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