DECEMBER 14: FOREST REOPENS TO THE PUBLIC

Black Rock Forest will be closed to the public during the New York State regular deer hunting season, November 21 through December 13. The Forest’s ecosystem management program includes a highly regulated deer hunting program as a tool to keep the deer population within a range that will prevent overbrowsing, allow forest trees to regenerate, and conserve biodiversity in the understory. Our management strategies support native wildlife, including many threatened bird populations that reside in Black Rock Forest year-round or during breeding season. Black Rock Fish and Game Club has an exclusive license agreement to hunt deer in Black Rock Forest under guidelines set by the Forest Manager. Hunters are required to check in/out and to bring harvested deer to the check stations where Forest staff collect data and monitor this sample of the deer population.

Join us in April as we conduct citizen-science volunteer days to do our annual deer pellet survey. The survey allows us to estimate the size of the deer population and compare it year to year. For more information on volunteering, contact: Brienne Cliadakis, info@blackrockforest.com

Note: Hunting only allowed through Black Rock Fish and Game Club. Contact: http://www.blackrockclub.org/