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**DCR HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
THE INTERPRETIVE MASTER PLAN
FOR MOUNT GREYLOCK STATE RESERVATION**

BOSTON - The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting in Lanesborough on April 12 to present and obtain public comment on a draft Interpretive Master Plan for the Mount Greylock State Reservation. An Interpretive Master Plan lays the groundwork for programs and improvements that forge connections, both emotional and intellectual, between visitors to the Reservation and the natural features and history of the Reservation itself.

At the meeting, DCR staff members and the agency's consultant, Design Division of Amherst, will present an overview of the draft Interpretive Master Plan (IMP) for the Reservation and solicit comments. The IMP includes possible interpretive themes and programs, the audience for such programs, and the desired interpretive experience at the reservation.

The public meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2011, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Mount Greylock Visitors Center, 30 Rockwell Road, Lanesborough.

"It's exciting to see a comprehensive public education plan being developed for Mount Greylock State Reservation, DCR's first state park," said DCR Commissioner Ed Lambert. "The Interpretive Master Plan will help inform visitors of the many facets of Greylock – from its geologic formation to the Civilian Conservation Corps' parkway design – and will foster a sense of environmental stewardship."

This public meeting is the second in a series of workshops to solicit public input on development of the IMP.

The Mount Greylock IMP will be the basis for future interpretive programs and projects, including a Historic Parkway Exhibit and Signage project next year. The IMP and the Historic Parkway project are being funded through an \$860,000 federal grant from the Transportation, Community, and System Preservation program, and \$215,000 in capital funds from DCR. The federal grant is also supporting creation of an Operations and Maintenance Plan for the recently rehabilitated parkways at Mount Greylock.

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