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DCR HOLDS PUBLIC MEETING ON SUMMIT IMPROVEMENTS AT WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN STATE RESERVATION

The Department of Conservation and Recreation will hold a public meeting on May 13, 2010, to discuss planned improvements to the summit of Wachusett Mountain in the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation.

The meeting will be May 13, 2010, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Thomas Prince School, 170 Sterling Rd., Princeton.

“This popular, 2,000-foot summit offers stunning views of central Massachusetts,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “We look forward to talking with members of the public about improvements we are planning at the summit to make it more attractive, accessible, and enjoyable.”

This will be the third public meeting on plans for the summit. At the first two meetings, in November and January, DCR solicited public input on proposals for the summit. DCR has included a number of those ideas in the planned work, such as expanded parking and improved traffic flow, enhanced pedestrian safety and walking pathways, improved accessibility to the summit, and a combined observation/fire tower.

At the May 13 meeting, DCR also will provide an update on the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Parkway Project. Construction on the approximately \$6 million roadway project began this spring and is expected to be completed in summer 2011. The project will repair the deteriorated roadway and infrastructure and bring the roadway into compliance with current safety and functional standards.

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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