

## MICHAEL FOUSHEE – STEWARDSHIP & RECREATION SPECIALIST



Michael Foushee is serving with Vermont Forests, Parks, and Recreation this service year. Although he got a bit of a later start to service, Michael has been enjoying his role in this department. The focus of Michael's service is aiding with the Forest Legacy Program (FLP) administered by the U.S Forest Service. The FLP is a conservation program dedicated to protecting forest lands through conservation easements and land purchases. Michael has been providing a lot of technical support for FLP by making maps and conducting forest monitoring site visits on conserved properties. He is currently revising how the program conducts site visits in Vermont, making changes to both the tools used and the procedure in order to be more efficient. After migrating his workflow from ArcGIS to ArcGIS Pro, Michael wrote a technical user guide aimed to assist current and future users create maps for the Forest Legacy program. He has also been ensuring that all 40+ properties under the FLP in Vermont have all the necessary documents to ensure long term success of the program. Soon, Michael will start to conduct research about recreation studies in order to help update the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). He will look at other state recreation plans and analyze recreation data in order to paint a formative picture of outdoor recreation in Vermont. This is the first time that Michael has lived this far east, hailing originally from the west coast. He is excited to get through winter and explore more of Vermont in the warmer, greener months. Keep up the great service Michael!