



February 2, 2010

Dear Interested Citizen or Stakeholder,

On January 25, 2010, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) held in Princeton the second in a series of public meetings regarding plans for upcoming improvements to the Wachusett Mountain Parkway and Summit.

At this meeting, we were pleased to provide an update on the Parkway Rehabilitation Project and, especially, to obtain additional input from the public on how they would like to see the summit defined - what they would like it to offer to the visitor experience and the elements they think should be represented in the plan to preserve and protect the property's natural, cultural, and recreational resources. Comments and suggestions received by DCR through our public meetings serves to highlight issues for our attention and is an important component of our planning process.

The presentation that was made by DCR at the public meeting on January 25, as well as questions that were posed to the attendees during small group discussions, are posted at <http://www.mass.gov/dcr/news/publicmeetings/parklandspast.htm>. We encourage you and members of your organization to view these materials and to provide us with your input by Friday, February 12, 2009. Comments should be sent to DCR.Updates@state.ma.us (please note "Wachusett Mountain Parkway and Summit" in the subject line) or to Anne Fiesinger, Director of Public Outreach, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street, 9th Floor, Boston, MA 02114.

In late March, DCR will hold the next public meeting on this project to share information on details of the planned parkway construction and our final recommendation on summit improvements. You will receive an invitation to attend the meeting once the date has been established.

We appreciate your continued interest and support as we move forward on this project to enhance Wachusett Mountain State Reservation as a natural, cultural, and recreational resource that will be enjoyed for years to come.

Sincerely,

Richard K. Sullivan
Commissioner



