**Stemilt/Squilchuck Recreation Plan Updated January 24, 2017**

**Planning Process Draft**

Phase 1. Pre-Planning and Getting Organized: Spring 2016 –Winter 2017

* Develop project scope, define study area, and purpose
* Gather information on existing plans and documents
* Host stakeholder meeting to gauge public interest
* Coordinate with Stemilt Partnership, establish planning committees
* Define decision process and structure
* Define vision and goals

Phase 2. Information Gathering and Public Involvement: Winter- Summer 2017

* Hold recreation planning committee meetings
* Gather information on existing plans and documents
* Review and summarize existing and related recreation policies and management direction for each land manager
* Describe existing conditions related to visitor use, this includes the amount, types, timing, and distribution of use, including visitor activities and behaviors.
* Identify gaps in information and explore resources for a user survey and/or recreation inventory (possibly utilize WVCC rec program students)
* Identify public outreach strategy
* Define desired conditions for resources, recreation opportunities, and visitor experiences for the planning area
* Define appropriate visitor uses and facilities

Phase 3. Analysis and Alternatives: Spring 2017-Fall 2017

* Develop preliminary recreation plan concepts
* Assess recreation plan concepts and ideas for suitability with the desired conditions
* Generate alternatives
* Identify priorities and gaps
* Develop indicators, thresholds, and a monitoring strategy

Phase 4. Plan Production and Implementation: Fall 2017 -Spring 2018

* Draft plan
* Develop implementation strategy for proposed plan
* Revise draft plan based on public input
* Finalize Plan
* Adoption and Implementation of plan

Phase 5. Monitoring and Adaptive Management: Ongoing for the life of the plan

* As management actions from the plan are implemented, conduct and document ongoing monitoring and evaluate the effectiveness of management actions in achieving desired conditions.
* Adjust management actions if needed to achieve desired conditions and document rationale.