



FORESTS, PARKS & RECREATION
VERMONT



AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CAPITAL BILL LINE ITEMS

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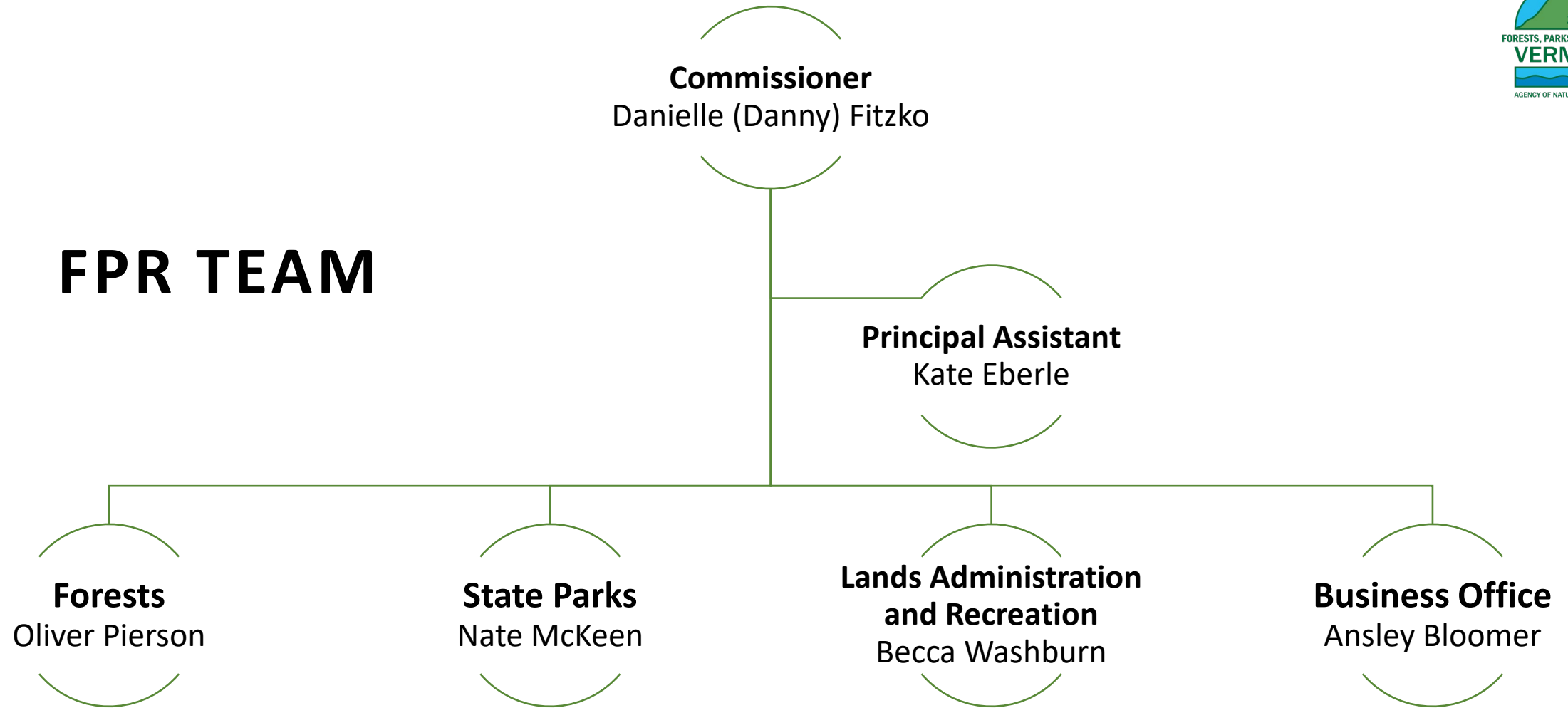


The Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (FPR) is responsible for conserving and managing Vermont's **forest resources**, operating and maintaining the **State Park** system, and promoting and supporting **outdoor recreation** for all Vermonters and our visitors.



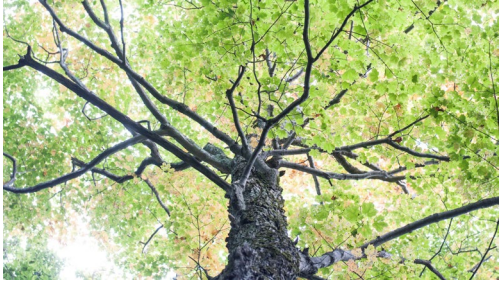
<https://fpr.Vermont.gov>

FPR TEAM



135 year-round – 450 seasonal employees

FPR PROGRAMMATIC DIVISIONS



Forests

Promotes healthy forests, helps manage for resilient forest landscapes across both private and public property, and promotes the ongoing development of the Vermont forest economy.



State Parks

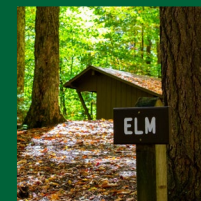
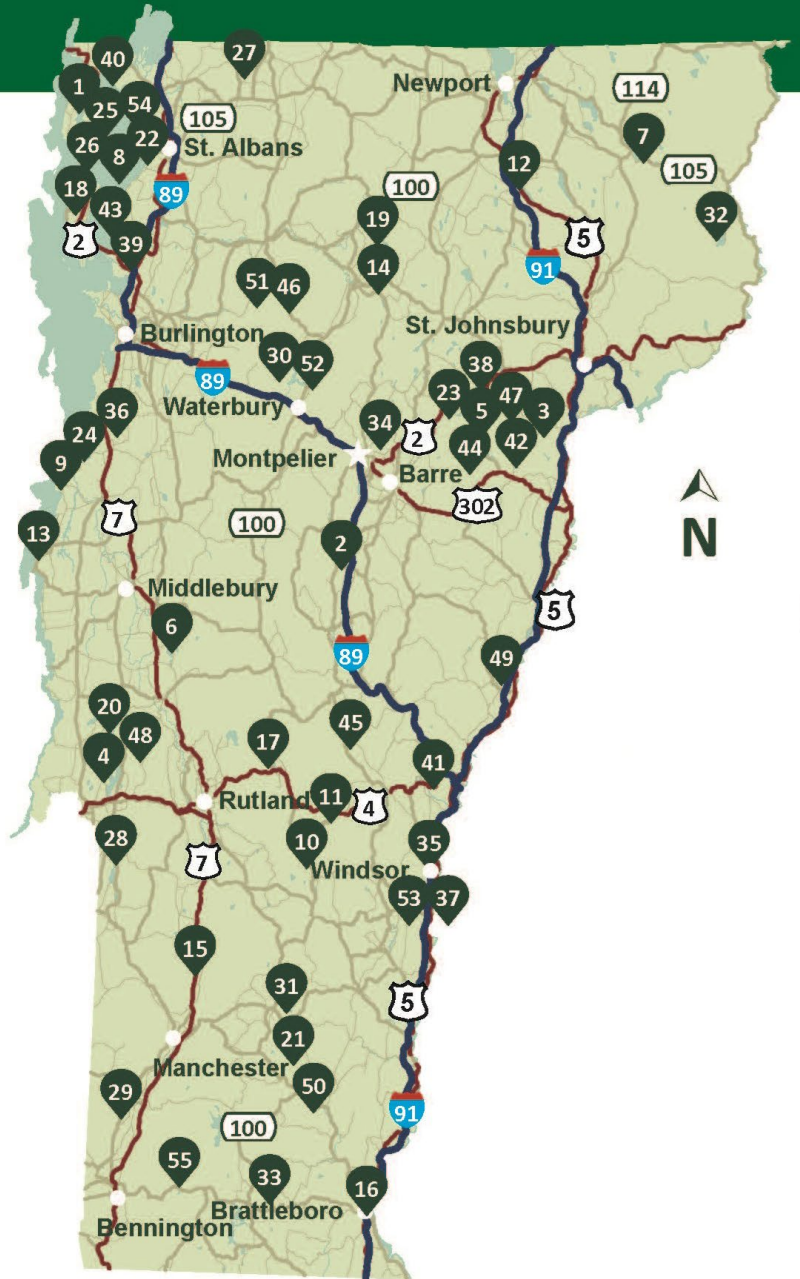
Provides outdoor recreation facilities primarily through Vermont's very popular 55 state parks.



Lands Administration and Outdoor Recreation

Conducts land acquisitions for the Agency, coordinates long-range management planning for ANR lands, administers grants to provide high-quality outdoor recreation settings for Vermonters, and collaborates with external partners to support Vermont's outdoor recreation economy.

VERMONT STATE PARKS



KEY FACTS



55
STATE PARKS



39
CAMPGROUNDS



2,225
CAMPSITES



51
CABINS



29
BEACHES



597,552
DAY VISITORS



503,369
CAMPING VISITORS



STATE STATISTICS

\$3 BILLION
TOURISM
INDUSTRY

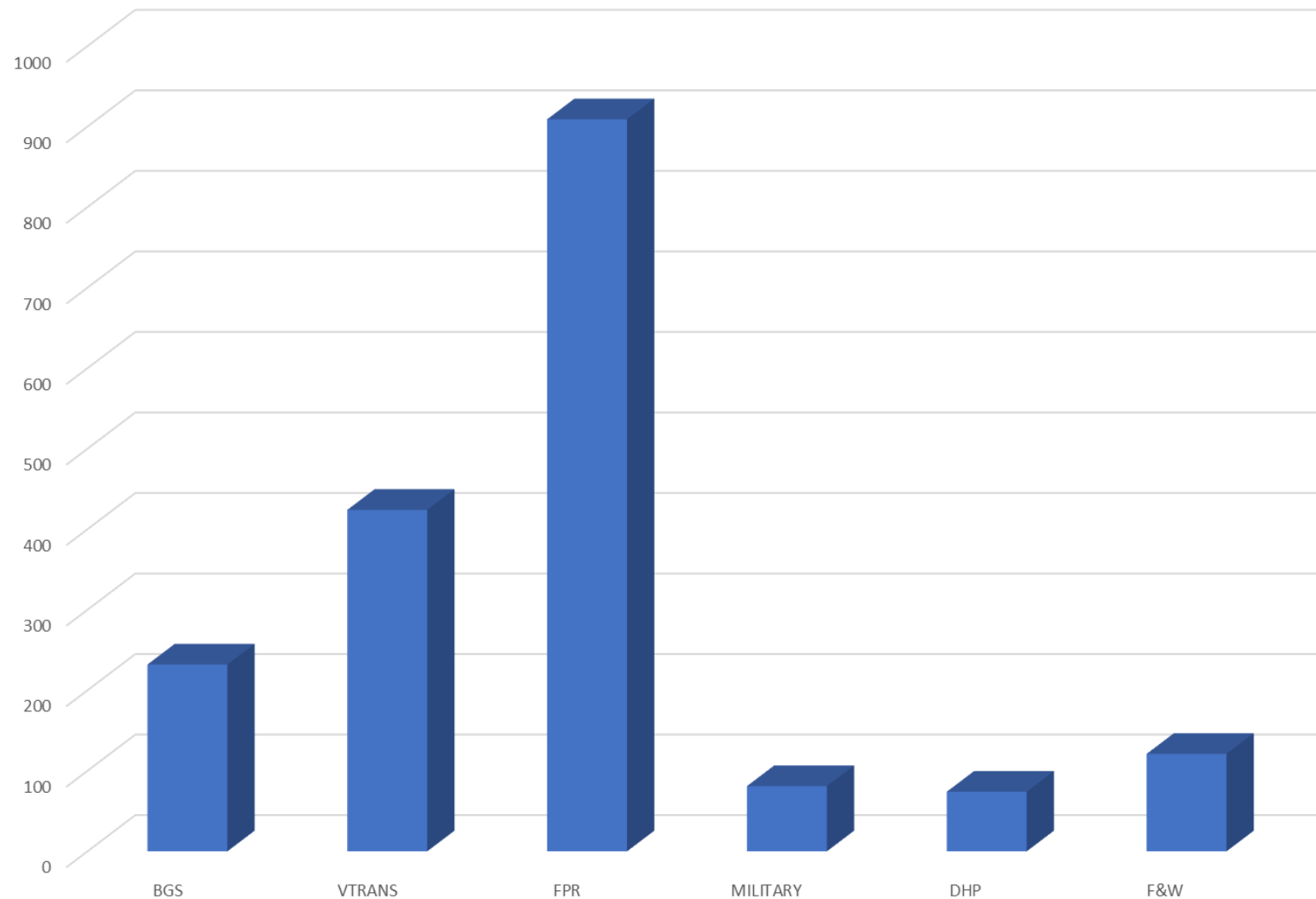
OUTDOOR RECREATION
REPRESENTS
OVER 4.61%
OF VERMONT'S GDP



VERMONT IS THE
SECOND HIGHEST
IN THE NATION
FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION,
COMPRISING THE
LARGEST PERCENTAGE
OF THE STATE'S
ECONOMY

PARKS INFRASTRUCTURE

Insured Structure Count



Source:
2022 BGS property
summary

TYPES OF FACILITIES THAT WE MAINTAIN

- **Customer Care**

- Toilets
- Playgrounds

- **System Care**

- Water Systems
- Wastewater Systems
- Electrical Service

- **Employee Care**

- Service Centers
- Housing
- Other “Back of House”



MORE TECHNICAL THAN MOST KNOW

- **40 miles** of buried piping carrying drinking and wastewater
- Maintenance staff are certified to run **35** regulated drinking water systems
- **9** wastewater systems
- Most structures now eligible for **Historic Preservation**
- **Operational Environmental Permit** counts have increased



PARKS MODERNIZATION STUDY



INVESTING TODAY
TO BUILD THE FUTURE
FOR VERMONT
STATE PARKS



PARTICIPATING PARTNERS



KEY FINDINGS RELATED TO INFRASTRUCTURE



- VSP facilities remain deficient in meeting ADA requirements, state stormwater and wastewater management, modern sanitary facilities, and forthcoming climate initiatives such as electrification and resilience measures.

A scenic landscape photograph of a calm lake nestled between two steep, forested mountains. The water is a deep blue-green, and the sky is a clear, pale blue with a few wispy clouds. In the foreground, several large, dark, rounded rocks are partially submerged in the water. The overall mood is serene and majestic.

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WITHIN STATE PARKS

Infrastructure Rehabilitation And Improvement

FY26 - \$3,500,000 & FY27 - \$2,500,000



**Smaller Scale
Projects**



**Emergency
Wastewater Reserve**



Larger Scale Projects

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Sand Bar State Park Entrance

Translating Success



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Maintenance Shop at Gifford Woods State Park
Killington, VT

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Toilet building at Maidstone State Park
Maidstone, VT

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Waste water at Fort Dummer State Park
Brattleboro, VT

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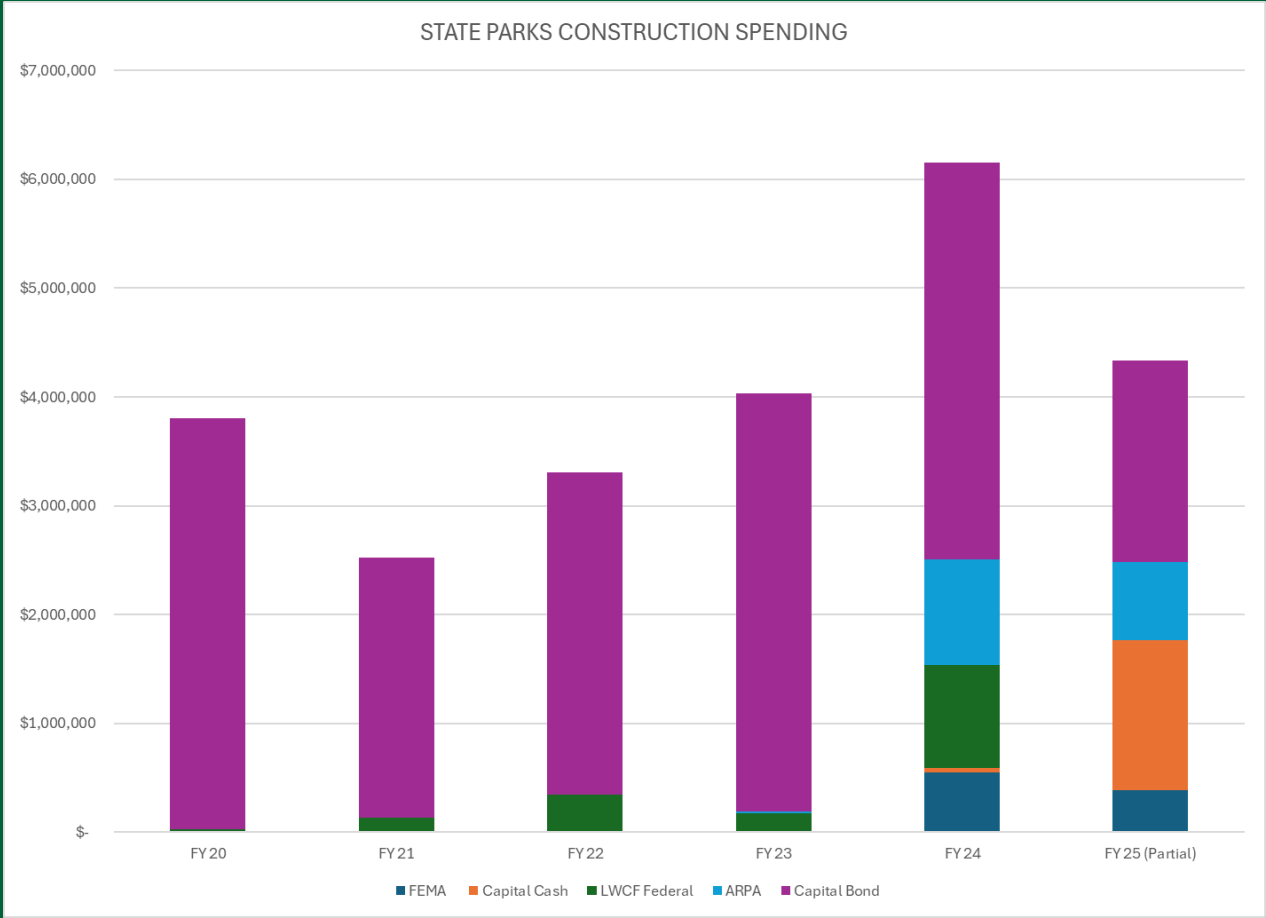
3-Acre Rule Project at Allis State Park
Randolph, VT

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State Parks has the capacity to spend.

It isn't always easy and there are bumps in the road, but we recover quickly

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OUTSIDE OF STATE PARKS

Public Land Access Infrastructure (PLAI)

FY26 & FY27 - \$700,000



People come for the view:

Upgrades are needed to continue to serve as iconic destinations for generations to come



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South End of Lake Willoughby
Westmore, VT

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Monroe Parking Area
Duxbury, VT

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**Mt. Philo
Charlotte, VT**

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Forest City Bridge -
Camels Hump State Park
Huntington, VT

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Cotton Brook Road
Stowe, VT

SECTION 10: CLEAN WATER - LINE 100

ANR LANDS

Forestry Access Road Water Quality Improvements

FY26 - \$200,000



BEFORE

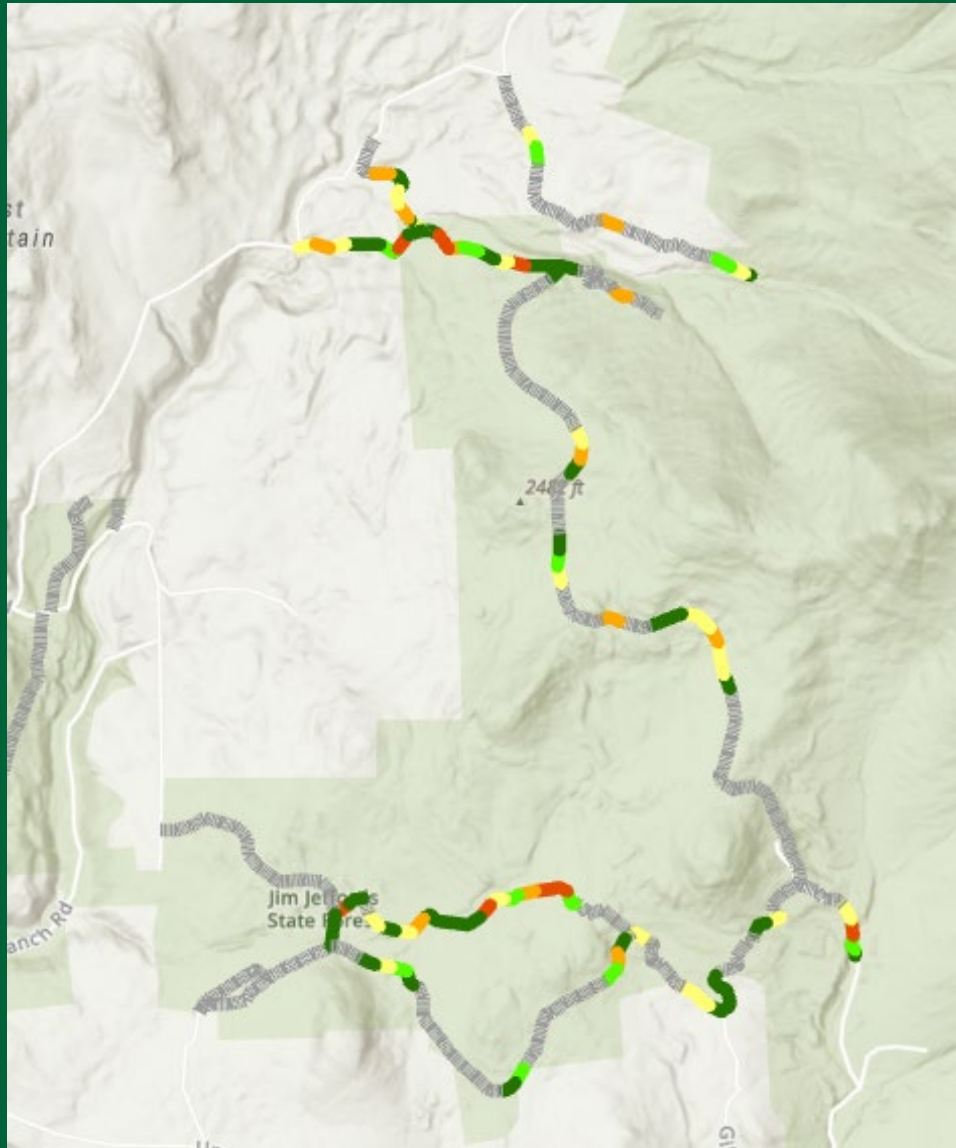


AFTER

Corrective Practices

- Ditch relief culverts
- Ditch disconnection culverts
- Armoring culvert outlets
- Correctly sizing structures
- Re-crowning & grading the road surface & shoulders
- Installing new road surface material

ROAD EROSION INVENTORY



Coolidge State Forest and Jeffords State Forest Mendon and Shrewsbury, VT

- Very High Priority
- High Priority
- Moderate Priority
- Low Priority
- Meets AMP Standards
- Not Hydroconnected



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