



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
U.S. FOREST SERVICE  
GREEN MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST  
MANCHESTER RANGER DISTRICT**

**ORDER OF THE FOREST SUPERVISOR  
RESTRICTING PUBLIC ENTRANCE INTO  
DUTCH HILL SKI AREA**

**PROHIBITIONS**

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(a), the following acts are prohibited within the area described in this Order (the “Restricted Area”) and as depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Manchester Ranger District, Green Mountain National Forest, Bennington County, VT.

It is prohibited to go into or be upon the area. (36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e)).

**EXEMPTIONS**

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a written Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
2. Any Federal, State, or Local Officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting resource in the performance of an official duty.

**RESTRICTED AREA**

The Restricted Area is within Tracts 215, 269, 459O, and 459P, Town of Readsboro, VT, specifically Dutch Hill Ski Area.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Order is to protect the public health and safety of users of National Forest System (NFS) lands by closing the Dutch Hill Ski Area until the Dutch Hill Integrated Resource Service Contract is completed in Tracts 215, 269, 459O, and 459P on the Green Mountain National Forest (GMNF). Recreational activities in these areas are unsafe due to the presence of logging equipment and operations.

Posting of the Order as required in 36 CFR 261.50 will provide notification to National Forest visitors that activities are restricted in the area shown on attached map. An enforcement plan describes how the public will be informed of the prohibitions, how it will be posted, and planned enforcement strategies.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

1. This Order will be effective on December 6, 2024, and shall remain in effect for 1 year or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.
2. A map identifying the Restricted Area is attached and made part of this Order as Exhibit A.
3. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both (*see* 16 U.S.C. § 551, 18 U.S.C. § 3571(b)(6), 18 U.S.C. § 3581 (b)(7)).
4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Manchester Ranger District located in Manchester Center, VT, telephone number 802-362-2307, and at the Green Mountain & Finger Lakes National Forest Supervisor's Office in Mendon, VT, telephone number 802-747-6700.
5. This Order supersedes any previous orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

Done at Mendon, Vermont, this 11 day of December, 2024.

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John Sinclair  
Forest Supervisor  
Green Mountain &  
Finger Lakes National Forest