FLAGGING:
- Pink Flagging: Skier’s right side boundary
- Pink & Black striped Flagging: Skier’s left boundary
- Blue Flagging: Top of NO CUT zones (islands)

VEGETATION - TO CUT:
- Mid to low story hardwood shrubs and trees
- Hobblebush
- Shrubs/woody veg greater than 1 meter in height: prune to ground level but retain root structure
- Live and dead branches where posing a hazard: cut the branch to preserve the branch collar. Do not cut into the collar but cut as close as you can to it... see diagram and pictures to right.
- Standing dead trees that pose a safety risk
- When removing vegetation, emphasize removing stems that are poorly formed; show signs of disease; or are hardwoods overtopping softwoods

VEGETATION – CUTTING RESTRICTIONS:
Do not remove:
- Any vegetation less than 1 meter (3.2 feet) in height except hobblebush
- Mountain ash

Limit cutting of:
- Saplings/pole size spruce and fir if healthy/vigorous
- Large yellow birch trees unless a safety risk
- Mature trees that maintain the closed canopy unless a safety risk

BLOW DOWNS AND SLASH
- Downed trees: cut up to max height 2' off ground
- Scatter slash along edges of retained islands (and within islands) to buffer from skier traffic
- Pile excess slash into uneven terrain undulations, to cover holes/rocks, or in the undersides of cliffs
- Slash should not be significant enough create a "wall" of slash.

TIPS:
- Cut vegetation flush to the ground to prevent hazards
- Don’t cut tree/stump on an angle... NO “punji sticks”
- Softwood bole within desired ski line: cut down tree
- Softwood bole out of ski line w/ encroaching branches:
  - Prune dead/dying branches
  - Trees < 15' tall: Leave at least top 5’ of live branches unless still encroaching-then cut down tree
  - Trees >15': Leave top 1/3 of live branches
- Limit pruning to the ski line side of the tree
- Leader role: monitor line visibility, safety, completeness, checks for accidentally left dangers, and helps direct bucking activity.
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~ Leave Nothing But Tracks ~

1. PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE
   » Practice safety first.
   » Know where you are going.
   » Know your own and your group’s limits, and minimize risks.

2. TRAVEL ON DURABLE SURFACES
   » Stay on deep snow cover whenever possible.

3. DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY
   » Pack it in, Pack it out.

4. LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE
   » Leave only tracks. No unauthorized cutting.

5. MINIMIZE CAMPFIRE & HUT IMPACTS
   » Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a lantern for light.
   » Leave huts and cabins in better shape than how you found them.

6. RESPECT WILDLIFE
   » Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach wildlife. Winter is an especially vulnerable time for animals.

7. BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS
   » Any maintenance or cutting can be done only with permission, as part of an authorized project or program. Respect landowners, both public and private.
   » Respect other skiers/riders and all other users.
   » When ascending trails, keep clear and yield to downhill traffic. When descending always stay in control, go one at a time, and slow down near others.
   » Respect designated areas, signs and wildlife.

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Projects

- Brattleboro Mountains Forest - Backcountry Glades & Trails in Brattleboro, VT

- USFS Brandon Gap Backcountry Glades - Rochester, Chittenden & Goshen, VT
Brandon Gap Back Country Skiing Zone
Economic Impact of a Powder Day, 2/18/2017

Total Impact

Daily Visits: 171
Total Sales: $199,800
Total Taxes: $29,900
Total Jobs: 3

- Entertainment & Admission Fees: 18%
- Gear, Retail and Souvenirs: 21%
- Groceries and Snacks: 3%
- Transportation: 5%
- Lodging: 30%
- Restaurants & Bars: 23%