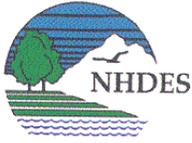


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Upcoming Workshop Focuses on Greener Ski Resorts *“Green Slopes” Workshop Highlights Energy Reduction and Recycling*

Concord, NH – On July 24, the N.H. Department of Environmental Services and Ski NH will hold the 2nd Annual Green Slopes Workshop at Cannon Mountain in Franconia Notch. The workshop, entitled “From Kilowatts to Cans,” will focus on energy reduction and solid waste recycling at ski facilities. Agenda topics include alternative energy sources such as wind and solar, streamlining solid waste and recycling, and case studies from various ski facilities that have enhanced their standard operating procedures and improved their environmental programs.

While the New England ski industry is important to the region’s economy, it also has a significant impact on the environment. The ski industry’s basic necessity is snow – lots of snow, and making snow takes energy – lots of energy. Water withdrawal for snowmaking, the energy snowmaking requires, and snow melt runoff can all have environmental impacts. Unsustainable business practices coupled with climate change could result in the loss of a major industry, leading to severe economic impacts to the region. It is essential for ski facilities to operate in both an environmentally sound and functionally efficient manner if they are to remain a sustainable, profitable industry.

Owners and operators of ski facilities from New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont are invited to come together to discuss ways to reduce their impact on the environment as well as increase the efficiency of their operations. In addition to presentations by industry and environmental experts, vendors with energy saving technology and innovative operations techniques will be available to all attendees.

If you would like more information about this workshop, visit the NH Pollution Prevention Program’s Green Slopes website at www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/greenslopes.htm. For questions or to register, please contact Tara Goodrich at tara.goodrich@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-0878.

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