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## Hello Hikers!

Hello all and again I thank and welcome the new volunteers that have joined since the Fall. We covered a lot of ground last year. A few new footbridges were added we flagged a new trail to be put in this year. That means we have plenty of things to do this year.

Winter will be winding down in the near future. Once the snow is gone, we can start Spring clean-up. This might require a lot of help. We are in the process of checking the trail systems. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated, for all the adventurous trails we have in Milford's Town Forest and Conservation Lands.

In the very near future, the Trails Committee will be contacting you and requesting your assistance in forming groups of volunteers to help with Spring Clean Up of our trail systems. The work will involve moving broken branches and debris off the trails, and the use of hand saws, loppers and pruning shears. Bring these tools with you if you have them. If you don't, we have some that you can use.

If you have any kids, please feel free to bring them along and get them involved. We would love to have their assistance as kids have helped in the past. If you know other people that would like to get involved, have them come along to.

As mentioned earlier, we will be contacting you. We will give more attention to a trail system, town forest or Conservation Land if more damage has been done to it. It is quite possible that a trail system might not require a mass clean-up.

I would also like to add that the Trails Committee so far has focused on up-grading and developing trails in town forests and conservation lands in Milford. We have spent a great deal of time developing a Milford Trails Manual which contains standards for Milford trails plus much more information. It can be viewed at this link:

[http://www.milford.nh.gov/sites/milford.nh.gov/files/Trails%20Manual\\_26%20Nov%202011.pdf](http://www.milford.nh.gov/sites/milford.nh.gov/files/Trails%20Manual_26%20Nov%202011.pdf)

It is also available on the Conservation Commission web site. You can view the Milford Conservation Commission web site at:

<http://www.milford.nh.gov/conservation>

We will have specific dates for the Spring Clean Up in the very near future. Usually spring clean-up occurs somewhere between the end of March and the end of April (weather pending). You can contact us by calling 249-0628 or by e-mail at [concomm@milford.nh.gov](mailto:concomm@milford.nh.gov). If you would not like to be listed as a volunteer anymore, please contact us also. Thanks and hope to see you soon!

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