

WONALANCET OUT DOOR CLUB NEWSLETTER

JULY 1978

WODC'S special newsletter offers summer fare for mind and body. Workshops are planned to discuss RARE II, Unit Planning, roads and rights-of-way, and forestry practices. There's work to be done, too, if you have a spare moment to help.

MEETINGS

Please note - - - These dates and locations are only tentative. Be certain to consult the Tamworth news column in the Carroll County Independent for specifics or call the meeting coordinator named in each case.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS The Forest Service has commenced the Wonalancet Unit Plan which it will present to the public for comment in the Fall of 1979. WODC members have participated in adjacent unit planning for Kancamagus and Waterville Valley and are impressed by the need for WODC, the local towns, conservation commissions, and others to participate in the process. To further this, the Club plans two workshops with possible additional sessions, and the Annual Meeting, to be dedicated to the problems. It is intended that these workshops shall be open to all interested parties so please extend an invitation to others to come with you.

JULY 18, 8:00 P.M., Center Sandwich, Wentworth Library, a workshop on the subject of land categories and boundaries within the National Forest (Management Areas / RARE II and wilderness).

MEETING COORDINATOR, George Zink - Telephone 323-8693.

AUGUST 8, 8:00 P.M. - Tamworth Town Hall - A workshop on the subject of road access to the Forest Boundary (Town Roads / Rights of way) and transportation within the Forest - Coordinator, Ralph Weymouth - 323-8201.

AUGUST 27, 8:00 P.M. - Wonalancet Chapel - Annual Meeting plus attention to forestry practice on and off the National Forest.

SUMMER TRAIL WORK - Two summer work/study students have been hired (with Federal 4-1 matching funds) to clean and improve our trails and facilities. You will find Chris and Cheryl up on the trails. All trails are now basically clear, an improved "chum" toilet is established on Whiteface at Camp Heermance, and a wood floor is installed at Camp Rich.

There are still many trail assignments to be completed; pruning and marking are still to be done; any help you can give will be most welcome. Call Ted Sidley at 323-8694 if you have a spare few hours.

Mineral Prospecting within the National Forest - WODC has informed the WMNF of its concerns about the proposed permit for thorium and uranium in more than 61,000 acres of the Forest. Concerns are with prospecting as a precedent to exploitation and violation of previous policy against sale of minerals. If you wish to receive more information regarding this proposal write to the White Mountain National Forest, Laconia, New Hampshire 03246. The final date for comments is in early July, but do not hesitate to inquire and make comments of your own, even if a bit late.