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**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FINANCING FORUM
SET FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**

CONCORD, NH – An informational forum on energy efficiency and renewable energy financing opportunities in New Hampshire will be held at White Mountains Community College in Berlin from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The session is being hosted by White Mountains Community College, Northern Forest Center and the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation.

“So many North Country communities are working hard to reduce their energy costs or find ways to shift to renewable energy sources.” Said Joe Short, Program Director at the Northern Forest Center. “We wanted to provide the opportunity for community leaders to hear first-hand about some new and important energy financing opportunities in New Hampshire.”

Invited panelists include: Jack Ruderman, Director of Sustainable Energy, Public Utilities Commission, Dick Ober, Chair, NH Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EESE) Board, Joanne Morin, Director, NH Office of Energy and Planning, Chris Recchia, Executive Director, Biomass Energy Resource Center and Meredith Hatfield, Consumer Advocate, Public Utilities Commission.

The panelists will discuss emerging funding opportunities through the federal stimulus package (ARRA) and the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Fund. In addition, there will be an update on existing funding programs through the Office of Energy and Planning and the Public Utilities Commission.

According to Racheal Stuart, Senior Program Director for the Neil and Louise Tillotson Fund, “The North Country will see increasing needs and opportunities related to renewable energy in the next few years. This is a great opportunity for face-to-face conversation about how our local communities can take advantage of these resources.”

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