

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
MAINE APPALACHIAN TRAIL CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Maine Appalachian Trail Club (MATC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the MATC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (USFS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the MATC hereby acknowledges the MATC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between Maine Highway 26 and the summit of Katahdin. This memorandum formalizes the MATC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club assumed on 1 July 1935, and joins with that commitment the delegation of management responsibility for ATPO lands that was originally made to the Club by the ATC on 22 October 1984.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the MATC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, monitoring of ATPO lands, and provision of public information and education.

MATC Responsibilities. The MATC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The MATC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Plan for the Management of the Appalachian Trail In Maine* (LMP). Specific MATC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (publication of the *Guide to the Appalachian Trail in Maine*, hiker education, and provision of information about the Trail in Maine to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the MATC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The MATC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. MATC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Maine agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for New England, aided by ATC's New England Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 11 April 1997

Signed Paul P. Johnson, Jr.
Paul P. Johnson, Jr., President
Maine Appalachian Trail Club

Date April 11, 1997

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the AMC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and the monitoring and limited management of designated national forest lands along the Trail.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (FS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the AMC hereby acknowledges the AMC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities, and the monitoring and limited management of Transfer Lands and ATMA/ATPA lands between New Hampshire Highway 112 and Maine Highway 26. This memorandum formalizes the AMC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club has traditionally maintained since the inception of the AT.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the AMC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, the monitoring and limited management of Transfer Lands and ATMA/ATPA lands, and the provision of public information and education.

AMC Responsibilities. The AMC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The AMC will manage the Trail and Trail-related facilities, and will monitor and provide limited management of Transfer Lands and lands designated as ATMA/ATPA lands under the relevant Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Plan for the Management of the Appalachian Trail* (LMP), and the LRMP. Specific AMC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, punchon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and limited Trail lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, corridor monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revision of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire/Vermont*, hiker education, and provision of information about the AMC's Trail section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the AMC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The AMC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. AMC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and New Hampshire and Maine agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for New England, aided by ATC's New England Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair, Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 10 May 1997

Signed Carl E. Demrow
Carl Demrow, Trail Program Director, Appalachian Mountain Club

Date May 16, 1997

Signed Andrew J. Falender
Andrew J. Falender, Executive Director, Appalachian Mountain Club

Date 5/26/97

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
DARTMOUTH OUTING CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Dartmouth Outing Club (DOC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the DOC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and the monitoring and limited management of designated national forest lands along the Trail.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (FS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the DOC hereby acknowledges the DOC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities, and the monitoring and limited management of Transfer Lands and ATMA/ATPA lands between Vermont Highway 12 in Woodstock and New Hampshire Highway 112 at Kinsman Notch. This memorandum formalizes the DOC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club has traditionally maintained since the inception of the AT.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the DOC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, the monitoring and limited management of Transfer Lands and ATMA/ATPA lands, and the provision of public information and education.

DOC Responsibilities. The DOC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The DOC will manage the Trail and Trail-related facilities, and will monitor and provide limited management of Transfer Lands and lands designated as ATMA/ATPA lands under the relevant Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Local Plan for the Management of the Appalachian Trail* (LMP), and the LRMP. Specific DOC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and limited Trail lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, corridor monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (contribution to revision of the *Appalachian Trail Guide to New Hampshire/Vermont*, hiker education, and provision of information about the DOC's Trail section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the DOC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The DOC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. The Director of the Dartmouth Outdoor Programs Office (which oversees the Dartmouth Outing Club) or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and New Hampshire and Vermont agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for New England, aided by ATC's New England Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Signed Earl R. Jette
Earl R. Jette, Director
Dartmouth Outdoor Programs Office

Date 10 May 1997

Date 5/15/97

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
GREEN MOUNTAIN CLUB
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Green Mountain Club (GMC) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the GMC that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and the monitoring and limited management of designated national forest lands along the Trail.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (FS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the GMC hereby acknowledges the GMC's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities, and the monitoring and limited management of Transfer Lands and ATMA/ATPA lands between the Vermont/Massachusetts border and Vermont Highway 12 in Woodstock. This memorandum formalizes the GMC's responsibility for the Trail that the Club has traditionally maintained since the inception of the AT.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the GMC with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Club must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Club's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Club for the management of the Trail, the monitoring and limited management of Transfer Lands and ATMA/ATPA lands, and the provision of public information and education.

GMC Responsibilities. The GMC agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The GMC will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and will monitor and provide limited management of Transfer Lands and lands designated as ATMA/ATPA lands under the relevant Forest Service Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Club's *Long Trail System Management Plan* (LMP), and the LRMP. Specific GMC authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and limited Trail lands management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, corridor monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (including publication of the *Long Trail Guide*, hiker education, and provision of information about the GMC's Trail section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the GMC agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The GMC has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. GMC's President or designee will represent the Club in resolving differences between the Club and Vermont agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for New England, aided by ATC's New England Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Club. Questions of Club territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Club status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Signed Paul Hannan
Paul Hannan, President
The Green Mountain Club, Inc.

Date 10 May 1997

Date 5/28/97

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB BERKSHIRE CHAPTER
and the
APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Appalachian Mountain Club Berkshire Chapter (AMC Berkshire Chapter or Chapter) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the AMC Berkshire Chapter that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (FS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The Appalachian Trail crosses federal lands in national parks and national forests and lands ("ATPO Lands"), outside of the proclaimed or designated boundaries of existing national forests and national parks, that were acquired by the NPS specifically for the protection of the Trail. A 1980 USFS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement provides guidelines for the cooperative management of the AT on national forest lands. National forest plans designate Appalachian Trail "Management Area" (ATMA) or "Prescription Area" (ATPA) lands along the Trail. In 1984 and 1993, certain ATPO lands ("Transfer Lands") were administratively transferred to the Forest Service. In 1984, the Forest Service signed an agreement with the ATC that delegated "operations, development, and maintenance responsibilities" for these lands to the ATC, with authority to sub-delegate to member clubs. Also in 1984, the National Park Service amended a 1970 NPS/ATC Memorandum of Agreement for cooperation in the administration of the Trail by delegating to the ATC the responsibility to serve as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and ATPO corridor lands. Under these authorities, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the AMC Berkshire Chapter hereby acknowledges the Chapter's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of ATPO lands between the stream crossing in Sages Ravine and the Vermont/Massachusetts border. This memorandum formalizes the Chapter's responsibility for the Trail, which began with Chapter maintenance of a section in the 1930s and expanded in April, 1979, through the Chapter's agreement with the ATC to coordinate volunteer work on the AT for all of Massachusetts.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the AMC Berkshire Chapter with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Chapter must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Chapter's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and financial assistance to the Chapter for the management of the Trail, monitoring of corridor lands, and provision of public information and education.

AMC Berkshire Chapter Responsibilities. The AMC Berkshire Chapter agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The AMC Berkshire Chapter will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and ATPO lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Chapter's *Local Management Plan for the Appalachian Trail* (LMP). Specific AMC Berkshire Chapter authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, corridor monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education (hiker education, and provision of information about the Chapter's Trail section to the ATC, agencies, and the public). To the extent feasible, the AMC Berkshire Chapter agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The AMC Berkshire Chapter has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. The AMC Berkshire Chapter Appalachian Trail Committee Chair or designee will represent the Chapter in resolving differences between the Chapter and Massachusetts agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for New England, aided by ATC's New England Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Chapter. Questions of AMC Berkshire Chapter territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Chapter status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference

Date 25 Jan. 1998

Signed Gary Walker
Gary Walker, Director of Finance, Appalachian Mountain Club

Signed Kate Leary
Kate Leary, Chair
AMC Berkshire Chapter

Date 2 Feb. 1998

Date 9 Feb 98

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL
between the
APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN CLUB CONNECTICUT CHAPTER
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APPALACHIAN TRAIL CONFERENCE

Purpose. This memorandum provides a concise statement of specific understandings and working relationships between the Appalachian Mountain Club Connecticut Chapter (AMC Connecticut Chapter or Chapter) and the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC). It applies only to those activities of the AMC Connecticut Chapter that relate to the management of the Appalachian Trail (AT) and Trail corridor lands.

Background. From its inception in 1925, the ATC worked with existing trail clubs, and fostered the development of new clubs, to create the Appalachian Trail. This partnership evolved into a federation of maintaining clubs, coordinated by the ATC towards the common goal of perpetuating and protecting the Trail. In 1968, the National Trail System Act gave overall responsibility for the Appalachian Trail to the Secretary of the Interior. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the USDA Forest Service (FS), and in cooperation with state agencies over whose lands the AT passes. This memorandum acknowledges the ultimate responsibility and authority for federal and state agencies to administer lands under their jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

Delegation. The NPS and the Forest Service have delegated to the ATC the authority and responsibility to act as the guarantor that the AT volunteer community will adequately manage and protect the AT and its corridor lands. Under this authority, ATC's Board of Managers, in consultation with Trail maintaining organizations and agency partners, sets policies regarding the protection, management, and use of the Trail. The ATC hereby confirms and the AMC Connecticut Chapter hereby acknowledges the Chapter's authority and responsibility for the maintenance of the Appalachian Trail and related facilities and the management of Trail corridor lands between the Connecticut-New York Border south of Connecticut/New York Highway 55 and the stream crossing in Sages Ravine. This memorandum formalizes the Chapter's responsibility for the Trail that the Chapter assumed on 14 October 1979 (by action of the ATC Board of Managers) and joins with that commitment the delegation of management responsibility for National Park Service corridor lands that was originally made to the Chapter by the ATC on 22 October 1984.

ATC Support. The ATC agrees to regularly provide the AMC Connecticut Chapter with information on laws, regulations, and agency policies with which the Chapter must comply. The ATC will regularly communicate ATC policies, Trail standards, and local management planning procedures, and provide backup support for the Chapter's operational responsibilities. To the extent authorized by the Board of Managers, the ATC will provide technical and

financial assistance to the Chapter for the management of the Trail, monitoring of corridor lands, and provision of public information and education.

Chapter Responsibilities. The AMC Connecticut Chapter agrees to maintain the Trail for which it is responsible to ATC's standards for marking, clearing, and treadway care, as specified in such ATC publications as *Trail Design, Construction, and Maintenance*. The Chapter will manage the Trail, Trail-related facilities, and delegated Trail lands in accordance with policies presented in the ATC's *Local Management Planning Guide*, as detailed in the Chapter's *Local Management Plan for the Appalachian Trail* (LMP). Specific Chapter authorities and responsibilities include, but are not limited to 1) Trail construction and maintenance (relocation and side trail design and construction; footpath protection and hardening with water diversion structures, puncheon, and rockwork; pathway obstruction removal; route marking with blazes, signs, and cairns), 2) facilities construction and maintenance (shelter, privy, and bridge construction; trash and illegal fire ring removal), 3) Trail and corridor management (regular revision of the LMP, Trail assessment, corridor monitoring, regular cooperation and communication with the ATC and agency partners), and 4) information and education, hiker education, and provision of information about the Chapter's Trail section to the ATC, agencies, and the public. To the extent feasible, the AMC Connecticut Chapter agrees to assist with the Trail protection, management, and monitoring efforts of the Trust for Appalachian Trail Lands.

Cooperative Management. The AT cooperative management system is based on a commitment to cooperation, consultation, and collaboration by all partners. Disagreements that arise should be resolved as close to the source as possible. The AMC Connecticut Chapter has sole authority for dealing with issues among its volunteer members. The Chapter Trails Committee Chair or designee will represent the Chapter in resolving differences between the Chapter and Connecticut agencies, federal agencies and the ATC. ATC's Vice Chair for New England, aided by ATC's New England Regional Representative, will represent the Conference in local and regional issues that involve the Chapter. Questions of AMC Connecticut Chapter territorial jurisdiction, acceptance of ATC policies, or Chapter status within the Conference, and matters that cannot be resolved locally or regionally, are the responsibility of the ATC's Board of Managers, aided by ATC's Executive Director and staff.

Signed David B. Field
David B. Field, Chair
Appalachian Trail Conference
Date 1 Jan. 1997

Signed Paula E. Burton
~~David Cullen~~, Chair Paula Burton
AMC Connecticut Chapter
Date 2/13/97

Signed Andrew J. Falender
Andrew J. Falender, Executive Director
Appalachian Mountain Club
Date 2/7/97