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# Public Notice

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Planning Division

Date: 1/28/2022

Comment Period Closes: 2/28/2022

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## 30 DAY PUBLIC NOTICE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL DEVELOPMENT BALL MOUNTAIN LAKE JAMAICA, VERMONT

Interested parties are hereby notified that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New England District is evaluating plans for the performance of work at the Ball Mountain Lake Flood Risk Management Project, subject to the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (P.L. 91-190). The work involves the establishment of mountain bike trails at Ball Mountain Lake in Jamaica, Vermont by the Jamaica Area Mountain Bike Alliance (Figure 1) under USACE's Challenge Partnership Program which is authorized by Public Law 102-580, Section 225 of 33 U.S.C 2328, Water Resources Development Act of 1992. Attachment No. 1 lists pertinent laws, regulations, and directives.

**Project Description:** The proposed action consists of establishing mountain bike trails, approximately 1 mile in total length, located between Ball Mountain Lane and the parking area at the Ball Mountain Lake canoe launch (Figure 1). Trail improvement activities will occur in two linked sections. The proposed name of the top section of trail is "Having a Ball" and it will be about half a mile in length running from Ball Mountain Lane to the West River Trail. The proposed name of the lower section is "Hard Corps", and it will run from the West River Trail to the canoe launch parking lot at the reservoir and will also be about half a mile in length. Limited vegetative clearing will be necessary for the trail development.

**Purpose of Work:** The purpose of the trail construction is to add an opportunity for publicly available recreation, and to increase the public's awareness of USACE and its missions by encouraging visitation to Ball Mountain Lake.

**Alternatives:** In addition to the proposed action, the Environmental Assessment evaluated the no action alternative and alternate trail routes.

**Additional Information:** Additional information may be obtained from the Planning Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Hannah Doherty, Biologist, at the address shown above. These individuals may also be reached by phone at 978-318-8685 or email at [Hannah.L.Doherty@usace.army.mil](mailto:Hannah.L.Doherty@usace.army.mil).

**Coordination:** The proposed work has, or will be coordinated with the following agencies:

**Federal:**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**State of Vermont:**

Vermont Agency of Natural Resources  
Vermont State Historic Preservation Office

**Tribes:**

Elnu Abenaki Tribe

**Local:**

Jamaica Area Mountain Bike Alliance

**Environmental Impacts:** An environmental assessment is available for review upon request. I have made a preliminary determination that an environmental impact statement for the proposed mountain bike trail development is not required under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. This determination will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice.

**Other Information:**

- a. **Local Sponsor:** Jamaica Area Mountain Bike Alliance
- b. **Floodplain Management:** In accordance with Executive Order 11988, USACE has determined that the proposed work will not contribute to negative impacts or damages caused by floods.
- c. **Endangered Species:** The project is not likely to adversely affect threatened or endangered species. USACE has consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure that the proposed activity will not significantly affect any species or critical habitat designated as endangered or threatened pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973.
- d. **Cultural Resources:** USACE has coordinated with the State Historic Preservation Office and the Elnu Abenaki Tribe in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

Please bring this notice to the attention of anyone you know to be interested in this project. Comments are invited from all interested parties and should be directed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, 696 Virginia Road, Concord, MA 01742-2751, ATTN: Hannah Doherty; or emailed to [Hannah.L.Doherty@usace.army.mil](mailto:Hannah.L.Doherty@usace.army.mil) within 30 days of this notice.

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Date

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John A. Atilano II  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

Attachments

## **Attachment 1**

### **PERTINENT LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND DIRECTIVES**

National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4347)

Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742a, et seq.)

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.)

Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)

Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.)

Federal Water Project Recreation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460L-12 et seq.)

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, as amended (16 U.S.C. 460L et seq.)

Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, 24 May 1977

Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, 24 May 1977

Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority  
Populations and Low-Income Populations, 11 February 1994

Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Health Risks and Safety Risks,  
21 April 1997

Attachment 2

JAMBA Proposed Trails

