The Hudson Bend Circuit is a 39-mile loop of almost entirely new construction along the Hudson and Boreas rivers, providing access to the east banks of the Hudson River and the north rim of the Hudson Gorge. Circuit also connects with existing Vanderwhacker Mtn summit trail and fire tower. With potential opportunities for multi-modal hiking-paddling or paddling-biking trips, the circuit can be accessed from the trailhead on NYS 28N, via Northwoods Club Road, or from Newcomb via existing and proposed trails.
Access: New segments of trail connect together existing, dead-end segments to create alternate (loop) hiking routes to Rock Lake, Ledge Mtn scenic views, and short bushwhacks to Stark Hills and Rock River. Southernmost leg is snowmobile trail along NYS 28.

Connectivity: Loop in and out of hamlet of Indian Lake; circuit is bisected by Bluestone Trail (proposed) regional route, which connects with Blue Mountain Lake to the northwest, and several communities to the southeast, including Stony Creek.

Stewardship: Maintenance on snowmobile sections to provide for hikers. Lakefront campsites (Rock Lake) need regular monitoring and maintenance. Footbridge across Cedar River should be designed and constructed to minimize impacts on riparian habitats.

Destination: A weekend backcountry hiking or skiing trip, along Rock River and to Rock Lake with ample camping opportunities and scenic views from multiple mountain tops. For a more challenging day hike, tackle the full outer loop in the wild forest.

Partnerships: Indian Lake outfitters and restaurants; community assistance with trail and foot bridge construction over Cedar River.

The Stark Hills Circuit is a 11.7-mile network of loop trails that explores the backcountry of Blue Mountain Wild Forest, with waterfront camping opportunities on Rock Lake, and scenic views from the summit of Ledge Mountain. Hikers can head off-trail to explore the Stark Hills and Rock River. Southern portions of the circuit are currently used for snowmobiling in winter, but other portions of loop are suitable for nordic skiing. Boats may be portaged from adjacent parking area on NYS 28 into Rock Lake, providing paddling opportunities with lakefront campsites that are located along hiking circuit. Addition of a foot bridge across Cedar River provides more convenient access to the Stark Hills Circuit from the hamlet of Indian Lake.