Updated Draft Desired Conditions July 2017

Draft Desired Conditions for Zone 1:

**Natural Resources:** Natural and ecological processes may be controlled to protect human life and infrastructure. Forests away from roadways provide sufficient diversity of age and understory for wildlife health. Agricultural water supply is protected and the basins river and wetland system is largely intact just off roadways. Impacts and modifications of the landscape are found at designated recreations sites and primitive campsites along designated roads.

**Visitor Experience:** Visitors have improved access to short trips and close to home opportunities via limited networks of good roads that are clearly marked. Regulations are clearly articulated along roadways and at designated sites for various activities so visitors know how to help care for shared resources and what to expect from other visitors. The presence of other visitors and law enforcement is expected near main roadways during peak seasons. Opportunities for resource education are available at strategic areas throughout this zone and by working with partner organizations.

**Activities:** This zone includes day and overnight use, with camping in small rustic campgrounds and dispersed primitive camping spots. Appropriate visitor activities include hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, backcountry skiing, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, and recreational driving. Appropriate motorized activities on green dot roads and other designated routes include vehicle driving (on green dot roads only) and snowmobiles, motorcycles and ATVs (on designated routes).

(\* maybe target practice in designated areas)

**Facilities:** Facilities appropriate in this zone are limited to rustic well-maintained trails, directional and interpretive signs, sanitation facilities, small trailhead parking lots, graded gravel roads and established campsites in high use areas. Facilities primarily center along the Upper Basin Loop Road. Established campsites are basic and do not have running water or showers. Some facilities are accessible for visitors with disabilities and these areas are clearly marked. One parking lot and trail can accommodate a small number of horse trailers.

Draft Desired Conditions for Zone 2:

**Natural Resources:** Natural and ecological processes may be controlled to protect human life and infrastructure. Sensitive hydrological areas, wildlife, and forest health are protected and largely undisturbed just off roadways and trails. Impacts and modifications of the landscape are found at designated recreations sites and communities and along designated roads.

**Visitor Experiences:** Visitors have increased access to more recreational opportunities through creation of designated trail linkages to adjacent partner trails and areas. Use is concentrated near communities and developments, and the Mission Ridge expansion area in Section 19 will result in higher concentrations of use of recreation resources in Section 19. . Opportunities for resource education are available at strategic areas throughout this zone and by working with partner organizations. Efforts to strategically combine recreation resources with wildfire protection actions are incorporated in planning.

**Activities:** This zone includes day use, with group camping available in Squilchuck State Park. Appropriate visitor activities include hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, cross country skiing, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing. ATV and snowmobile use are appropriate in this zone on a designated route for Forest Ridge residents in order to access Green Dot roads or groomed snowmobile trails in zone 1.

**Facilities:** Facilities in this zone are limited to rustic day use parking areas to accommodate high use trailheads and strategically placed sanitation facilities for popular reservoirs. Other appropriate facilities in this zone include primitive trails and signs to clarify routes and uses allowed in higher use areas.

Draft Desired Conditions for Zone 3:

**Natural Resources:** Natural and ecological processes predominate. Water resources and wildlife are protected and largely undisturbed. The landscape is generally undeveloped, with the exception of green dot roads. Areas of Zone 3 have been previously logged, and are now managed for forest health. There is potential for growth in recreational use from DNR lands to the south and east.

**Visitor Experiences:** Visitors have opportunities to be immersed in a primitive and undeveloped setting, for solitude, self-reliance and self-discovery, connection with nature and low encounters with others away from the green dot road system Highest use occurs on green dot road system and groomed snowmobile trail system, while opportunities for primitive non-motorized recreation exist year round in other areas of Zone 3. Slightly higher encounters with other visitors may occur in a natural setting around Upper Wheeler Reservoir. Opportunities for resource education are available at strategic areas throughout this zone and by working with partner organizations.

**Activities:** This zone includes day and overnight use, with dispersed primitive camping. Appropriate visitor activities include hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, wildlife viewing, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, and ATV/vehicle use on green dot roads.

**Facilities:** Facilities in this zone are minimal overall. Appropriate facilities are limited to sustainably built green dot roads, minimal signage, and a seasonal winter warming hut with permanent sanitation facility.