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Hi Marianne,

Please see our responses below in blue.

Appreciate you passing this on to Dan!

Thanks,
Ashley

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Ashley – both Jasmin and I are checking emails today so sorry if you get this twice. Please see the questions below. The reason Dan is asking for the direction you are working as our forest Plan says we should work in the direction of the least to most infestation – that will help him with any mitigations. He is scheduled to turn in his biological evaluation today so any answers we can get today would be helpful. Thanks. -M.



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Hello-

I just have a couple follow-up clarifications. Answers to these questions will allow me to refine our mitigation language in my write up, but are not strictly required for me to sign off, in case we have trouble getting responses today.

1. Are both the ¾" and 6" minus materials generated from rock on site and subjected to multiple

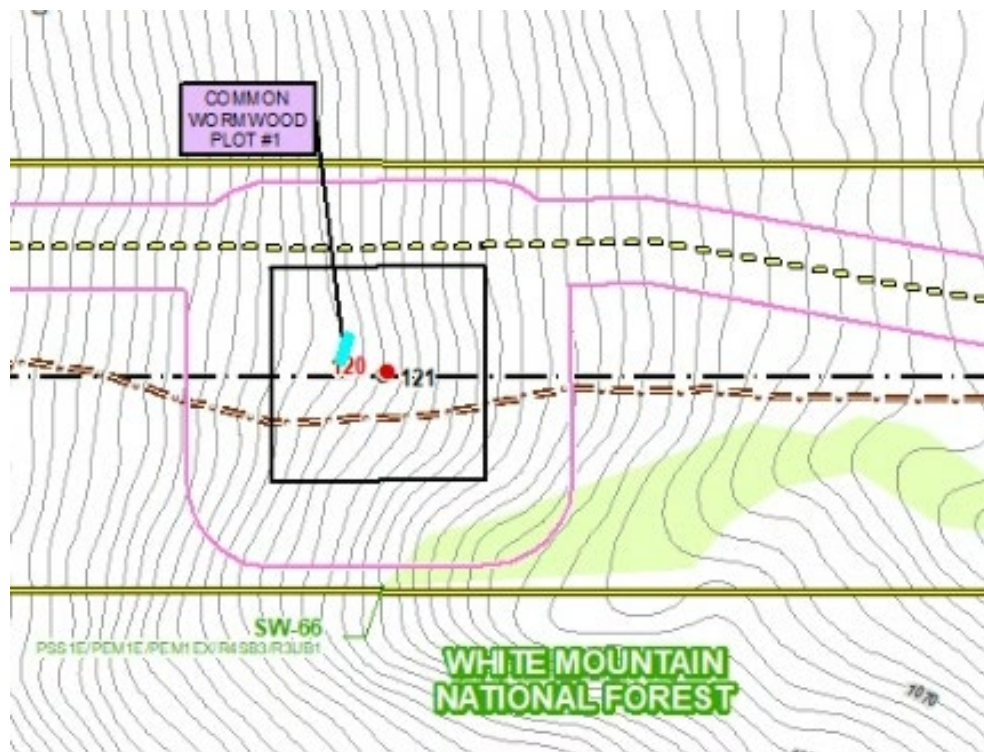
wash cycles, or just the ¾" gravel? Are any of the materials from "bank run" or other unsorted and unrefined native material? It doesn't sound like it, but will help clarify the risks for us. All of the material is being generated from directly within each gravel pit. No material is "bank run" or other unsorted or unrefined native material. Material is crushed from onsite ledge, 6" is screened out/washed and then material that runs through the sieve that is less than 6" is further crushed to 3/4" and also washed as part of the process.

2. Will the upland matting to be placed on the rare plant be placed directly on the ground, or will the matts need to be levelled in some way that requires ground disturbance below the mats? In the location of the rare plant (proposed structure 78), access will be shifted to the greatest extent practical to avoid the plants entirely, and matting would be used with no grading, if avoidance is not feasible. For the work pad, upland matting will be placed directly on the ground and no grading is required, preventing ground disturbance to construct the work pad area. As previously mentioned, disturbance will be limited to the holes to drill the new structure, which Eversource will stockpile topsoil from the new structure locations to the side and redistribute upon completion of work and removal of temporary timber matting.
3. It appears that all three invasive locations (other than reed canary grass) – wormwood at structure 121, and sheep sorrel at structures 74 and 88 – occur in proposed workpad locations. Will these locations be buried with new material, or is new material not necessary for these workpad areas? The reason I ask is that if they will be built up with new material, it will bury and kill the invasives in an effective manner; if not, we will recommend manual control prior to working in the area.

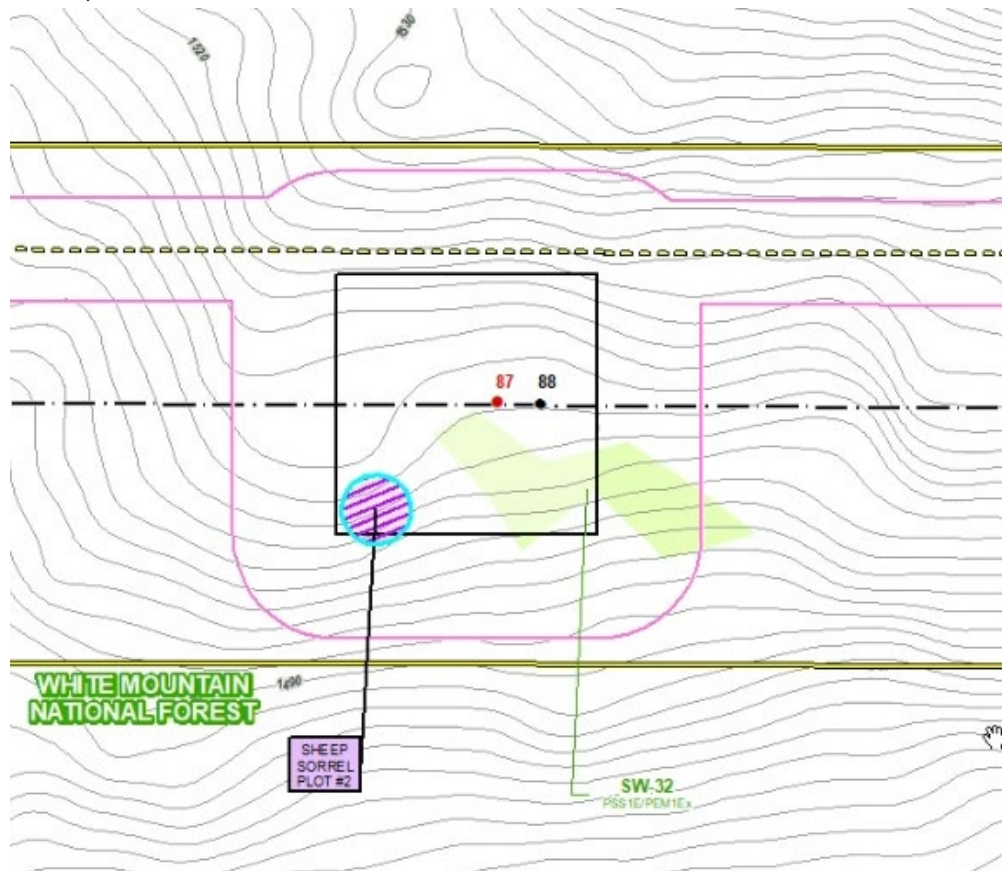
Eversource proposes the following prevention measures to minimize the spread of common wormwood (structure 121) and sheep sorrel (structures 78-88), which will be flagged in the field prior to construction. Close up mapping of these locations are shown below:

1. Place geotextile fabric over the invasive population and upland matting on top of the fabric;
2. Or, if topography and soil conditions require grading due to unsafe field conditions that wouldn't support matting, a hole will be excavated within the upland work pad footprint and the invasive population (common wormwood/sheep sorrel) would be excavated and placed within that hole, buried, and covered with material to encapsulate the population.

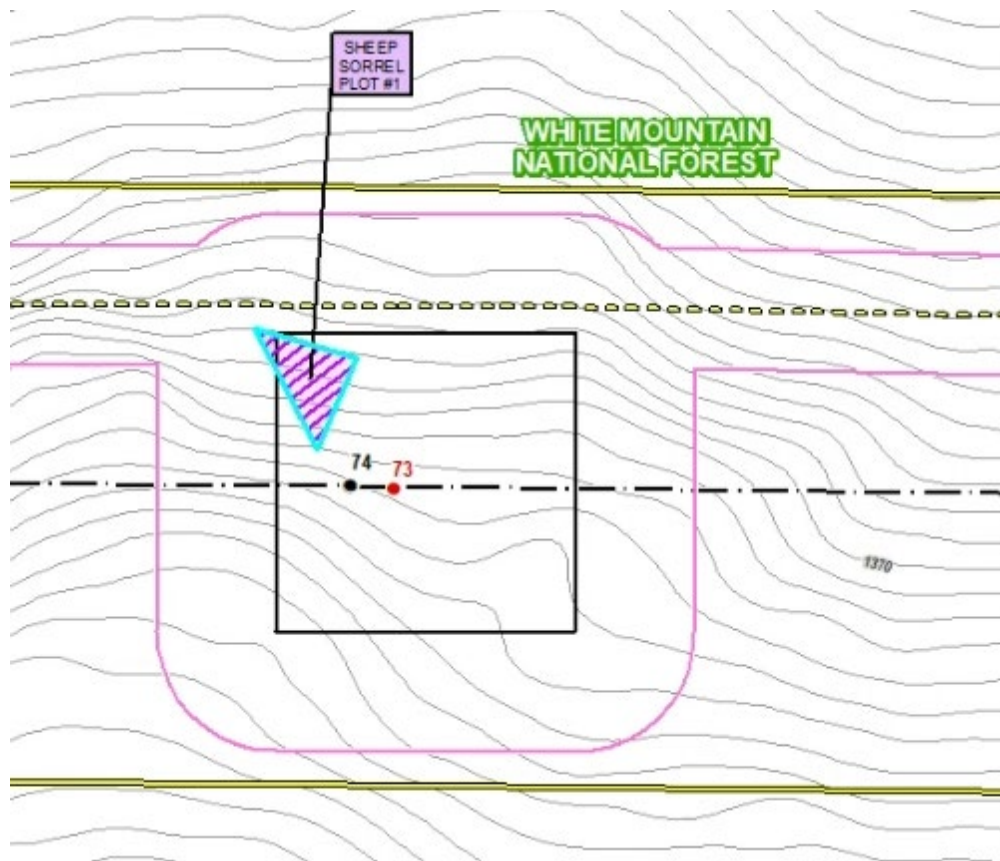
- Str 121/common wormwood



- Str 88/sheep sorrel



- Str 74/sheep sorrel:



4. What direction will the work proceed? East to west or west to east? Due to lack of entry points into the right of way and for safety purposes, work is not occurring in a strictly linear fashion. The work will proceed starting at each access entry point and working toward the interior where invasives become denser (especially demonstrated in the stretch between No Name Road-Mt Israel Road where the majority of the invasives are present). For example, Mt Israel Road would be worked in a western direction towards No Name Road while crews beginning at No Name Road progress toward Mt. Isreal Road. When work is completed, matting will be diligently swept at the work area prior to removal from the site, working from the interior, towards the entry points.

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Hi Marianne,

Thank you very much for passing this along while Jasmin is out of the office today.

The 4 locations (listed with links below) where the B112 Project is sourcing gravel import materials (which are utilized within access roads, for backfill of structure caissons and fill in construction work pads) have been reviewed by Eversource Engineering and adhere to NHDOT 304.4 stone specification, which is processed from dense ledge rock that is free of vegetation.

[Burke Quarry in Conway](#), [Pike Industries](#), [Brox Industries](#) & [Central NH Aggregates LLC](#).

All stone has been run through multiple wash cycles at the quarry. Material is picked up from the gravel manufacturer by the contractor and transported to the site directly to minimize and prevent any risk of contamination of invasives. Further, visual inspections are conducted of on-site stockpiles to ensure no plants have been introduced to the material upon arrival.

We duly understand the importance of preventing the spread of invasive species and if there are any additional reassurances we can offer we are happy to do so.

Please let me know if there are any additional questions. I'm also accessible by cell today if you or Dan want to give me a call at any point (603)566-4405.

Thanks,
Ashley

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Dan has one follow-up to your answers below. How do you ensure or certify that the gravel is "weed-free" material. Do you inspect the pit/source or do you just check your gravel that it doesn't have plants in it. As you can tell – the spread of invasives is huge concern for us, especially since the utility corridors contain very little invasive plants at this time. The more we know about how you check to assure you are not spreading invasive plants/seeds the better. You will see some mitigation requirements from us to help assure this, as the botanist (Dan) completes his review he may have other questions but I thought best to ask as they come in. I'm online today if you have any questions.



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Hi Dan,

Please see below. If you have further questions, Marianne can facilitate communication with Ashley

tomorrow while I am out of the office.

Thanks,
Jasmin

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Hi Jasmin,

Thanks again for the call and all of your support.

Below are our responses in blue for the questions relative to invasives/NNIS. If there's anything else please do not hesitate to reach out.

We'll be in touch.

Thanks,
Ashley

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Hi Ashley,

A few questions came up about how to monitor and control for invasives during implementation.

- How much gravel/material are you bringing from off site onto the lines? [The exact quantity of material is unknown as it is dependent on field conditions. Gravel would be placed to align to the greatest extent feasible with the proposed upland access roads and work pads indicated on the Project plans. Gravel will be placed along the access route as well as a base for the work pad areas \(the boxes shown around the structure locations\) within uplands. Roads are approximately 16-ft wide and the gravel work pads are approximately 75-ft x 75-ft.](#)

Where is it coming from? [The gravel a weed-free ¾ in and 6" minus from NH quarries. The majority of material is coming from \[Burke Quarry in Conway\]\(#\), with additional gravel coming from \[Pike Industries\]\(#\), \[Bronx Industries\]\(#\) & \[Central NH Aggregates LLC\]\(#\).](#)

- Do you wash equipment prior to location changes? [Equipment is washed prior to mobilizing to the Site and matting is swept prior to removal to prevent the spread of invasives/NNIS.](#)

Thanks,



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