

OCTOBER MOUNTAIN TRAIL SYSTEM PLANNING PUBLIC WORKSHOP INPUT

Multiple Groups:

- **Fix Schermerhorn Road**
- **Improve Signage**
- **Improve Map**
- **Create loop opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized users**
- **Increase / enhance parking**
- **Make use of volunteers**

Group A: Recommendations

- **Need to connect trails to make loops**
- **Bring back old sanctioned trails that have been lost to logging**
 - **(such as trail east of Washington Marsh)**
- **Create paths on side of public ways so that OHVs can connect trails without travelling on public ways**
- **Reopen Schoolhouse and Gorilla Trails**
- **Monitor trail use to avoid misuse (cutting trees, trash huge groups)**
- **Install speed bumps on public ways to slow down traffic**
- **Be mindful of MOU regarding the Appalachian Trail**
- **User groups should help with maintenance**
- **Install bridges / walkways over wet areas**
- **Add difficulty signage**

Group B: Recommendations

- **Fix Schermerhorn Road from Roaring Brook Road to Felton Pond**
- **Improve signs and map**
- **Have all users pay trail fees to provide more funds for trail maintenance**
- **Legalize road system for access to trails that now deade end**
- **Reduce speeds on public roads**
- **Provide more parking for all users, including possible**
 - **Four corners**
 - **East Lenox Road**
 - **Woodland Road**
- **Create loop opportunities**
- **Winter Use: increase trails that allow snowmobiling, grooming provides access for other non-motorized users**
- **Create more hiking trails**
- **Fix bridges on Washington Mountain Road**

Group C: Recommendations

- **Fix Schermerhorn Road**

- Increase non-motorized trails / loops
- Create a loop with Roaring Brook Trail
- Upgrade maps
- Improve signage
- Make it easier to volunteer with DCR
- Increase hiking trails
- Fix bridges on Washington Mountain Road
- Maintain and restore views, including:
 - Anderson view on Schermerhorn Road
 - View at fountain
- Create a “grand loop” non-motorized trail at the forest
- Evaluate all single-track trails for acceptance and keep best ones

Group D: Recommendations

- Fix Schermerhorn Road
- Increase parking, including at
 - Becket Road
 - Bottom of Schermerhorn Road
- Connect Appalachian Trail to Brooker Hill Road / McNerney Road (Highlands Footpath)
- Improve road from Farnham Reservoir
- Connect motorized trail segments
- More use of October Mountain Reservoir, camping? Trail?
- Consider possible informal camping / shelters
- Provide more historic story / interpretation / wayside display
- Improve (“soft”) signage
- Consider a visitor center / camping / fee area in the center of the forest
- Consider a digital kiosk near the comfort station
- Develop a “report it” app
- Use forest management to enhance habitat