



Public Information Session

**Phase I of the Miller State
Park Utility Upgrades**

**October 16, 2019
Shieling State Forest**









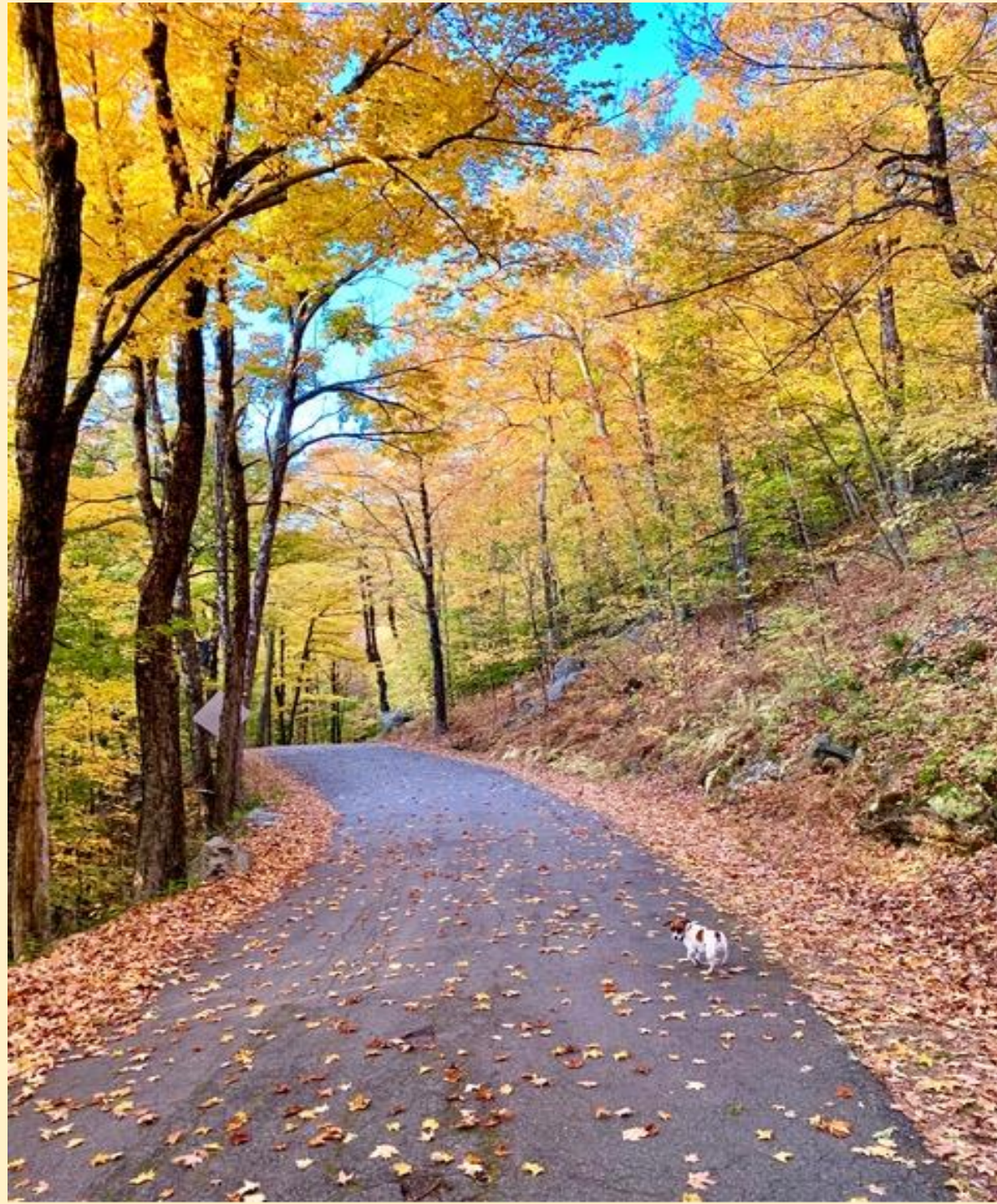
What purposes the utilities serve

- State Park facilities
- Fire Tower
- DES Air Quality Monitoring Station
- State-owned Communication Infrastructure (DNCR, State Police, federal law-enforcement, national guard, DOT, County Sheriff, etc.)
- Privately-owned communication infrastructure

History of Project

- Request from a telecommunications company to provide fiber up the mountain
- Review by our land management bureau and the Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
- Determination current condition is not to code and could present safety issues
- Public Information Session held at Shieling State Forest in October, 2017
- Plan presented to install a new utility corridor using poles going up the state-owned highway





- Public feedback was clear that the road option was not acceptable
- Parties took a pause to reassess
- A suggestion was made to have a small stakeholder group of concerned citizens assist the state and Eversource as new alternatives were developed and evaluated
- This group has been working collaboratively for two years with many other partners:
 - Pack Monadnock Trail Alliance
 - DNCR
 - Eversource
 - NHPUC
 - NHDOT
 - Crown Castle
 - Telecom companies

- Numerous meetings, discussions, on-site visits, etc. over the past two years
- Focus has been on how we can upgrade utilities (both electric and telecom), while protecting the integrity of the property, the resources, and the experience of the visitors
- Project has been divided into two phases
- Phase I is the line from Rt. 101 up to the old FAA building
- Phase II is from the old FAA building to all the users on the summit







Phase II-Summit

- Still working out details
- Much smaller area, but more complex due to multiple termination points of the utilities
- Both electric and telecom
- Both public and private lands
- Plan will include work on buildings, fencing
- Will have another public information session when those details are farther along