

ACF Management Plan Updates – Roadmap as of 5/30/2023

1. Identify new input for management plan integration from community comments (complete by end of June)
 - Outputs from the June ACFC meeting: designated subcommittees to act on the committee recommendations to make an updated draft management plan and a trail stewardship plan (i.e., a plan indicating ongoing management practices such as seasonal closures) – send to ACFC members and post on web page for review at least one week prior to July meeting
 - Develop trail stewardship plan
 - Include definition of “trail” (e.g., how to consider old logging roads?)
 - Consider developing with a subcommittee that loops in key public individuals (example: RMT members who may be able to support the town in maintaining trails via activities such as eliminating unauthorized user-created switchbacks, repairing eroded areas, etc.)
2. Committee reviews and approves updated management plan and trail stewardship plan (complete by end of August)
3. Cross check updated management plan against easement (ongoing during step 2) and VLT (invite VLT to share their feedback re: easement review during September ACFC meeting) (complete by end of September)
4. Connect with at least Selectboard member to cross check management plan with their perspective on appropriate objectives for town forest (complete by end of September)
5. Town attorney review of management plan particularly re: compliance with zoning regulations, etc. (complete by end of September)
6. Integrate what we heard in steps 3-5, make a clean document (complete by end of October)
 - Subcommittees are working to clean up as new input comes in, deliver for ACFC review prior to October committee meeting
7. TBD: Consider additional structured public comment (unstructured public comment always welcome via email and at ACFC meetings; ACFC anticipates a public comment opportunity during Selectboard review/approval process) (complete by end of November)
8. Finalize management plan for Selectboard submission. ACFC to recommend Selectboard consider a longer than usual comment period during their review/approval meeting. (complete by end of December)
9. Submit to selectboard (for their January Selectboard meeting)
10. Publicize approved plan (January 2024)