this and other policies on trail head bulletin boards and other venues is a good idea.

-Thoughtful consideration is given to all new trail proposals.

-Recently a new poster related to dogs was created and posted at trail head bulletin boards.

-The plan does support limited additional cross country ski trails on the CHMU.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT:

- Increased timber management (> 200 ac/yr to promote local economics, reduce fuels (FIRE), and improve wildlife habitat).

- More timber harvest. Based on 200 acre per year harvest it would take 125 years for 1 timber cycle or 50 years for 10,000 acres.

-Vegetation management including management for timber products is only one aspect of our responsibility for management of the CHMU, and the CHMU is only one parcel of many the District staff manages. Timber harvesting on the CHMU will continue in a sustainable way for many years to come.

ACCESS:

- Label roads/ features as part of emergency response plan.

- Do not increase the number of open roads and motor vehicle use.

- So far it seems to be managed quite nicely. Good balance. Keep the same access, especially on the Huntington side.

-A new map is being developed as part of this plan to better identify roads and features.

-For the most part the CHMU has the access roads it needs. Only a few short sections of road are needed, along with a few new log landings.

-No new access points are being planned for, a few may be improved.

OTHER:

- Minimal management.

- No new activities at high elevations.

- More public input on use or non-use.

- Identify critical management area and protect and depict "wilderness" areas and research areas.

- Improved continuity between departments and agency i.e. maps showing ownerships to be combined as "State Lands".

- NO set-asides/ wilderness.

- Need more permanent land managers i.e. staff, partner organizations.

- Increased funding.

- Partnerships with user groups.

-Management of the CHMU is very thoughtful and done utilizing a multiple use concept based on many factors as further discussed throughout the CHMU LRMP.

-The State welcomes public input into the planning process, and at any time.

-The CHMU LRMP identifies various management areas.

-There are no plans at this time to designate more 'wilderness' on the CHMU.

-The Staff that manages the CHMU agrees that additional staff is needed.

-The State does partner with several organizations, and continues to foster that type of relationship.

-Funding is always a challenge; creativity is a key as we move into the future.

3- What do you think the critical resources or sites on the CHMU are?

TRAILS:

- Trails (the variety of topography and forest scenery on trails).
- Recreation access.
- Bald Hill area (back-country skiing, illegal trail est., and motoring?).
- Honey Hollow - Nordic Center.
- Bald hill area: connectivity separate from Camel's Hump.
- Recreational resources include natural communities and wildlife.
- Additional mountain bike and ski trails (with thoughtful planning).
- Permanently mark Camel's Hump Challenge Trail.
- Trail network.
- Snowmobile trails some of the best in the state.
- Phen Basin mountain bike trails are unique and have a back-country feel.
- Cross-country trails the traffic is increasing.
- Recreational trails.
- Long Trail.
- Snow resource – backcountry and x-c skiing.
- Hiking trails.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT/WILDLIFE/HABITATS:

- Wildlife floral/farms.
- Wildlife Resources (habitat diversity, upland wetland).
- Water resources.
- Timber resources/ harvest opportunities.
- Wildlife habitat (include large area for spp. such as catamount, bear).
- Rare ecological sites.
- Research plots, upland wetlands, and spruce-fir swamps.
- Alpine meadows/vegetation.
- Open grown birch stands manage for health and vigor.
- Ridgelines, forests, obviously Camel's Hump, hardwood glades for skiing.

OTHER:

- Scenery.
- Fragile nature of summit.
- Summit/ alpine zone (concerns about dogs).
- Summit of Camel's Hump(x2).
- Historic sites.
- The historical sites are the most important. These sites should be protected and maintained at any expense.
- Top of App. Gap.
- APP Gap (signage).
- Access and parking areas.

- Sometimes town road closed too early on Camel's Hump Road in Huntington.
- Advocate continuance of camp culture.
- "Views" and view shed.
- Hiking trails, native wildlife, trees, water.

4- Would you support additional:

A- Mountain bike trails?

B- Cross country ski trails?

C- Other trails? (specify)

MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS:

- Yes (7)
- No (2)
- More single track; no large group events.

I think this is one of the fastest growing recreational activities; trails need to be well designed and maintained.

-The State agrees that there are additional opportunities for mountain bike trails on the CHMU. The plan would potentially allow additional trails near the existing mountain bike trail network on the Phen Basin Block and adjacent public access easement land.

-All trails on the CHMU, including mountain bike trails would follow established standards for design, construction, and maintenance.

CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

- Yes (5)
- No (1)
- Catamount trail to be moved onto public land.
- Need for trails to be maintained ("Around the Hump" trail).
- Move Catamount Trail around Bert White Road/ Salvas Road on to State land.
- Designated backcountry ski area?

-The State is working with the Catamount Trail Association on concepts for relocating a section of the CT onto the CHMU from adjacent private land.

-The plan would designate the Camel's Hump Challenge Trail as an official backcountry ski trail for use all winter.

-The State has received a proposal from the Camel's Hump Nordic Ski Association for additional cross country ski trails on the CHMU. The plan would support limited additional cross-country ski trails on the CHMU.

OTHER TRAILS:

- Some support for new trails.
- Additional Trails...
- Snowmobile
- Keep snowmobile trails open during winter harvests.
- Additional snowmobiling trails, i.e. interior loops.
- More (2)
- No more (1)

- Foot trails to all high points.
- Hiking trail up Bald Hill.

-The State has no plans for additional hiking trails on the CHMU. There are a few trail section relocation plans in the works, as well as the potential for repairing, relocating, and re-opening the Callahan Trail.

-In the 1991 version of the CHSP LRMP, the State proposed several new trails, many of which went to high points throughout the Park. The public soundly opposed that concept. The State agrees that leaving many of the high points within the CHMU without a trail is very valuable, and has no plans for additional trails to high points within the CHMU.

-Bald Hill is within a Natural Area, and the Legislatively designated Ecological Use District. The State does not support a hiking trail to Bald Hill summit. However, the plan would allow FPR to manage glades with a qualified partnering organization.

MOTORIZED:

- Carefully consider before adding any additional motorized trails.
- Opportunities for motorized recreation – on logging roads?
- Absolutely no 4-wheelers.
- Need motorized trails.
- Consistency with SCORP, establish ATV and other ORV trails.

-Careful consideration is given to any new trail, including motorized trails.

-Currently State Policy on ATV use on State Lands does not allow this use for recreational purposes.

-There are no plans to designate any additional motorized trails on the CHMU.

-ATV use would be allowed for emergency search and rescue operations, fire control, limited trail maintenance, and staff management access, as well as disabled persons access by special permit.

OTHER:

- Careful planning because can't go back after adding new trails or difficult to do.
- Need for formal signage/ design of trails.
- Recreational Trails to be maintained (long trails/vast trail access routes are N to S).
- Trails have diminishing return if too many.
- Concerns about illegal trails.
- Trails should conserve landmark status and review how many trails fit in.
- Question about over use.
- There are locations where connector trails and loop trails could be established.
- More trails as long as those folks start chipping in.

-Any new trail proposal is carefully evaluated based on many factors.

-Most trails on the CHMU do have formal signs; more signs may be appropriate.

-Recreational trails are maintained by volunteers, seasonal caretaker staff, and trail crews, as well as State staff. There is always more that could be done.

-The State shares concerns about illegal trails, and will be working with partnering organizations to discourage illegal cutting of trails.

-Any new trail proposal needs to have incorporated into it the means for design, construction, and continuing maintenance by a legitimate group.

5a- How should we communicate with the public?

- Internet survey/social media good.
- Front porch forum (x3) – good source to announce newspaper.
- No out of state influence on planning.
- Small representation here tonight – got to do better.
- Free press, press releases, and town papers.
- Sportsman groups, recreation groups.
- Good to keep track of history.
- How to communicate with public?
- Websites (F&W and FPR).
- Public meetings (town library and sites).
- Facebook page for CHMU (individuals who sign-up get automatic notification of news).
- Share link with important stakeholders.
- Catamount and LT/GRN Mt.
- Fellowship of the Wheel.
- Meeting announcements, bulletin boards, etc.
- Continue/ increase use of technology to stakeholders list for various concerns.
- Ex. Notice to spread word about illegal cutting - outreach to school students.
- ANR/ FPR school liaison officer, especially in surrounding communities.
- Continue stakeholder outreach, get wide diversity, entice people to show up/ participate.
- Keep politics out of management.
- Outreach to town meetings/ to select boards/ conservation commissions.
- Community extends beyond state lands boundary (economy, neighbors, etc.).
- Email and website.
- Availability of existing plan – where is it?
- Ample time to review and comment on plan.
- Better keywords on your webpage so that if one Google's 'Camel's Hump', your page is the first search page picked up.
- Your session tonight is helpful.
- More newspaper press.
- Much better than you previously have. At the Huntington meeting there was only around 20 folks there and I have to believe more would have shown if they had known. Lots of folks I have since talked to about this were totally unaware this was happening.

5b- What should we communicate?

- State should communicate need for funding.
- What is here in management unit and why is it available.
- New land purchases.
- Changes in management, or planning, not post-planning.
- What we do already (logging, etc.) and why it is important to listen.
- What updates/ drafts/ public input opportunities.
- Explain benefits of active management.
- Be specific, but also relate to larger ecosystem (wildlife).
- Trails as safety resource.
- Sharing the forest (multiple uses).
- Updates: status of planning process.

- Significant changes to current LRMP.
- What's new?
- Refer readers to major changes in document.
- Better signage at trailheads.
- Meetings, major events (logging, recreation, etc.), trail conditions.
- That the entire area be designated as wilderness area.
- What exactly is the plan?
- Who oversees the Stevens Block restoration?
- You should communicate what Camel's Hump is all about and what it has to offer. I feel it is the gem of Vermont and we should be selling it as such. This should be communicated through the media, i.e.: TV, radio, newspapers, outdoor publications, internet, etc.

6- Additional comments, suggestions, questions:

RECREATION:

- Concerns about focused impacts on trails.
- Activities in remote areas should be limited to human powered operation and increase with elevation.
- Simply put I would encourage traditional uses of State managed lands e.g. hunting, fishing, hiking, (including handicapped access), forest management, wood harvesting, snowmobiling, and ATVing, and generally few rules, limitations, and regulations as possible.
- I am not a large fan of heavy recreation uses, especially ATV use and mud bogging. They have a place but not up high. Keep the activities down low and controlled by limited access.
- Developing more backcountry ski trails on all VT state forest land is a golden opportunity to increase winter use and increase tourism. I see nothing wrong with carefully executed thinning of glades for skiing by crews that know their tree species.
- On a final note, in our breakout groups one person voiced her opinion loudly; she would like to see a much larger trail system on Camel's Hump. Our presenter said that could happen but financial restraints hamper this happening. I suggested it is high time that the folks who hike, bike, snowshoe, and ski start to ante up to support these activities. She replied 'that is what I pay taxes for'. I showed her my Vermont State hunting license, where I pay well over \$100 a year to trap, hunt, fish, and to buy and sell fur. I also pay a lot to register my trailer, boat, and pay a tax on every firearm, or hunting and trapping related equipment via the Pittman-Robinson Act whose funds go directly to such areas where she recreates for free. I have to pay this money yearly, and in multiple states I hunt in where she gets to do it all for free. Somehow you folks have to get this very message out and I think your financial crisis would dwindle. A simple \$50 a year access permit would fill the coffers. Thanks you for the invite and the opportunity to express my viewpoint on the critical issues.
- We urge the Dept. of FP&R allow VAST snowmobile trails be built and maintained in all areas possible.

VEGETATION:

- Concern about ever expanding wilderness.
- More commercial sugaring leases?
- Continue to harvest at least 200 acres/ year (more if possible).
- Major changes to landscape.
- Timber harvest information.
- Keep scale of operations small/sustainable.
- Do what is right and scientifically makes sense and biologically sound.

OTHER:

- Manage property based on Vermont values.
- Accommodating multiple passive and active uses.
- Others value wilderness for wilderness.
- Better advertising of public involvement in meetings.
- Visitor oriented signage or kiosk at crest of Route 17. Lot of tourist traffic up there; they should have some information available.
- I believe you should manage property based on Vermont values (those values of the 50's and 60's), not out of state influence.
- In summary, I was happy with your plan objectives. I was most happy to see that trapping, hunting, fishing were not going to be affected by this plan. That fact is rare in most new management plans. I would like to see more active forest management as I stated before.