



What's happening at Dutch Hill?

Expanded opportunities for backcountry skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and hiking are coming to the former Dutch Hill Ski Area in Readsboro, Vermont!

How? In 2016, the **US Forest Service** released a Final Environmental Assessment for the South of Route 9 Integrated Resource Project. Recognizing the growth of backcountry skiing in the Northeast, this document **called for recreation opportunities at Dutch Hill**, allowing ski line maintenance by a Forest Service partner group.

Who? In early 2017, a group of backcountry enthusiasts came together to form **DHASH, the Dutch Hill Alliance of Skiers and Hikers**. DHASH is a chapter of Vermont's Catamount Trail Association (CTA) and is partnering with the Forest Service to develop recreation opportunities at Dutch Hill.

For whom?



Backcountry skiers: some of Dutch Hill's original downhill trails will be cleared for skiers who wish to hike up and ski down; the old Alpine Lift line will be opened up for expert skiing; glades—forested areas with some underbrush removed—will be developed for tree skiing; a dedicated uphill skin track will be designated to preserve the downhill skiing experience in other areas.



Cross country skiers: several of the hiking and ski trails will be suitable for intermediate and expert cross country skiers.



Hikers and snowshoers: a marked route leading to an open vista at the top of the old ski area will be developed.



And others: those who enjoy sledding can continue to use the Dutch Meadows slope, which will be kept open; tourists can learn about the ski area's history through proposed roadside interpretive panels; birders and wildlife enthusiasts will appreciate the habitat enhancements brought about by ski trail clearing and Forest Service timber management activities.

When? DHASH will start work with the Forest Service in **Fall 2017** on at least one downhill run (Yankee Doodle, clear an uphill skin track (following Meadows Extension), and begin opening some gladed terrain (near Dyke). During **2018**, we hope to expand our efforts in conjunction with the Forest Service's timber and wildlife habitat management activities.

What can I do? **Become a member of DHASH and CTA**, follow us on Facebook; attend an upcoming work day at Dutch Hill (check our web site and Facebook page for details); spread the word!

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