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DCR HOSTS PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN SUMMIT IMPROVEMENTS

PRINCETON, MA – The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on January 25, 2010, to discuss proposed improvements to the summit of Wachusett Mountain in the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation.

The meeting will be Monday, January 25th, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Thomas Prince School, 170 Sterling Rd., Princeton.

“This 2,000-foot summit offers stunning views of central Massachusetts,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “We look forward to hearing thoughts from members of the public on improvements we could make at the summit to make it more attractive, accessible, and enjoyable.”

Proposed improvements include enhanced viewing areas, an observation deck or tower, improved circulation, dedicated pedestrian areas, landscaping, parking, and appropriate descriptive signage.

At an initial public meeting in November, input was sought on conceptual plans for the summit. The January 25 meeting will include a brief presentation by DCR staff members, followed by group discussion.

The snow date for the meeting will be Thursday, January 28. In the event of severe weather on January 25, DCR will post an announcement regarding postponement at www.mass.gov/dcr no later than 2 p.m. that day.

Established in 1900, Wachusett Mountain State Reservation was the second reservation established in the Massachusetts state park system, following Mt. Greylock State Reservation in 1898. The Wachusett Reservation, with more than 3,000 acres in Princeton and Westminster, includes 2,006-foot-high Wachusett Mountain as its central natural feature.

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