



## **2012 Amendment Public Access and Recreation Management Plan and Road Management Plan**

### Overview

The Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Working Forest Recreation Program managed by the Division of Parks and Recreation is almost a decade old. The Division of Parks and Recreation over the last 10 years has worked closely with local organizations to provide high-quality nature based recreation. The key recreational feature on the property, the roads, while providing easy access to other recreational sites, remains the largest operational responsibility for the Division.

This is the third time the public access and recreational use on the property has been evaluated. The Interim Plan was adopted October 8, 2003 at the close of the easement, and then again when the Initial Plan was adopted in July 5, 2007. The Division in consultation with the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Committee decided not to conduct a full plan revision and instead to amend portions of the plan (see boxes below). In general it was felt that the management of the property had not changed substantially, nor was new issues presented to initiate a full evaluation. From the easement:

#### 5.B.iii Public Access and Recreational Use Management Plan.

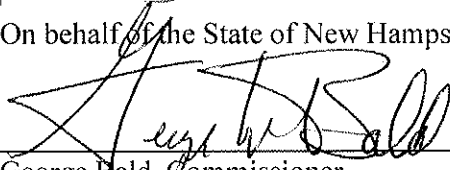
The Easement Holder, in consultation with the State agencies that have regulatory and programmatic responsibilities for administration or monitoring of the Easement, may submit to the Fee Owner, for its approval, amendments to the Initial Recreation Plan or any succeeding Recreation Plan ("Amendments"). Amendments shall be:

- a. Subject to the approval process for the Recreation Plan but need not include all of the Recreation Plan elements described in Section 5.B.i.
- b. Required if the Easement Holder proposes a new type of recreational activity (or if a recreational activity is limited in location in a prior plan, an expansion of the areas in which such activity is permitted), or a new Recreational Improvement that has not been approved as part of an approved Recreation Plan.

5.E.ii. The Easement Holder shall prepare a new or updated Five Year Road Management Plan every five years (an "Updated Five Year Road Management Plan"). The existing Five Year Road Management Plan shall remain effective until the Updated Road Management Plan is approved. On the date that an Updated Five Year Road Management Plan is approved, it shall become the then-current Five Year Road Management Plan. The parties may amend the current Five Year Road Management Plan at any time upon mutual agreement of the parties.



On behalf of the State of New Hampshire, this plan amendment has been approved by:

  
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George Bald, Commissioner  
Department of Resources and Economic Development

9/19/12  
Date

On behalf of the CONNECTICUT LAKES REALTY TRUST, (a Trust formed pursuant to Agreement dated March 12, 2002 and recorded in the Registry of Coos County, New Hampshire), this plan amendment has been approved by:

The Forestland Group LLC, (pursuant to the authority granted in agreement dated July 1, 2010)

  
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Matthew W. Sampson  
NE Regional Director

9/18/12  
Date



## Review of Current Management Strategies and Policies

### *Public Access and Recreation Management*

The Division of Parks and Recreation convened a technical team of the state agencies to review the management strategies in Chapter 3 of the 2007 plan and identified the following areas for study for the purposes of amending the plan.

- Snowmobile Use (p.60)
- Biking on Designated Roads (p.65)
- ATV Riding on Designated Roads (p. 66)
- Equestrian Use (p.69)
- Recreational Improvements - Dam Safety & Upkeep (p.74)

### *Road Management Plan*

The technical team also reviewed the current road management plan and recommended no changes in policy or procedure. The team acknowledged that the level of implementation will be influenced by the budget. The Division expects to fund road maintenance as in past years, however, inflation is decreasing real dollar value and the increases in fuel and steel costs are notable and mandatory personnel cut per state budgets are happening. No substitution changes were made to the plan that affect how the road will be managed.

### Key Dates

Citizens Committee	April 23, 2011	Scope of Revision
Public Workshop	September 17, 2011	Pittsburg
Public Workshop	October 25, 2011	Concord
Citizens Committee	October 29, 2011	Issues & Alternative Development
Information Session	May 14 & 15, 2012	Public Outreach and Comment Period
Citizens Committee	June 16, 2012	Plan revision recommendation

### How this Document is Used

The 2007 *Public Access and Recreation Management and Road Management Plan* remains the primary document for the management of and the policies that govern the public use of the property. The following plan amendment is additive to the 2007 plan. There are no changes to the language in the existing plan.

The analysis of use summarizes the issues associated with that public recreational activity. The analysis may or may not be followed by separate actions for example, an amended plan direction that is proposed for the next 5 years. Page numbers and sections have been included to direct users to the appropriate section of the plan.



## **Plan Amendment**

### **3.4.5.3 Snowmobile Use (p. 60)**

#### Analysis of Use – No Change

There is broad consensus that the snowmobile program is functioning well. The clubs are working cooperation with the Division and the landowner to provide a broad range of trails. There are concerns about changes in snowmobile equipment, especially larger “off-trail” machines, and the Division proposes increasing the trail patrol program and user education on the importance of remaining on the designated trail system.

### **3.4.5.4 Biking on Designated Roads (p. 65)**

#### Analysis of Use – No Change, clarification

Biking continues to be a dispersed low-impact use. Clarification on when bicycles are permitted was requested:

- Bicycle use is permitted on Designated Roads when closed to motorized traffic except if there is a public safety hazard (Section 4.3.2) or road conditions do not support bicycle use.

### **3.4.5.5 ATV Riding on Designated Roads (p. 66)**

#### Analysis of Use and Management Alternatives – New Action

The selected plan direction in the 2007 plan allowed DRED to allow some ATV use (excluding trailbikes) on a designated section of road and to work with a sponsoring ATV club to designate routes across the property to link regional trail systems. A proposal was developed and the Division is proposing the following amendment.

Three alternatives were developed:

1. No Action – Do not designate a route.
2. Designate two routes on the property in the areas of Cedar Stream and Hall Stream. Primary alternate routes to serve the Cedar Stream area are designated across Magalloway, Buckhorn and Deadwater routes that connect to secondary alternate routes and the regional trail networks as shown on Map 3.3 Amended.
3. Designate a primary route across Cedar Stream with no alternate routes.

#### Amended Plan Direction and Actions

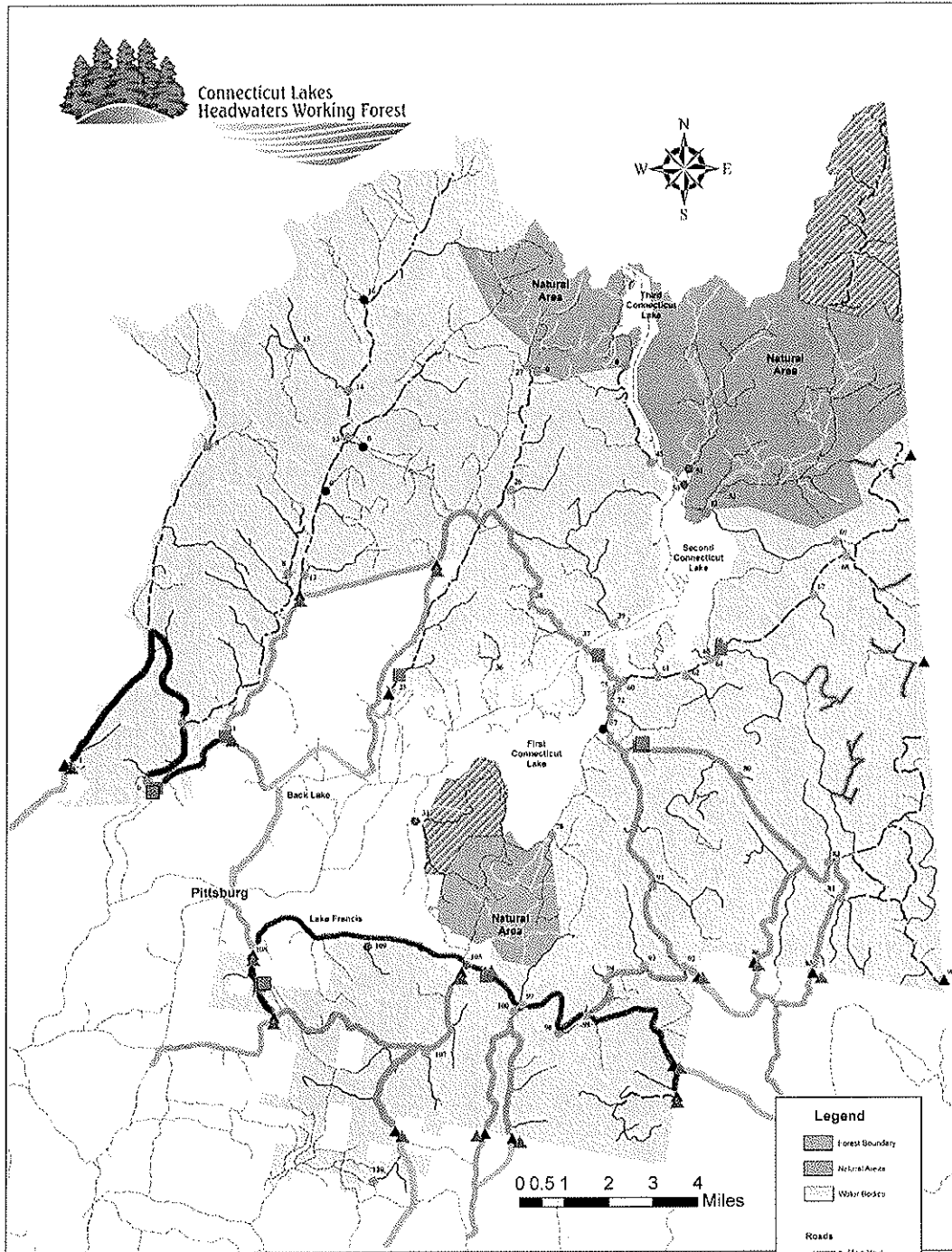
The Division has selected alternative 2. The alternate routes will only be used if Cedar Stream is closed because of forest management operations, maintenance, no designated off property connection or safety concerns. Only one of the Cedar Stream alternate routes will be open at a time. No more than one primary alternate route will be open at the same time. There is no alternate route planned if the Hall Stream route is closed.

1. An annual operating plan will be developed and will include a map to regional and local trail networks in addition to a public use management and maintenance plans.
2. The ATV trail will open in May consistent with road and regional trail network annual operating plan and gate openings. The trail will not be open later than September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.
3. The trail shall be open from sunrise to sunset.




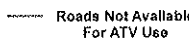
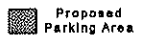
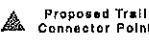
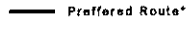
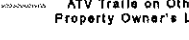
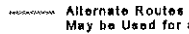


4. The connecting trails will be reviewed annually and reevaluated in 5-years at the next planning cycle and the pilot will be discontinued, amended or adopted accordingly.
5. The Division will work with local individuals and clubs to build a trail patrol program.
6. A subcommittee of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters citizens committee shall be established by the DRED Commissioner in consultation with the Chairman of the CLHCC to develop a plan to monitor the public use, natural resources and social impacts of the trail and community for the next 5 years including the role of the sponsoring ATV club. The subcommittee shall consult and advise state agencies and their partners of the findings and recommend actions. Members shall include the following:
  - a. The Administrator of the Bureau of Trails (or designee of the Commissioner of DRED);
  - b. The Chief of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Departments' Law Enforcement Division (or designee of the Executive Director);
  - c. A representative of the Forestland Group (property owner);
  - d. One representative of the ATV Community;
  - e. One representative of the conservation community (selected in consultation with SPNHF, AMC and TNC);
  - f. The Chief of Police for the Town of Pittsburg (or designee); and
  - g. A representative of the Citizens Committee.

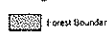
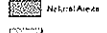
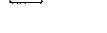
# ATV MAP 3.3 Amended



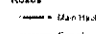
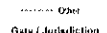
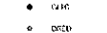
## ATV Trails Proposal

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|  Potential Parking Area |  Potential Trail Connector Point |  Areas Not Available For ATV Use                     |  Roads Not Available For ATV Use           |
|  Proposed Parking Area  |  Proposed Trail Connector Point  |  Preferred Route*                                    |  ATV Trails on Other Property Owner's Land |
|  |   |  Alternate Routes Which May be Used for a Connection | <i>* Some of the preferred route is on other property owner's land</i>   |

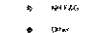

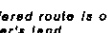

**Legend**

-  Forest Boundary
-  Natural Area
-  Wayblocks

**Roads**

-  Main Road
-  Gravel
-  Other

**Gate / Jurisdiction**

-  USFS
-  DOW
-  NHF&C
-  Other



### **3.4.5.6. Equestrian Use (p. 69)**

#### **Analysis of Use and Management Alternatives – New Action**

The Division held two public outreach sessions in the fall of 2011 and there was support for use by equestrians on the property. In addition to saddle riders, carriage driver representatives were also interested in accessing the property a use not considered in the 2007 plan. A key accommodation for the carriage drivers is being sure gates are wide enough to pass through. There was a strong public interest for dispersed use, however, the Division with limited manpower and resources is concerned about impacts to the property and has chosen to organize a volunteer group to develop a plan and assist in management and maintenance.

The Division considered the following alternatives:

1. Status Quo, no equestrian use on the property
2. Dispersed use on the property.
3. Designated trail use.
4. Equestrian use allowed subject to management plan.

#### **Amended Plan Direction and Actions**

1. The Division will identify and work with local individuals to build volunteer organization interested in equestrian use.
  - a. The organization shall be established within one year of opening to assist the division in management and maintenance.
  - b. The organization shall work with the Division to develop an equestrian use plan.
  - c. The Division will seek advice from the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee when the draft plan is complete.
2. A day-use fee will be established for use of the road/trail system.
  - a. The Division of Parks and Recreation will seek advice from the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Citizens Committee to establish trail fees per RSA 12-A:9-b.
  - b. The Division of Parks and Recreation will seek approval from the fiscal committee in its fee package.

### **3.4.6 Recreation Improvements (p. 74) – New Action**

Beyond the Designated Roads, which provide access both for recreational activities and for land management, existing facilities that provide recreational opportunities for the public on the Working Forest include snowmobile trails; a limited number of hiking trails, walking paths, and water access trails; a number of low head dams; parking lots and privies; and the fire tower on top of Magalloway Mountain. (See Chapter 2.4)

#### ***3.4.6.1 State Improvements – New Section***

Recreation improvements are funded through operating funds and the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Natural Areas Endowment and Stewardship Endowment Account established by Chapter 148 of the Laws of the State of New Hampshire. The Monitoring Endowment supports DRED's easement monitoring activities as well as those for the Natural Area owned by NHF&G.



Amended Plan Improvements – New Action

*A. Dam Sites: Management and Maintenance.*

Dams and their impoundments are important recreational and ecological attributes of the property. The Fish and Game Department is authorized to accept conveyance from the property owners of all water and property rights necessary to repair, maintain, and operate the following low head dam per RSA 482:48; Big Brook Bog, Shehan Pond, Pearly Terrill, Boundary Pond, Coon Brook Pond and Round Pond. DRED will work with the Fish and Game Department to construct and maintain public use facilities and manage and maintain public access to these sites.

*B. Magalloway Fire Tower Cabin Management.*

The cabin at the summit of Magalloway Mountain owned by DRED – Division of Forests and Lands is available for public overnight rental. Guests will utilize the trail and parking area at the base.

*C. Magalloway Trail Rehabilitation and Relocation.*

The trail is severely eroded and is in need of maintenance. The Division will develop a plan for rehabilitation and relocation.

Table 3.2: Planned Improvements (2012-2017) - Updated

Location	Parking	Trails	Wayfinding	Kiosks	Toilets	Comment
Indian Stream Gorge		X	X			Construction
Deer Mountain Area	X	X	X	X	X	
Magalloway Area						Maintenance
Garfield Falls						Maintenance
Little Hellsgate Falls	X	X	X			Maintenance
Shehan Pond						Planning
Boundary Pond	X	X		X	X	Construction
Perly Terrill	X	X	X	X	X	Planning
Round Pond	X	X	X	X	X	Planning
Coon Brook Pond	X				X	Car top launch
Big Brook Bog					X	Maintenance
Magalloway Trail						Planning

The details of these improvements are as follows:

1. Maintenance – Initial development has been accomplished at these sites. Maintenance includes trash pickup, cleaning of pit toilets, and routine trail maintenance to clear water bars and brushing and trimming.
2. Dam Planning & Construction – The Fish & Game Department is working with the landowner to define the boundaries of the dams and supporting structures. Construction of the dams will be done by the DES Dam Bureau. DRED will coordinate with F&G and the Dam Bureau to install and fund public use facilities at these sites.
3. Car Top Access – Designation of a car-top access area for boats at this site.





#### **4.3.2 Schedule of Road Closure (p. 90) - Clarification**

Two clarifications to policy:

- On or about December 15<sup>th</sup>, Designated Roads may be closed to public auto and truck traffic to be available for use as part of snowmobile trail system or other winter trail use.
- Bicycle use is permitted on Designated Roads when closed to motorized traffic except if there is a public safety hazard or road conditions do not support bicycle use.

#### **4.8 Management Plan (p. 95)**

##### Amended Plan Direction – New Action

##### **4.8.1.3 ATV Trail Network (NEW)**

The ATV trail network described in section 3.4.5.5 is shown on Map 3.3

Amended – outlines the roads available for use. The roads used in a given year will depend upon the forest management operations planned for the season.

#### **4.9 Planned Five-Year Road Management Actions (p. 102)**

##### Amended Plan Direction – No change

The Division will also continue to maintain and, where necessary and according to standards (See Section 4.10) and available budgets, upgrade roads and relocate or improve gates. The Division will continue to maintain the road system on a schedule as outlined in the previous plan and as needed by the landowner. The annual operating plan will be the key guiding document.

##### **4.9.1 Road / Bridge Improvement Actions (p. 102)**

##### Amended Plan Direction – Update request

The Division will seek capital funding from the State for the following capital projects.

- Replace the Pisgah Bridge (2014-2015), \$50,000
- Rebuild Magalloway, mile 0-14 (2014-2015), \$100,000
- Rebuild Indian Stream, mile 8-14 (2016-2017), \$100,000

##### **4.9.2 Gate Improvement Actions / Proposed Parking Lots (p. 103)**

##### Amended Plan Direction – New action

The Division will develop a parking area near the trail head for the Moose Alley Trail in a former log landing on the Connecticut Lakes State Forest. This parking area could be plowed in winter for non-motorized trail access. Modest improvements near the area of East Inlet, also within the Connecticut Lakes State Forest, will be made to create safe off-highway parking for vehicles and trailers to be used for winter parking. See amended table 4.2 for updates on gate management.



#### *Other Actions Planned (p. 104)*

##### Amended Plan Direction – New Action

The Division will:

- In December 2011 TransCanada conveyed an easement to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. This easement will allow the Division to continue negotiations of an MOU/MOA with TransCanada on the management of gates and discuss potential for exchange of rights for access to both parties that is in accordance with state policies and procedures;
- The Department may seek Administrative Rules for management functions and other authorities as needed;
- Coordinate with state agencies on the management and maintenance of the roads in the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters area (Fish and Game Department, Department of Environmental Services and Department of Transportation).

#### **4.11 Capital Improvement Budget (p. 110)**

##### Amended Plan Direction - Updated

The Department is required to submit to the Governor as part of its budgeting process projects requiring general funds greater than \$50,000 or having a 25-year life span. The Division will submit a request for funding for the following projects:

- Replace the Pisgah Bridge (2014-2015), \$50,000
- Rebuild Magalloway Road, mile 0-14 (2014-2015), \$100,000
- Rebuild Indian Stream Road, mile 8-14 (2016-2017), \$100,000

#### **4.12 Planned Use of Materials from Property (p. 110)**

##### Amended Plan Direction – No Change

Extraction of gravel from selected pits is planned during the five-year plan period.

Planned sources are:

- Perry Stream Pits
- Buck Horn Smith Brook Pits
- Middle Branch Pit Magalloway
- Indian Stream Pit
- Whipple Ridge Pit
- Cedar Stream Pisgah Brook Pit
- East Inlet Screen Pit



**Table 4.2: Gates Under Jurisdiction of, or Managed by, Division of Parks and Recreation - Updated**

Key: CLTC = Connecticut Lakes Timber Company  
 DRED = Department of Resources and Economic Development  
 F&G = Fish and Game Department  
 PSLT = Perry Stream Land and Timber

Gate #	Road Name	Road #	Management	Status	Actions
101	Halls Stream Road	21-00	DRED	Closed	NO Public ROW
203	Halls Stream Road	21-00	CLTC	Closed	Road Access Through Gates 106 & 107
104	Bob's Way		DRED	Closed	Gate to be installed at end of designated road
205	Halls Stream Rd., Malvinia	21-70-0	CLTC	Closed	Gate to be installed
106	Comstock Hill Rd., West Side Indian bridge	23-00	DRED	Open	Move gate from main road to Malvinia Trail
107	Halls Stream Connector	23-19	DRED	Open	
108	West Side Indian Stream Rd. @ 9.5 Mi.	23-00	DRED	Open	
111	Indian Stream Rd. @ 4 Miles (PSLT)	24-00	DRED	Open	(Subject To PSLT Permission of Road Use)
112	Indian Stream Rd., Cowen Hill	24-42	DRED	Open	
113	Indian Stream Rd, Depot Camp East Branch Road	25-00	DRED	Open	
114	Indian Stream Rd, East Branch Road	25-00	DRED	Closed	
214	Indian Stream Rd, Roaring Brook	24-60	CLTC	Closed	
115	Indian Stream Rd., Rancourt Brook	24-71-7	DRED	Open	
116	Rancourt Brk, Bob's Way	26-71-7	DRED	Closed	Gate to be installed at end of designated road
215	Indian Stream Rd, East Branch, Trestle Brook	25-40	CLTC	Closed	
217	Indian Stream Rd, Doe Road		CLTC	Closed	
423	Farr Road, Lamb Valley Brk Trail		PSLT	Closed	(Subject to PSLT Permission to Use Their Road)
124	Lamb Valley Brook Trail	27-41-0	DRED	Open	Gate to be installed
125	Perry Stream Rd., Cloutier Property Line	27-00	DRED	Open	
126	Perry Stream Rd., Spur Road	27-70	DRED	Open	
127	Perry/Indian Trail Connector mile marker 10 bridge	27-85	DRED	Closed	
328	Perry Stream Rd, Perry Pond Trail		F & G	Closed	



Gate #	Road Name	Road #	Management	Status	Actions
433	Carr Ridge Rd. on Bridge	03-49	DRED	Open	
234	Carr Ridge Rd, South Bay Trail	03-49	CLTC	Closed	
335	Carr Ridge Rd, Lucky's Way	03-49-10	F & G	Closed	
136	Round Pond Road	03-34	DRED	Open	
137	Coon Brook Rd., Rt. 3	03-24	DRED	Open	
138	Coon Brook Rd., Bog Jct.	03-24	DRED	Closed	Move gate to end of designated road
139	Big Brook Rd., Rt. 3	03-20	DRED	Open	
145	Sophies Lane, Rt. 3	29-00	DRED	Open	
348	Sophies Lane, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lake Natural Area	29-00	F & G	Open	
450	East Inlet Rd. on Bridge	01-00	DRED	Open	
351	Scott's Bog Road	02-00	F & G	Open	Relocate to property line
152	East Inlet Rd., Moose Brook Trail	01-08	DRED	Open	Relocate to property line
153	Moose Brook Trail	01-08	DRED	Closed	New gate Jct Of Moose Brook Trail and Emery Allen Trail
156	East Inlet Rd.	01-00	DRED	Open	New gate to be installed property line mile marker 8
159	East Inlet Beaman Hill	01-32	DRED	Open	
160	Smith Brook Road	05-00	DRED	Open	
161	Smith Brook Rd., Island	05-11	DRED	Closed	(Bridge Out)
162	Smith Brook Rd., Cozzie Brook Road	05-20	DRED	Open	
163	Stub Hill Road, Camp 8 Trail	05-40	DRED	Open	New gate to be installed at the snowmobile Camp 8 Jct.
164	Smith Brook, Cozzie Brook Trail Connector		DRED	Closed	
265	Smith Brook Rd., Emery Allen Brook Rd.	05-37	CLTC	Closed	Gate to be relocated
166	Smith Brook Rd., Stub Hill Road, Diamond Ridge Vista	05-40	DRED	Open	
167	Smith Brook Rd., BCP Drive	05-70	DRED	Open	
168	Smith Brook Rd., Trestle Brook Rd.	05-70	DRED	Open	
169	Smith Brook Rd., Moose Brook Trail	05-00/01-08	DRED	Closed	
170	Trestle Brook Rd, Rump MT Trail	05-71	DRED	Open	
171	Rump MT Trail, Beaman Hill		DRED	Open	
172	Magalloway Rd., Merrill Brook Rd.	10-11	DRED	Open	
175	Magalloway Rd. bridge	10-00	DRED	Open	
277	Magalloway Rd., South Bay	07-00	CLTC	Closed	



Gate #	Road Name	Road #	Management	Status	Actions
278	South Bay Bog Rd.	07-00	CLTC	Closed	
183	Magalloway Rd., Crystal Pond Rd.	10-53	DRED	Open	
184	Magalloway Rd., East Branch DDR bridge	10-00	DRED	Closed	
185	Laramie's Camp Trail	10-56	DRED	Closed	(Subject to Wagner Permission to Use Their Road)
186	Middle Branch Dead Diamond	10-36	DRED	Closed	
190	Magalloway Rd., Abbott Brook Rd.	10-00	DRED	Open	
192	Trail 137 Snowmobile Route		DRED	Closed	
193	Cedar Stream Rd., Rowell Brook	30-87	DRED	Open	
194	Cedar Stream Rd., Roby Brook	03-81	DRED	Open	
195	Pisgah Mtn. Rd.	32-00	DRED	Open	
196	Pisgah Mtn. Rd.	32-00	DRED	Open	New gate to be installed when bridge is replaced
198	Cedar Stream Rd., Warden Camp	30-70	CLTC	Closed	Move to end of designated road
199	Cedar Stream Rd., Bog Branch	30-61	DRED	Open	
100	Crystal Brook Road	30-60	DRED	Open	Move gate to fork of Crystal Brk and Bateman Brk
140	Bateman Brook Rd	30-60-01	DRED	Open	Install gate at fork of Crystal Brk and Bateman Brk
141	Trail 5 South Bay Snowmobile Route		DRED	Closed	
149	Cedar Stream Rd., Mile Marker 8	30-00	DRED	Open	
146	Deadwater Loop Road, Whipple Ridge	34-00	DRED	Open	
147	Whipple Ridge Pit	34-51	DRED	Open	
148	Dead Water Loop Rd., High Bridge Brook	36-00	DRED	Open	
409	Cedar Stream Rd., Carr Pond Rd.	30-20	DRED	Open	
120	Diamond Pond, Roy Property Line	39-00	DRED	Closed	Move gate to private property boundary No Public ROW leading to gate
200	Route 3, Moose Alley		CLTC		