White Mountain National Forest Sustainable Headquarters Virtual Tour As of 9 May 2011

Virtual Tour

45 Minutes of Pictures Do not do it justice!!!!

Please Come see us for a real tour.

Some Credits to Start Off

- Trust for Public Lands helped secure and purchase the site.
- Society for the Protection of NH Forests SPNHF (Paul Levielle) – LEED Leadership
- The Jordan Institute (Paul Levielle) LEED Commissioning
- Mount Wachusetts Community College, Gardner, Mass – Biomass/Biomax Ldrshp.

Welcome to the White Mountain National Forest Headquarters



Visitor's Center



<u>History</u>

- 2001 Facility Master Plan picks Plymouth area
- 2002 Property Search for the perfect location
- 2003 44 Acres purchased at exit 27 of I-93
- 2003/2004 Survey, NEPA, Geotech, H2O well
- 2006 Access Road Construction and Office Design Begins
- 2007- Phase 1 Construction Contract
- 2008 Phase 2 Construction Contract
- Oct 2009 Move in and Dedication Ceremony

Basic Relocation Efficiencies

- Combined 3 current offices into one location. Laconia, Holderness, Bethlehem
- Headquarters moved 35 miles closer to Forest.
- Significant decrease in miles driven.
- New location significantly improves visitor information services and opportunities.
- Office/Conf Room available for partners, cooperators, etc.



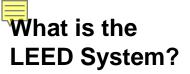
Green Buildings worldwide are certified with a voluntary, consensus-based rating system. USGBC has four levels of LEED.











Scores are tallied for different aspects of efficiency and design in appropriate categories.

LEADERSHIP in ENERGY and ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

A leading-edge system for certifying DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, & OPERATIONS of the greenest buildings in the world For instance, LEED assesses in detail:

- **1. Site Planning**
- 2. Water Management
- **3. Energy Management**
- 4. Material Use
- 5. Indoor
 - Environmental Air Quality
- 6. Innovation & Design Process



John M. Langston High School Continuation & Langston-Brown Community Center Arlington, Virginia

LEED-NC rating out of	69
Silver	35
	20
Sustainable Site	8
Water Efficiency	3
Energy & Atmosphere	4
Materials & Resources	6
Indoor Environmental Quality	11
Innovation & Design	3
USGRC LEED-NC rated Sent. 3, 2003.	2



The new office was designed to achieve a LEED Silver rating which we are all but guaranteed.

Currently working with the Green Building Council on additional points to achieve a Gold rating which we hope to have soon.

Sustainable Components

<u>Category 1 - Site Planning</u>

- Previously Disturbed Site
- Utilized Existing Materials
- Outstanding Location
- Building Orientation
- DOE Energy Audit and Evaluation
- Existing and Future Vegetation
- Drainage Management and Treatment
- Snow Plowing, Storage, and Melting
- Minimized Light Pollution
- Minimize Disturbance/Maximize Open Space
- Sustainable Landscaping

Exit 27, Interstate 93 Blair Bridge Exit - 44 Acres

Office Site

Site Work – Excavation

(I-93 Borrow Site Previously)



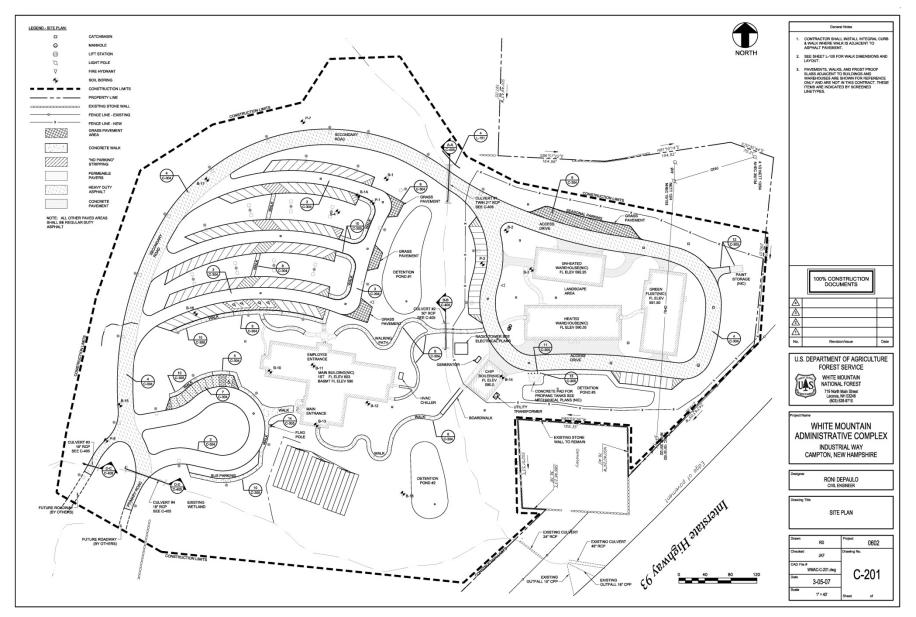
Site Work – Crusher



Big Rocks into Small Rocks!!



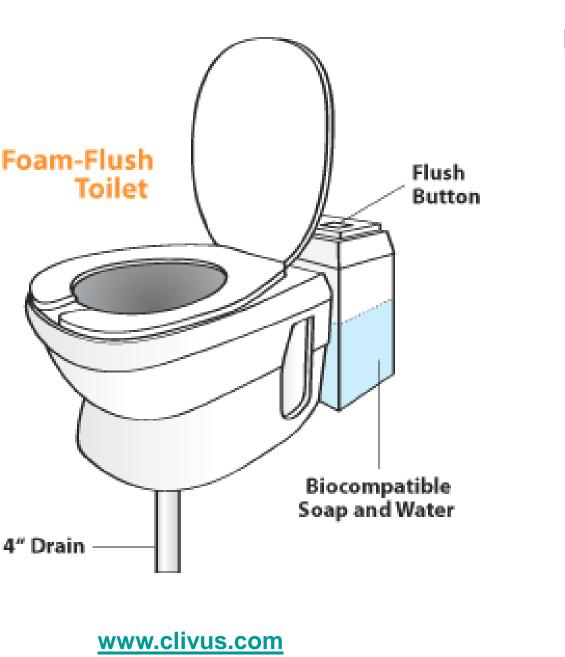
Site Plan

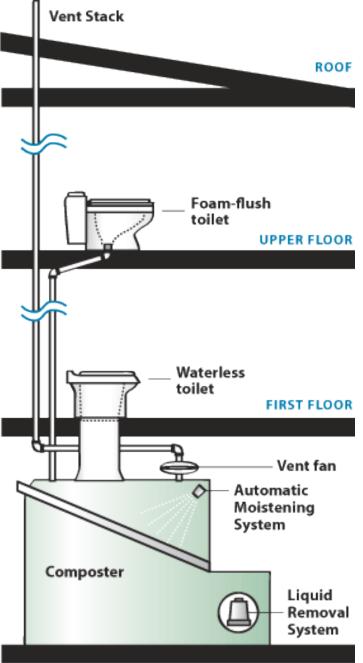


Water Management Category 2

- Composting Toilets in Main Office
 - Approx 80,000 gallons saved annually
 - No methane produced (Aerobic Digestion)
 - Final byproduct Fertilizer
- Site averages 12-15 gal of water use per day
- Grey Water Recirculation System
 Minimal water used, minimal to leach field
- Drainage Management and Treatment 3 Detention Ponds (Turning into constructed wetlands)
- Permeable Pavement (2 Types)

Brick Pavers and Permeable Concrete





Operating Instructions!!!



Foam Flush Toilets Look Almost Normal!!!!!

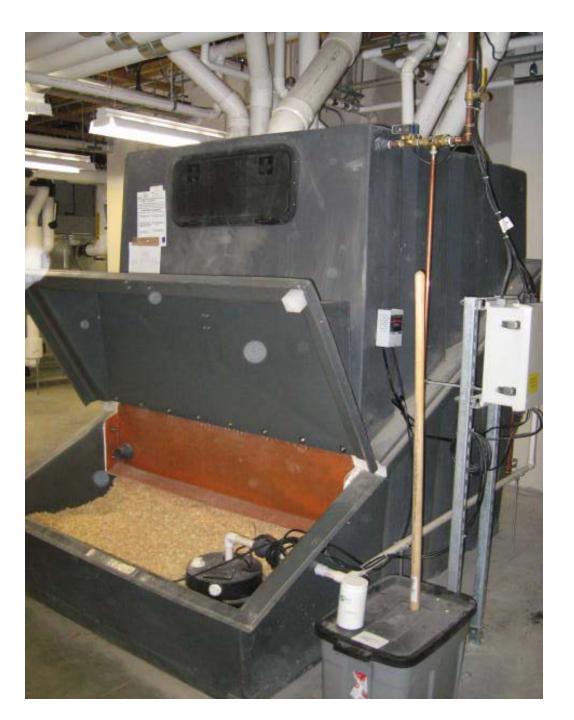


Working Parts & Normal Urinal

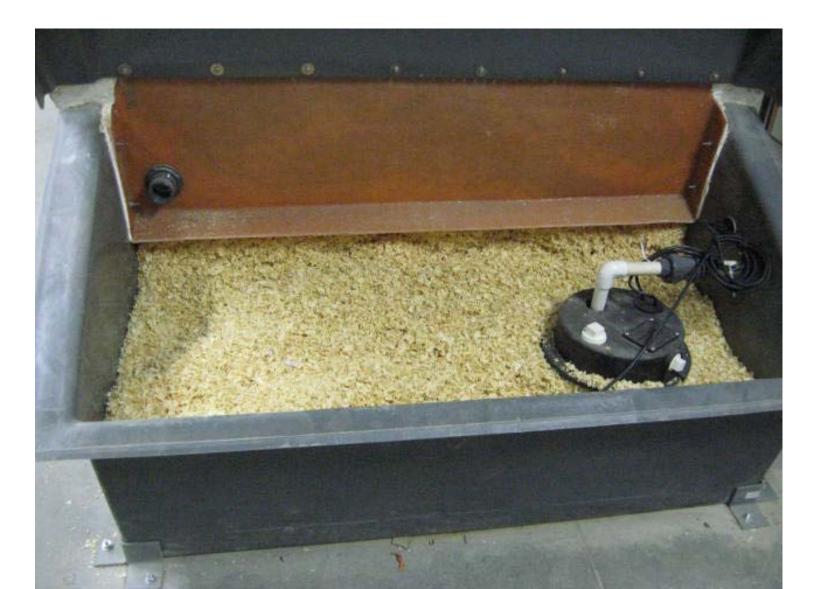
(Not "waterless" - Note no water fixture)



One of two Clivus composters -Pine shavings used as starter medium



Installed by Clivus New England



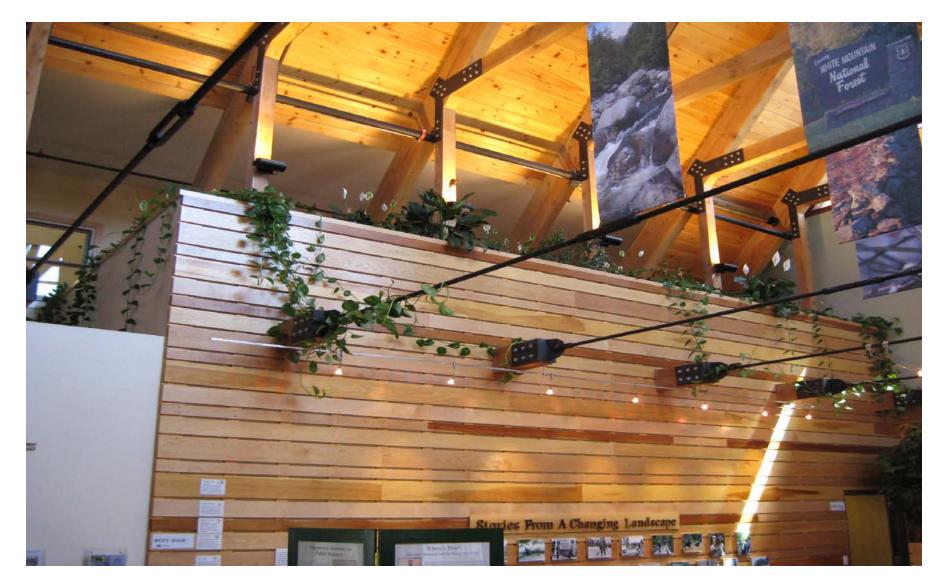
Gray Water Collection Tank and Filters



Grey Water Planters



Planters from Visitors Area



Three Detention Ponds On Site







Constructed Wetland







Permeable Parking – Brick Pavers



Permeable Concrete



Magic!! The Water Disappears



Energy Management Category 3

- Light Shelves to Maximize Natural Light
- Automatic Lighting Controls
- Heated with Biomass Pellets
- Co-Generation of Power with Biomass
- Minimized Outside Light Pollution
- Parking Lot Outlets for Electric Vehicles
- Bicycle Racks and Showers
- Super Efficient (Silver) Envelope
- WMNF Hybrid and Electric ??? Fleet
- Energy Management System
- Variable Frequency Drives
- Solar Domestic Hot Water Heater

Light Shelves All Around



First and Second Floor Ceilings

Open Look

Drop Ceiling



Light and Motion Sensors



Sensor monitors natural lighting and will dim to as low as 1% of energy use

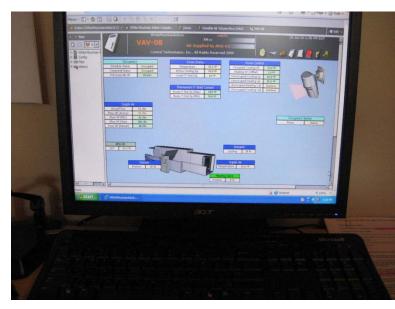
Variable Air Valves

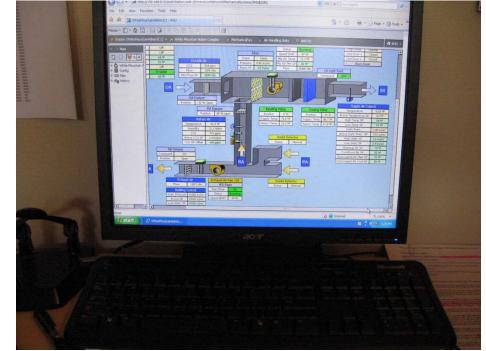




Smart Building - Computer Controlled







40 Ton Pellet Silo



Premium Grade New England Hardwood Pellets



4 Ton Day Bin



1 Million BTU, 90% Efficient, 3 Pass, Gasification, Pellet Boiler



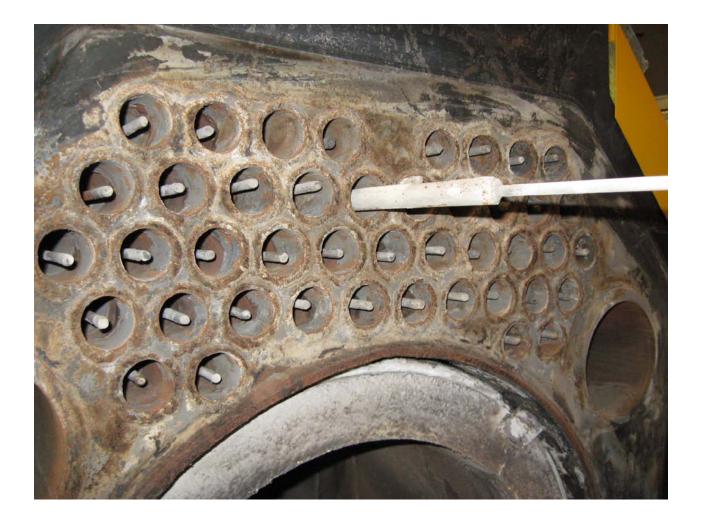


Automated Pellet Delivery and Ash Removal

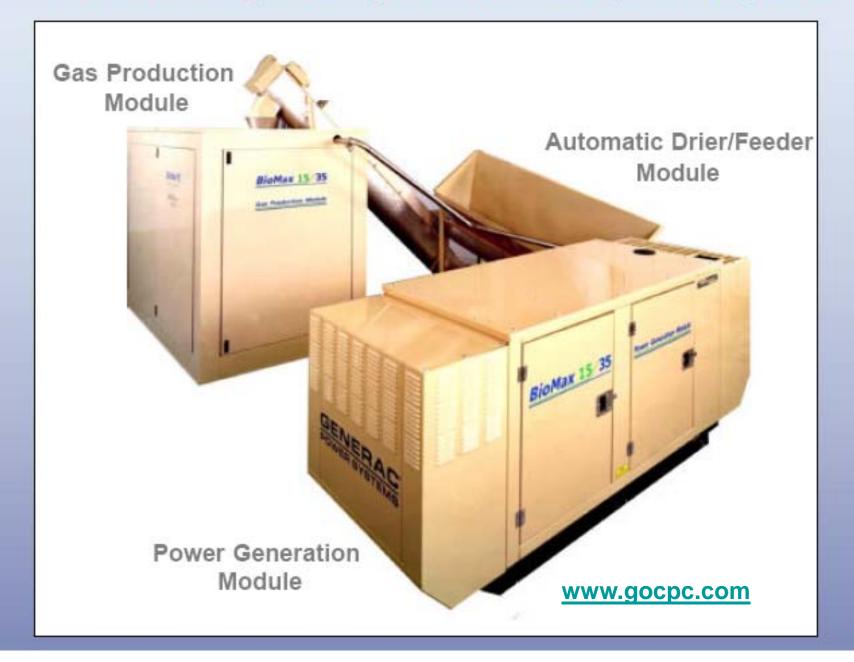
3 Pass Gasification System

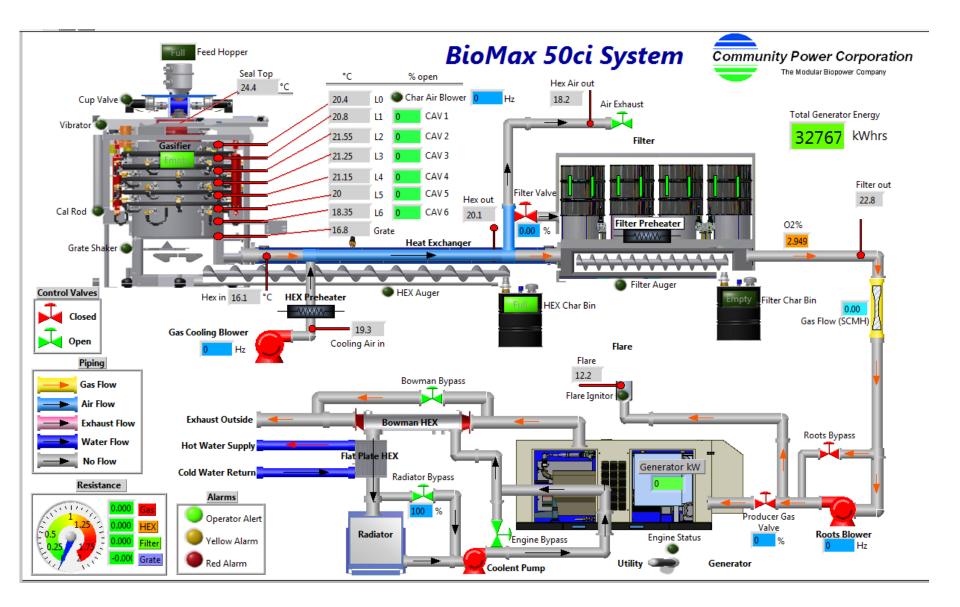


Heat Distribution



An Innovative Bioenergy Power System From Community Power Corporation





Biomax 25 Gasifier Community Power Corporation, Littleton, CO



Filter Cabinet



Gasifier Heat Exchangers GenSet



GM V6 Vortec Gasoline Engine

(Runs completely on Wood Gas)



Engine Connected to 30 KW Generator



Coolant and Exhaust Heat Exchangers



Combined Heat and Power

(Exhaust and Coolant Heat Pumped to Pre-heat Boiler)



Smart Meter/Net Metering with New Hampshire Electric Co-Op

When the arrow points to the right – pulling from the grid. When arrow points to the left, storing power on the grid.



Variable Frequency Drives on all pumps and blower motors



Down Facing Site Lighting Minimize Light Pollution



Parking Lot Outlets



Biomass Powered Electric Pick-up



Showers in Heated Warehouse (Promote cycling/walking/jogging to work)



Solar Hot Water Panels



Solar Storage Tanks



Super Insulated and Sealed Envelope

- R-60 Ceiling
- R-38 Walls
- Spray Foam and Blown in Insulation
- Exterior Seal and 1" Rigid Insulation
- Blower Door test to seal all leaks

Exterior Seal and Rigid Foam



Spray Foam and Blown-in Cellulose



Blower Door Test





Theatrical Smoke Machine





Material Use

Category 4

- Maximized Use of Locally Produced and Recyclable Materials
- Recycled Tire Flooring
- Recycled Tile Flooring
- Recycled Content Carpet Squares
- Locally Certified Timber and Lumber
- Engineered Timber and Lumber
- Minimized Chemicals and Hazardous Components – Minimize VOC's
- Recycling Program During and After Constr.
- Single Stream Recycling

Materials









Recycled Content Materials









Engineered Wood









Stair Treads and Flooring









Minimal Exterior Maintenance (All components warranted for 25+ years)





Indoor Air Quality Category 5

- Minimized Chemicals and Odors in Construction Products
- Fresh Air System with Recirculation Component
- Openable Windows
- Post Construction/Pre Occupancy Indoor Air Cleansing

Primary Air Handler Air exchange/Filtration x 3/Heating/Cooling



Innovation and Design Category 6

- Sustainable Education and Tours
- Commissioning Agent The Jordan Institute
- Green Roof Picnic Shelter
- Fire Water Storage Pond/Wildlife Pond

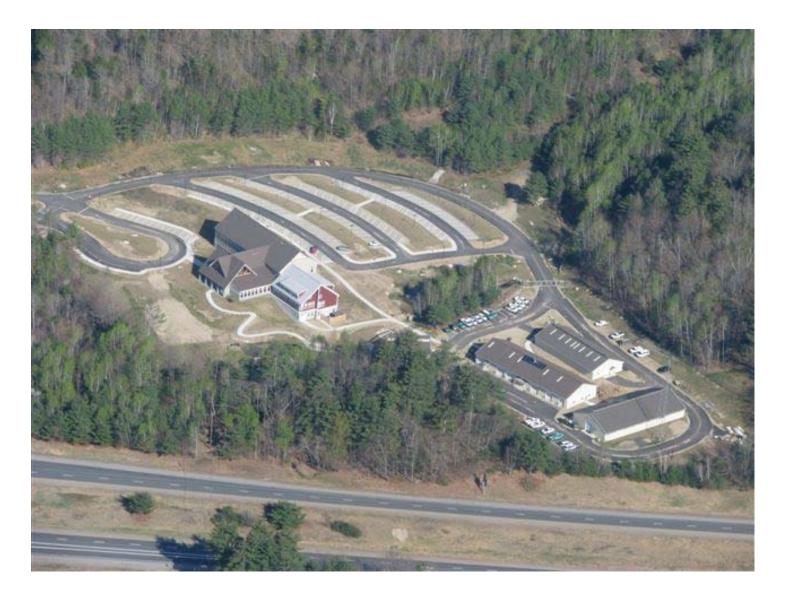
What Does It Look Like Today?



North View



From the Air



Other WMNF Sustainable Efforts

- Numerous Solar Applications
- 50/50 Biodiesel Use by Road Crew
- Hybrid Fleet x 5
- Bio Heating Fuel
- Converting Gas Powered Trucks to Diesel For Biodiesel Use
- Biomass Heat in Andro Warehouse Plan
- Forest Sustainability Team
- White Mountain Trail Alternative Trans. Proposal

WMNF Hybrid Fleet (x5)



Come Visit

Open 8:00 AM Till 4:30 PM Every Day

Friendly Welcoming Committee



Kids Corner



White Mountain Interpretive Association Sales



Historic Photos







Rumney Mica Mine

Mica was first discovered in 1803 in Grafton N.H. by a man named Sam Ruggles. While farming and homesteading he discovered mica on his property. Sam Ruggles Knew the value of the mica he had discovered and set forth the first and one of the largest mining operations of its kind in the United States. In the early nineteenth century mica was in great demand for its use in many household products. Because mica is heat resistant and transparent, it was used for the windows in wood stoves and whale-oil lamps. Mica was also used in ships windows. Basically anything that is now made of glass was made of mica in the early 1800s. Later on mica was used as an electrical insulator. It does not conduct heat or electricity due to its molecular structure. Early electrical appliances, such as toasters had mica in them. Mica is still being used today in products from building materials to cosmetics. Mica is in cement blocks and asphalt roof shingles. It is also used in lipsticks and fingernail polish. Most anything that sparkles contains mica.

Mica was mined for over 160 years in New Hampshire and ended due part to competition from Brazil and India. The end of mining mica and other minerals ended an important chapter in the history New Hampshire. Mining provided employment and revenue to many people during the early days of our state. It provided our ancestors with an option to farming as means of survival.

Video and Smokey/Woodsey



QUESTIONS???

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