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DCR SOLICITS PUBLIC INPUT ON TRAIL PLANNING PROCESS FOR THE MIDDLESEX FELLS RESERVATION

BOSTON – The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has scheduled a Trail Planning Workshop to solicit public input as the agency begins to develop a Trail System Planning Process for the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

The Trail Planning Workshop will be held on Monday, February 8, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the McGlynn School Auditorium, 3002 Mystic Valley Parkway, Medford.

The trail plan will map out plans for the entire trail system at the Middlesex Fells Reservation, which covers 2,575 acres in parts of Malden, Medford, Melrose, Stoneham and Winchester. The plan will provide guidance for short and long-term management of trails, set priorities for allocating limited staff and financial resources, and identify stewardship partners and opportunities. The plan will function as a stand-alone trails plan and a component of a future Resource Management Plan for the entire Reservation.

DCR will do an inventory of all the roads and trails in the Fells; identify key scenic, natural and cultural resources; and make recommendations regarding trail closures, new trails, trail restoration, trail use, education and policies.

DCR expects to complete a draft trails plan by April 2010. Comments also can be submitted via email to paul.jahnige@state.ma.us.

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