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DCR HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS WACHUSETT MOUNTAIN ROADWAY PROJECT

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will hold a public meeting on November 19 to present the design for the Wachusett Mountain roadway rehabilitation project and solicit public input on conceptual plans for Wachusett Mountain summit improvements.

The meeting will be Thursday, November 19, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the Thomas Prince School, 170 Sterling Rd., in Princeton.

“This important project will bring greater safety, recreational access, and historic preservation benefits to all who enjoy this popular roadway,” said DCR Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr. “We also look forward to hearing thoughts from members of the public on what improvements we should make at the summit.”

Construction on the approximately \$6 million roadway project is expected to begin in spring 2010 and be completed in summer 2011. A contract will be awarded in February. The project will repair the deteriorated roadway and infrastructure and bring the roadway into compliance with current safety and functional standards.

Work will include regrading the roadway, reconstructing about 200 feet of the stone wall along the roadway, restoring Harlow Outlook, and improving drainage and signage. Also, new steel-backed wooden guardrails will be added, the bike lane width and markings will be made consistent, and rumble strips and signage will be placed at trail crossings.

During the project, the roadway will be closed to cars and bicyclists.

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