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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 29 to discuss the development of an 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 an Interpretive Master Plan (IMP) for the Reservation and solicit input on possible interpretive themes and programs, the audience for such programs, and the desired interpretive experience at the reservation.

The public meeting will be Thursday, April 29, 2010, 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 Rick Sullivan. "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."

DCR will use the IMP process to explore the remarkable resources of the Mt. Greylock area, and begin making connections between people and the Reservation. This public meeting is the first in a series of workshops to solicit public input on 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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For more information on this meeting, call 617-626-4974.

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