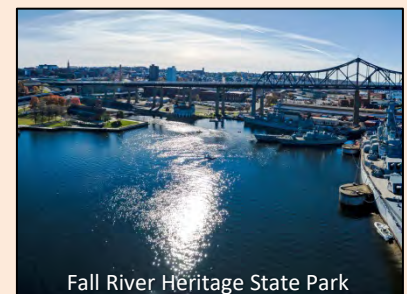
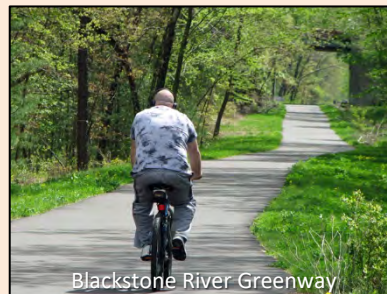


Resource Management Planning Update

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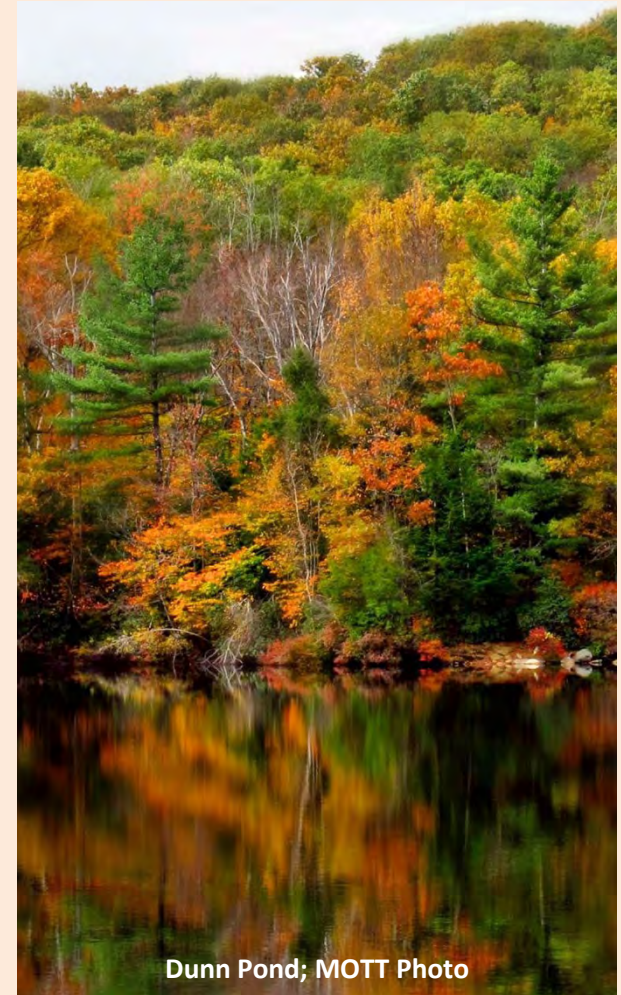
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RMP Program Time Line

Date	Activity/Event
October 2020	Stewardship Council update
January 2021	Development of on-line survey
February 2021	Agency-wide roll out presentations
February 2021	On-line survey beta test; Blackstone Complex properties
February & March 2021	South Coast District RMPs soft launch
April 2021	Central Highlands District RMPs launch
May 2021	Presentation to DCR Special Commission

New Resources for RMPs

- Staffing – Two seasonal Planning Assistants
- Rare species info – Agreement with NHESP
- Director of Climate Resilience
- Office of Natural Resources
- CAMIS data set/AMMP
- Online surveys – Customized for internal stakeholders



Dunn Pond; MOTT Photo

Online Surveys

- Mechanism used to transfer information from experts within DCR to RMP planners.
- Software became available Spring 2020.
- Allows for customizable, on-line surveys.
- Potential for additional use in public process.
- Live demonstration

RMP Status Updates



- Myles Standish Complex
(6 properties)
- Blackstone Complex
(7 RMPs)
- South Coast District
(9 RMPs)
- Central Highlands
District (31 RMPs)

Myles Standish Complex Update

Planning Action/RMP Content	Status
Internal coordination meeting	Complete
Identification/correction of boundary errors	Complete
On-line surveys	n/a
Site visits	Complete
Initial public meeting	Complete
Draft main text	Complete
Rare species info	Complete
Cultural Resources info	Complete
Trails data	n/a
Interpretive themes text	n/a
Map production	Complete
Internal review of draft RMP	In Progress
Public release draft/Meeting	TBD
Presentation to Stewardship Council	TBD

Blackstone Complex Update

Planning Action/RMP Content	Status
Internal coordination meeting	Complete
Identification/correction of boundary errors	Complete
On-line surveys	Complete*
Site visits	Complete
Initial public meeting	Complete
Draft main text	In Progress
Rare species info	Pending
Cultural Resources info	Complete
Trails data	TBD
Interpretive themes text	Pending
Map production	Pending
Internal review of draft RMP	TBD
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Presentation to Stewardship Council	TBD

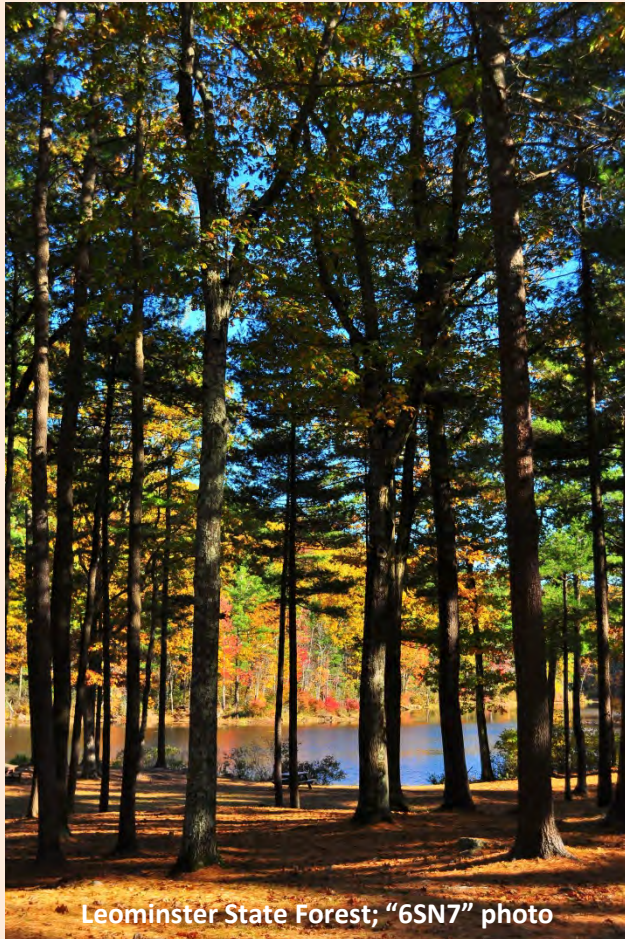
South Coast District Update

Planning Action/RMP Content	Status
Internal coordination meeting	n/a
Identification/correction of boundary errors	Complete
On-line surveys	Complete
Site visits	Complete
Initial public meeting	TBD
Draft main text	In Progress
Rare species info	Pending
Cultural Resources info	Complete
Trails data	TBD
Interpretive themes text	In Progress
Map production	TBD
Internal review of draft RMP	TBD
Public release draft/Meeting	TBD
Presentation to Stewardship Council	TBD

Central Highlands District Update

Planning Action/RMP Content	Status
Internal coordination meeting	Complete
Identification/correction of boundary errors	In Progress
On-line surveys	In Progress
Site visits	Complete
Initial public meeting	TBD
Draft main text	In Progress
Rare species info	Pending
Cultural Resources info	In Progress*
Trails data	TBD
Interpretive themes text	In Progress
Map production	TBD
Internal review of draft RMP	TBD
Public release draft/Meeting	TBD
Presentation to Stewardship Council	TBD

Lessons Learned & Course Corrections



Leominster State Forest; "6SN7" photo

- **Boundary Errors.** Occur in every district, are problematic, and time consuming to correct.
 - New GIS tool to address issue
 - Begin process for 2022 RMP properties in Fall 2021

Lessons Learned & Course Corrections (continued)

- **Online Survey Tool:**
 - Multiple e-mails customized to each user group
 - Response rates
 - High level of engagement
 - May facilitate public input



Lessons Learned & Course Corrections (continued)



Purgatory Chasm State Reservation

- **RMP Format:**
 - Performing well
 - 5-10 minor revisions since beginning of 2021
 - Use of standard language over customization
 - So far, so good

Lessons Learned & Course Corrections (continued)

- **Public Process:**
 - Myles Standish (Legacy RMP); under old format
 - Reimagining public process to align with the new template
 - Developing on-line surveys for public to provide input in addition to meetings



Lessons Learned & Course Corrections (continued)



- **Timing of Activities:**
 - RMPs Reimagined introduced to agency February, 2021
 - South Coast RMPs soft launch February and March 2021
 - Central Highlands meeting April 28th
 - Initial launch meetings for 2022 RMPs scheduled for Fall 2021

Status of 2021 RMPs

**Drafts of all 2021 RMPs are
achievable by year's end**

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Comments and Questions