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 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT and CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, 2009  
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#	Pisgah	Criteria	Alt Mgmt	Funding	General	Park	Comment
1				1			raise funding
2	1	1				Pisgah	extensive comment
3	1					Pisgah	don't close or turn over to private industry
4			1				
5					1		Need open space
6			1		1	Silver Lake	Silver Lake - fears Hollis will restrict non-residents
7				1			analysis of park finances/strengths/weakness is accurate.
8			1	1			shabby excuse on bogus fiscal grounds to deaccession lesser jewels
9			1				against sale
10					1	Hannah Dustin	decendent of Hannah Dustin - what is process if leaves state?
11				1			Charge parking/user fees & close facilities in need of repair until the monies are raised.
12					1	Jenness/N Hampton	Jenness/N Hampton - very busy, shouldn't be on decommission list
13					1		don't give up parklands because they are not turning a profit
14			1				sell or lease of parklands is outrageous
15			1	1		Cardigan	Wrong to sell state parks. Parks should be maintained by the state budget and not park tolls
16		1				Cardigan	Cardigan - hard to believe that it doesn't meet the values
17					1	Cardigan/Sculptured	Cardigan/Sculptured Rocks - result of current economic crisis?
18			1				NH needs to do a better job funding parks and forests.
19			1			Cardigan	Cardigan - Asking about process
20					1		Looking for info on public hearings
21					1		Responding to news article, willing to buy parklands
22			1		1		If dropped from state ownership, public good needs to be preserved
23						Cardigan	Owens property @ Cardigan, areas that can collect fees should be supported by state budget.
24					1		Question about CIP
25			1				If sale then need to be protected so public can access
26	1			1		Pisgah	charge an annual fee to support the park
27			1				opposed to sale, likes to go to parks near his house
28				1			\$4.00 is too cheap for a day of fresh air
29							Wanted more info.
30	1					Pisgah	must remain a park - enjoys going there to hike
31		1			1		Plan is overdue, structural comments to plan,
32	1					Pisgah	retain as part of park system
33			1				Why on earth would you even consider selling parks?
34	1					Pisgah	keep park as is
35	1					Pisgah	important community resource
36	1					Pisgah	ratings were unfair & park does meet the majority of core criteria
37					1		increase time for public comment

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38				1	1		public continue to access & use water bodies & hiking trails at a reasonable cost. Fears resident only if transferred to towns, support higher fees and other taxes.
39	1					Pisgah	Bio teacher at Hinsdale HS - uses park for field trips
40	1					Pisgah	Decendent of Doolittle's what will happen to family resources still there?
41	1				1	Pisgah	Retain the park, old forests, rather pay a sales tax
42			1				Reprehensible that the state to sell land to private parties
43			1				what are the short & long term effect of selling precious coastline parks
44	1					Pisgah	keep public access to the park
45	1			1		Pisgah	opposed to removing from SP system, consider a parking fee like National parks
46			1	1	1		Study was needed and well done. Combo of increased financing, transfer & increased volunteers. Disposing should be eliminated from future reports.
47	1	1	1			Pisgah	the class c does not take in account the value of the rec resource to the region
48	1	1				Pisgah	valuable rec resource
49			1				Don't sell the 27 parks
50		1					Prioritization is not addressed, need a rating system that sorts.
51				1	1		Surcharge on current use property to support park system
52	1					Pisgah	treasured by hikers & hunters
53	1					Pisgah	Send guests to park, against commercialization, wilderness must be preserved
54		1	1				how can natural areas not meet core criteria? Explain alt mgmt strategies more clearly
55	1	1	1			Pisgah	Pisgah is a wonderful place.
56	1					Pisgah	pisgah is the anchor of numerous conservation projects in SW NH
57					1		Define underperforming
58					1		more public comment
59	1					Pisgah	PA state parks do not have the wilderness that Pisgah offers
60		1			1		Parks acquired by donation or have federal funds invested need to be treated differently. Interested in the details of scoring.
61	1	1		1		Pisgah	Does not believe that Pisgah is a class C, value of parks need to be based on more than if they can pay for themselves
62	1					Pisgah	Pisgah is clearly one of the great assets of southern NH
63	1					Pisgah	I think your idea of doing away or anything else with the park is DRED-ful
64	1			1	1	Pisgah	many ideas
65	1					Pisgah	Keep the park and give it the attention and funding it needs
66	1				1	Pisgah	Working with trails bureau on upgrading trail system for mtn bikes
67					1	Cardigan	Cardigan - support volunteers, Friends of Mt Cardigan
68	1					Pisgah	reconsider downgrade/decommissioning of Pisgah, special place
69	1		1	1		Pisgah	hate idea of selling parks to private concerns, plenty of other ways to raise money. Set up primitive camping areas... join the rest of the nation with a sales tax.
70	1		1		1	Pisgah	miles of horse friendly trails, do not put forestland at risk
71					1	Nansen	Nansen - should hold local fundraisers for smaller parks
72			1		1	Nansen	Nansen - uses area to launch kayaks & picnic, don't sell off - it'll be gone forever
73					1		Communication could have been better, Seniors should pay or have reduced rate, leaving money on the table by not charging

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74				1			Horrified that parks that do not pay for themselves may be sold, our taxes pay for the parks
75					1		Volunteers at Jericho, use Nansen for ATV hill climbs
76			1		1		disposing of treasures shouldn't be used to the budget crisis. Insufficient notice to meeting
77					1	Cardigan	Cardigan - keep popular well used park open
78	1			1	1	Pisgah	Preserve Pisgah as a wilderness area, back country camping, should put up "honor boxes" to collect fees
79			1				sale to help state budget creates another crisis of a higher order
80			1	1	1		opposed to sale. Parks provide cheap recreation, raise admission price
81	1					Pisgah	Save Pisgah park
82	1		1			Pisgah	against sale
83	1					Pisgah	enjoy pisgah, oppose anything that affects its protected status
84			1				short sighted solution to this problem
85			1				once they are gone, they are gone
86	1					Pisgah	special place
87	1	1		1		Pisgah	thinks it should be a Cat B, should not be devalued just because of monetary status
88					1		need to build public/private partnerships, every park needs ongoing support
89	1	1			1	Pisgah	need to weight criteria, charge for an annual pass to use park
90		1			1		need to simultaneously evaluate all DRED lands. Follow up needed to the info sessions, not all lands donated meet mission and need to reevaluate.
91			1				selling parks is wrong
92	1					Pisgah	Enjoy the park
93	1		1			Pisgah	Pisgah shouldn't be considered for surplus
94	1				1	Pisgah	preserve this large undeveloped area
95	1					Pisgah	don't cut Pisgah
96		1					Thinks total score should be an 8 and therefore a B
97	1			1	1	Pisgah	Pisgah, largest park gets lowest financial support, the point of the park system is to protect the few remaining wild lands, invest in Pisgah to raise it to A or B
98	1					Pisgah	Keep Pisgah open
99					1	Wadleigh	Wadleigh - loves the uncrowded, uncommercial park
100	1					Pisgah	loves Pisgah (first husband was a Doolittle)
101					1		Bedell Bridge - lots of people use it
102	1					Pisgah	
103				1	1		Former Director of Parks - background on State Park Fund & National trends
104	1					Pisgah	If the state doesn't want it, let a easement be put on it
105	1					Pisgah	Keep the park open
106	1					Pisgah	Intregal part of the rec activity in Cheshire County
107	1	1	1	1		Pisgah	transfer may be acceptable, but would like to know to whom
108	1					Pisgah	Spare from the chopping block
109	1			1		Pisgah	Protect the land even if that means a sales or income tax
110	1			1		Pisgah	parks are not supposed to be cash cows for state govt

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111	1	1				Pisgah	Loves the park because dogs can run off-leash, park is unusual and accessible
112	1				1	Pisgah	Chesterfield Gorge is important too, govt needs to balance its budget but is not a business
113	1			1		Pisgah	Money seems to be the bottom line
114	1		1			Pisgah	Uses it for many things, don't throw away in tough economic times
115			1				Concerned could permanently lose all state owned property, don't want to lose open space
116	1					Pisgah	Loves the park. Likes multiple trailheads
117	1				1	Pisgah	Should not be transferred to anyone
118	1					Pisgah	It is a special place, don't turn it over to someone else
119	1	1		1		Pisgah	Parks should be funded by the General Fund. Visitors spend money in local stores. Criteria should be weighted
120		1			1	Wadleigh	Wadleigh - upset by the C designation, if an attendant was at the park to collect fees then it would make money.
121	1			1		Pisgah	you grade it low because it makes no money for park system
122					1		Lake Wentworth Foundation is concerned about protecting land
123	1					Pisgah	uses the park
124			1		1		example of the state losing priorities, don't sell
125	1		1			Pisgah	horrified that the state would consider closing or selling the property
126	1					Pisgah	loves the park
127	1				1	Pisgah	keep park in public domain, bar all non-winter motorized uses
128	1					Pisgah	likes to snowmobile there
129	1					Pisgah	uses park all the time, doesn't want to lose it
130	1			1	1	Pisgah	urges the legislature to fund the park, would support income tax
131			1				if sold or transferred must keep available to all people
132	1				1	Pisgah	Supports alt mgmt, the FOP have restricted it
133	1					Pisgah	shocked to hear its fate is in air, valuable resource
134	1					Pisgah	preserve the park
135	1		1	1		Pisgah	Raise the fees to use parks, think about alt funding strategies.
136	1			1		Pisgah	Clear the parks dept hs no money to spend on state land that does not pay for itself. Less development is less cost
137	1					Pisgah	Gem of SW NH - don't risk this uniuques place
138	1	1				Pisgah	Pisgah should at least be a Cat B
139	1		1			Pisgah	Closing or selling Pisgah is a bad idea
140	1			1	1	Pisgah	Real fault lies in that the state treats its parks like amusemet park rides, valuing them only by the revenue they produce. Need to return the park system to the stat budget
141					1		Interested in buying Wentworth Beach and Gov Wentworth SHS
142	1					Pisgah	Doolittle decendent, important park to her
143					1	Chesterfield Gorge	Chesterfield Gorge - grandfather owned it, important area.

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144	1	1		1	1	Pisgah	Criteria is focused on human beings. Thoughts on Bedell & Lake Tarelton
145	1					Pisgah	park is a treasure for healthy outdoor rec
146	1					Pisgah	Save Pisgah park
147	1					Pisgah	
148	1					Pisgah	Closing any state park is a sad event
149	1		1	1		Pisgah	install iron rangers, don't dispose of park
150		1		1			Solution is not to eliminate parks but shore up the resouces available to them
151	1				1	Pisgah	to reduce expense at the park would be to gate it from all motorized use. Only use hand tools.
152			1				American Indianist Society interested in purchase or lease
153	1					Pisgah	ATV rider who recently visited, loved the park
154			1		1	Wadleigh	Wadleigh - it is the kind of place that people talk about when they talk about NH
155	1					Pisgah	keep it as a state park
156			1		1		equestrians need to be considered when there are plans to close, reconfigure or change our parks/trails status
157	1	1	1			Pisgah	Sees conflict between intent and self-funding
158	1	1			1	Pisgah	Didn't think meeting in Peterborough was well run. Doesn't agree that Pisgah is a Cat C
159					1		Town is interested in acquiring Jenness Beach and would like to talk about White Island
160	1					Pisgah	uses park.
161	1			1		Pisgah	Save Pisgah park, if the state needs money so bad, implment a sales tax
162	1					Pisgah	Keep it as it is
163		1					letter outlining outcomes if parks are sold
164	1		1			Pisgah	opposes sale or transfer under any circumstance
165	1					Pisgah	
166	1					Pisgah	important resource in SW NH
167	1				1	Pisgah	all state parks should be protected from any development or commercial exploitation. Oppose logging in Pisgah
168				1			ideas on how to fund parks; employer contribution, benefit road races, put meters all along Route 1A. Read plan many good thoughts
169					1	Sculptured Rocks	Interested in acquiring Sculptured Rocks
170					1	Bedell Bridge	Bedell Bridge comment
171	1			1		Pisgah	Keep Pisgah open, likes that it is free to use
172					1		keep ATV trails open
173	1					Pisgah	against
174			1				Don't sell to private landowners, if given to town stipulate to provide public access and can't be sold
175			1				Jenness - keep under state ownership
176	1			1		Pisgah	institute an income tax to support services
177	1				1	Pisgah	offer the land to a land trust, SPNHF or TNC before sale
178	1	1		1	1	Pisgah	rating system pits different areas against each other for funding, inadequate funds are raised through self-funding, keep our common lands
179	1					Pisgah	park to remain as it is
180		1			1		beaches are valuable public resources,

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181					1		keep ATV trails open
182	1		1		1	Pisgah	any changes to their status changes access to the local environment
183			1		1		Need more equestrian acces, can help fund & provide volunteers. Distressing to think of selling any of our state lands
184	1					Pisgah	
185					1		more ATV/dirt bike trails
186					1	Clough	Clough - more ATV trails, need to think about emerging rec opportunities & how to make money from them
187					1	Cardigan	Mt Cardigan - Friends group should be continued
188					1		do not close ATV trails
189	1					Pisgah	Remove from F cateorgy
190	1			1		Pisgah	Would like back country campsites, recommends honor boxes
191		1		1	1		appropriate 1% of gross (park) revenue for maintenance of Class C parks, lease parks to friends groups or towns
192	1	1		1		Pisgah	self-funding is extreme, change laws so money can be earned from forest products, ranking system needs to be reviewed
193	1			1	1	Pisgah	Equestrian usage has been discouraged by lack of trails, Pisgah has never had a marketing plan, parks can't be self-funded if you don't charge (Pisgah) to use them. Pisgah needs to opened up to more types of users
194		1		1	1		sale of timber should be put into park fund, other ways to generate income?
195			1			Ahern	Ahern - unnerved that it may be sold
196			1	1			tourism/economic activity seems to be the tail wagging the dog. Self-funding does not work well.
197					1	Cardigan	Supports Friends of Mt Cardigan
198					1		would like the new draft emailed so the word gets out
199					1		losing trail access will cause congestion and more conflict between users (equestrian0
200	1					Pisgah	Protect Pisgah from the ravages of the modern world and further invasion of motorized people
201		1					promoting tourism is the least of 4 priorities identified
202	1					Pisgah	don't close Pisgah, moved to NH to be close to park
203			1				do not dispose of state parks
204					1		essential part of the plan is good, need ex summary
205		1		1			self-funding ignores the tourism value and residential value
206					1	Lake Tarleton	Lake Tarelton is a disgrace, state's management is making it off limits
207			1				do not sell parks
208					1		close parks that are under-used and not performing well. Do not abandon any park
209				1	1		Department does a fantastic job with tight budget, two separate fee categories - NH residents & non-residents
210			1		1		keep all state parks as open space for use by our citizens. Clough is open space for wildlife & outdoor activities
211			1	1			Against removing certain parks from the system, Raise money by askin volunteers to hold yard sales, etc. be more proactive
212					1		Need greater publicity of info sessions
213		1			1		need to let the public know the limits of LWCF program, need to identify scoring team, how was Sunappe scored?
214		1					
215					1	Wadleigh	Request info about Wadleigh, believe the town could do a magnificent job managing Wadleigh
216					1		more equestrian use

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217	1	1				Pisgah	detailed why Pisgah should have a higher ranking
218					1	Cardigan	Support Friends of Mt Cardigan
219	1	1				Pisgah	Criteria an scoring
220	1			1		Pisgah	How much a park saves the state, attracts business
221	1					Pisgah	keep protected
222	1	1				Pisgah	too many options in Mgmt Option F
223			1		1	Sunapee	Opposes leasing land to Sunapee or transferring any state land to another entitiy
224	1				1	Pisgah	does not want it to be developed
225	1			1		Pisgah	do not break up Pisgah, install iron rangers
226				1	1		too much value placed on tourism, need to give info on website about volunteer organizations and opportunities, need alternative funding plans for pakrs, parks should benefit from timber and other resources
227					1	Wadleigh	loves Wadleigh
228				1	1	Tarelto/Bedell	Keep Tarelton & Bedell in their present state, like to think my taxes help keep these parks open.
229	1		1			Pisgah	cherish and protect such properties
230	1			1		Pisgah	General fund should support parks, start a statewide volunteer organization, tax hiking shoes,
231	1					Pisgah	preserve this unique place
232	1		1			Pisgah	do not sell Pisgah
233	1	1				Pisgah	why did it score low?
234					1	Lake Tarleton	would like the state to continue to own Lake Tarelton
235			1	1	1		leave our parks alone, our taxes help pay for them
236				1	1	Jenness/N Hampton	Jenness & N Hampton - better than Hampton, if self-funding doesn't work maybe better management, legislature needs to provide more money
237	1					Pisgah	must be cared for an never neglected
238					1	Madison Boulder	Interested in taking management of Madison Boulder
239			1	1	1	Silver Lake	fears if towns take over will restrict access, look hard at finding other money, highway toll, rooms & meals, etc
240					1		Deed restrictions
241					1		Client interested in purchase Wentworth Beach & Gov Wentworth HS
242	1					Pisgah	leave Pisgah alone
243	1					Pisgah	undervalued Pisgah's worth, few local opportunities
244			1		1	Kingston	Would like to manage Kingston park
245			1		1	Sculptured Rocks	Would like to manage Sculptured Rocks
246			1		1	Cardigan	Friends of Cardigan should be the stewards
247			1		1	Lake Tarleton	would like to help
248			1		1	Plummers Ledge	would like to manage Plummers Ledge
249			1		1	White Island	Requesting stewardship opportunity
250			1		1	N. Hampton	would like to manage N, Hampton Beach
251			1		1	Lake Tarleton	leesees now, would like to expand partnership
252		1			1		

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253		1			1		
254					1		wants to lease or co-manage parks
255					1		RTK request
256					1		Need to look at linear parks, rail to trails and greenways
257	1					Pisgah	enjoys park
258				1	1		self-funding has failed, partner with municipalities to do maintenance on smaller properties
259					1		changes in ownership/management should address trails, especially snowmobile trails
260	1		1		1	Pisgah	great wilderness-type parks should be saved
261					1	Clough	Clough - some people enjoy quieter, less developed parks
262	1						special place
263			1				against selling or leasing seashore areas
264			1				against sale
265		1			1		Very long letter
266	1		1			Pisgah	do not lease or sell Pisgah
267	1		1		1		the purpose of parks should be higher & noble, not to raise revenue
268			1	1	1		Likes that plan lookss at the whole Division, concerned about trail access if alt management takes place, more coordination with trails bureau needed.
269	1					Pisgah	donation boxes, partner with friends groups
270					1	Wadleigh	Wadleigh
271		1			1		!st draft was inadequate, need to explain the criteria better
272			1	1	1		volunteers, don't sell, prefer a broad based tax
273	1					Pisgah	keep Pisgah open
274					1		Wasn't consulted directly about the plan
275					1	Wadleigh	Wadleigh history
276		1		1	1		Look at other models of funding, esp. National Parks
277					1		Consider how school systems can help by providing students to do projects or service.
278		1	1	1			self-funding doesn't work, oppose privatization
279			1		1		History of Friends of Wapack, opposes sale
280			1				
281			1	1			opposes sale, funding from General fund needed
282			1		1	Wadleigh	Wadleigh - turn over to the town or the North Sutton Improvement Society
283					1		vandalism is up at the park now that it is closed
284	1						keep open
285				1			Suggests a dedicated fund from rooms & meals tax
286			1	1			don't sell, gaming bill would have helped
287			1	1			parks were never intended to make money
288					1	Kingston	Kingston Lake Assn would like to be kept up to date
289			1		1	Cardigan	Shared packet of pictures & info on projects done by friends



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290					1	Wadleigh	Wadleigh - history of park, state should honor original gift
291				1			Not a question of weather we can afford (fund) but we can not afford to fund the parks
292		1	1		1	Bedell Bridge	Bedell Bridge - need to take in regional contributions. Duplicative services by F&G & DPR. Lease Cannon
293			1		1	Wadleigh	do not lease or sell Wadleigh, need to talk to community
294					1		Should dedicate unutilized parks as a dog off-leash park
295		1		1	1		need to recognize national status of Rhodendron & Pitch Pine Forest @ white lake, unclear on the ranking, if looking to include others in management need strong agreements
296				1	1		Wants to see a cash flow analysis for the parks. Is not opposed to divesting or exploring alt mgmt for properties.
297	1				1	Pisgah	Wants park to highlight history education, display cultural resources
298					1		Goal should be to make NH the healthiest park in the state
299	1			1		Pisgah	not opposed to charging a fee for use at Pisgah
300				1	1		Live Free & Die Healthy campaign
301	1					Pisgah	important laboratory for historical & Enviro Education
302					1	Madison Boulder	Interested in an agreement for the park
303					1	Ahern/Endicott	written public input at a community meeting held
304					1	Silver Lake	Interested in acquiring
305			1		1		do not close or sell parks, fees could be increased, volunteer campaign.
306					1	North Hampton	retain ownership of this pocket beach, nice alternative to Hampton
307			1				Don't sell, close if you have to
308			1				Don't sell
309					1	Umbagog/Sliver Lake	Uses many parks, don't give to town they will close access to non-residents
310			1	1		Wadleigh	Plan should recommend support from the general fund
311	1			1		Pisgah	Sanctuary and haven. The gift of the park is not to make money but to preserve wilderness
312	1				1	Pisgah	volunteer groups, all users need to buy season's pass or pay day-use fee, educational programs, loop trail for horses
313	1				1	Pisgah	angry when logging money was not invested in park, need to develop RV & tent camping
314					1	Forest Lake	
315		1	1		1	Wentworth/Gov Went	Lack of clarity on conveyance to private entities, need qualitative measures, conveyance to private entities only when all other option fail
316					1	Wentworth	If the state closes the beach, fear more demand on town resources
317					1		need to be transparent on costs to run the park system and individual parks. Need to improve public engagement & outreach, need to look at statutes, plan should address organizational issues
318	1	1				Pisgah	thinks it was ranked wrong
319					1	Kingston	wants to be kept informed
320			1	1	1		working class family, uses parks, fees are already burdensome
321			1	1	1	Wadleigh	self-funding doesn't work, DRED needs to work cooperatively, more public participation
322					1	Cardigan	allow friends to continue management
323					1	Wadleigh	visited the park with friends, continued discussion about park system
324					1		Live Free & Die Healthy campaign

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#	Pisgah	Criteria	Alt Mgmt	Funding	General	Park	Comment
325					1	Ahern	wrongly categorized, people use park everyday
326					1	Ahern	keep park open, people enjoy it
327				1	1		don't shut down park, poor idea that parks are self-funded
328	1				1	Pisgah	people enjoy the park, raise it to class B
329					1	Jenness	don't sell or close, hopes state will continue to manage
330			1				parks should not go into private management
331	1					Pisgah	supports the park and rides ATV there
332	1			1		Pisgah	rides ATV there, add cabins & campsites
333	1					Pisgah	Sent in info: letters, thank you notes, history & pictures of FOP outing
334	1		1		1	Pisgah	Winchester CC would like lands to be town forest if disposed of. Should remain a wilderness park.
335			1		1		Liked plan, needs some work but has outlined issues well
336					1	Wadleigh	Need to figure out a way to staff the park and collect admission.
337					1	Wentworth SB & HS	Would like to be added to contact list
338						Ellacoya	Parks are under priced, need business savvy to capture revenue. Triathlon at Ellacoya could generate more revenue.