H/B Policy: Front Country Leader Level

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This policy introduces a new level of H/B Leadership, Front Country leader, its associated scope and application requirements.

Leader Level	Front Country Leader
Abbreviation	LF
Purpose/Intent	Establish a sufficient level of leadership for running an H/B activity that takes place completely in the front country.
Scope	 Lead an H/B event that is: inside of I-495 or on Cape Cod; and/or within one hour from incident to definitive medical care in case of an emergency.
Requirements to Apply	 Register for and attend at least (2) H/B trips as a participant. Take an H/B approved one or two-day leadership course. Do mentored co-leads for (2) or more front country outings, at least one of which is an H/B event with an H/B leader. Helpful but optional: First Aid and CPR training
Context	 In most cases, this would be an alternative, parallel track to Three Season leadership (L3) – chosen by folks who are not interested in leading backcountry trips. Because of proximity to care, first aid and CPR are recommended but not required. The one-hour time limit to medical care obviates the need for explicit limits on such things as distance covered, elevation, speed, duration of event, specific location, etc.