

Montpelier Section Members,

Here's a summary of what the Montpelier Section, the GMC Board and Trail Management Committee has decided so far. Things are constantly changing, so bear with us.

- Section work hikes May 16 & 23 cancelled
- Remaining section outings after May 15 probably cancelled
- No late spring & summer hikes/outings being planned for Montpelier section at this time
- GMC Headquarters closed, staff working from home, no layoffs
- Reduced seasonal staff, or no seasonal at all, including Long Trail Patrol and caretakers depending on pandemic conditions
- Long Trail closed for both mud season and corona
- Appalachian Trail: awaiting word from USDA on full closure, most shelters and facilities closed, through and section hikes discouraged
- Vermont State Parks trails open as appropriate, unless closed for mud season, likely delayed campground opening
- Green Mountain National Forest the same, but awaiting further word

It's been a difficult time to be on the board and on Trail Management, but we are meeting by Zoom and carrying on. Executive Director Mike DeBonis and the GMC staff have done a great job planning and the club is in good shape financially.

The trail will still be there next year and we'll be back in the mountains.

George Longenecker

Green Mountain Club Board of Directors