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Request for \$5,000 for projects within HTF and LHTF

Add to HTF Management plan to specifically state “no camping or open fires”.

\$5000 request- 2017 budget

Re; Section 5.2 of the HTF Management Plan.

5.2 HIGH PRIORITY

Recommended to be completed in 2012-13

- Assess the impact of existing trails within the stream, wetland, seeps and vernal pool buffer zones and decide if removal of those trails is necessary to maintain aquatic ecosystem integrity. Remove or re-route all trails within the buffer zones of streams, wetlands and vernal pools that will degrade the aquatic habitat. (4.4.4)
- Once all streams, wetlands and vernal pools have been identified establish the appropriate buffer zone consulting state natural resource guidelines. Vernal pools may require buffer zones 100 to 600 ft to protect a percentage of the aquatic species breeding in those pools. See VT Fish and Wildlife http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com/cwp_elem_comm_vp.cfm (4.4.4)
- Update 2006 inventory of wildlife and habitats, and create recommendations for protection and enhancement. Create a map of wildlife sightings and signs, and significant habitat features that can be added to and updated periodically. (4.3.4)

Other items in 2016 that will potentially need funding by HTFC.

Invasive Species(Wild Parsnip, Japanese Knotweed, Emerald Ash Borer.....)

Review/upgrade Eagle Trail repairs in 2016

LHTF Tree release and mowing

Pine stand management

Apple tree release in HTF

Add to HTF&LHTF Management plans- no camping or open fires.

HTF Management Plan - Under Restricted Uses (after 3.2.2.6. Firearms).

Add section 3.2.2.7 Camping: With the exception of events approved as Public Events under Section 3.2.2.10 of this Management Plan, camping is prohibited.

Add section 3.2.2.8 Fires: With the exception of events approved as Public Events under Section 3.2.2.10 of this Management Plan, fires are prohibited.

LHTF Management Plan

Management Guidelines (current language)

- Allow overnight use and camping only in conjunction with on-site research activities or educational programs, and only after written permission has been obtained from the LHTF Management Committee.
- Designate areas where campfires may occur and allow campfires only when a permit has been issued by the fire warden.

Change above to read

Camping: With the exception of events approved as Public Events by the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee, camping is prohibited.

Fires: With the exception of events approved as Public Events by the Hinesburg Town Forest Committee, fires are prohibited.

Respectfully,

Mike Potvin

Chair-HTFC

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