

Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Monitoring - RGT-Owned Property Form

Instructions for Completing RGT-held CR Monitoring

- a. If this is the first year that RGT has owned the property, close this file. Monitoring does not need to be completed in the first year. Please use the longer (First Year) Stewardship Plan and Trail Assessment.*
- b. Complete #1, & #2 (recommendations from last year's monitoring) WHEN YOU ARE PLANNING the trip, BEFORE you organize the property committee to do the monitoring/stewardship planning - if you do not have the green property notebook, you can always find last year's information on the Board-only part of the website (or, if all else fails, in the blue Archive Notebook at the Leverett Family Museum).*
- c. Please save this form with the name of the property and the year - for example: Schuyler Monitoring Report 2014. (If you don't save with property and year, it will be hard to sort out all the Monitoring Reports later)*
- d. Carry with you a copy of the monitoring map and photos.*
- e. Please add a monitoring map (and any necessary annotated photos) at the end of the report.*

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1. Property Name: Mosher Conservation Area

Year: 2024

2. Date of Monitoring: December 27, 2024

Recommendations from last year's monitoring:

1. Replace temporary markers along southern boundary of the property: DONE.
2. Replace the Mosher Shelter sign at the intersection of the white trail and Rat Hollow Rd.; DONE.
3. Clear the roof of the shelter of the annual collection of debris: DONE

3. Monitors:

Steve Weiss, for Rattlesnake Gutter Trust

4. Describe the monitoring route briefly (also draw on map):

Starting at the southeast corner of the property, I walked north to the southern stone wall, then east to the eastern end of the property, then north to the northeast corner of the property, then west along the northern stone wall to the northwest corner of the property, then south along the western boundary to the southwest corner of the property, then east along Rat Hollow Road to the southeast corner of the property. From there I walked over to and examined the shelter site, then followed the blue-blazed loop trail back to Rat Hollow Road.

5. Action Items requiring attention:

1. Permanent trail markers should be used to replace fading markers along the yellow trail leading into the property.
2. The shelter registry needs to be protected from the weather and a supply of pens/pencils made available for visitors.
3. Several Mosher Shelter signs need to be replaced.
4. The sign on the container in the privy holding sawdust and toilet paper needs to be made permanent

6. List any problems with monitoring map or photos:

None

7. Describe alterations. Draw on map, take photos.

Natural

None Observed: ☒

Human Made

None Observed: ☒

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8. Monitoring recommendations for next year:

Be prepared to replace missing or weathered flagging tape along the parcel boundaries.

Stewardship Plan for Upcoming Year:

9. Last Year's Stewardship Plan / Goals / Accomplishments:

1. Create and install a Mosher Loop trail sign at the trailhead on Shutesbury Rd.; DONE
2. Replace Mosher Shelter signs as needed. DONE
3. Re-flag boundary lines as needed DONE.
4. Put up permanent markers along the southern boundary of the property. DONE
5. Clear debris from the roof of the Mosher shelter. DONE
6. Replace missing or faded trail blazes along yellow-marked trail with permanent plastic markers. PARTIALLY COMPLETED

10. Last Year's Actual Costs Par \$13.64

11. Goals, planned activities to meet those Stewardship goals and timeline for the coming year:

1. Replace Mosher Shelter signs as needed.
2. Re-flag boundary lines as needed.
3. Create and install permanent sign on the container in the privy holding sawust and toilet paper.
4. Supply pastic bag and pens/pencils for Mosher Shelter register.
5. Replace missing or faded trail blazes along yellow-marked trail with permanent plastic markers.

12. Anticipated costs (both on-going and for this next year):

15.00

Signed:

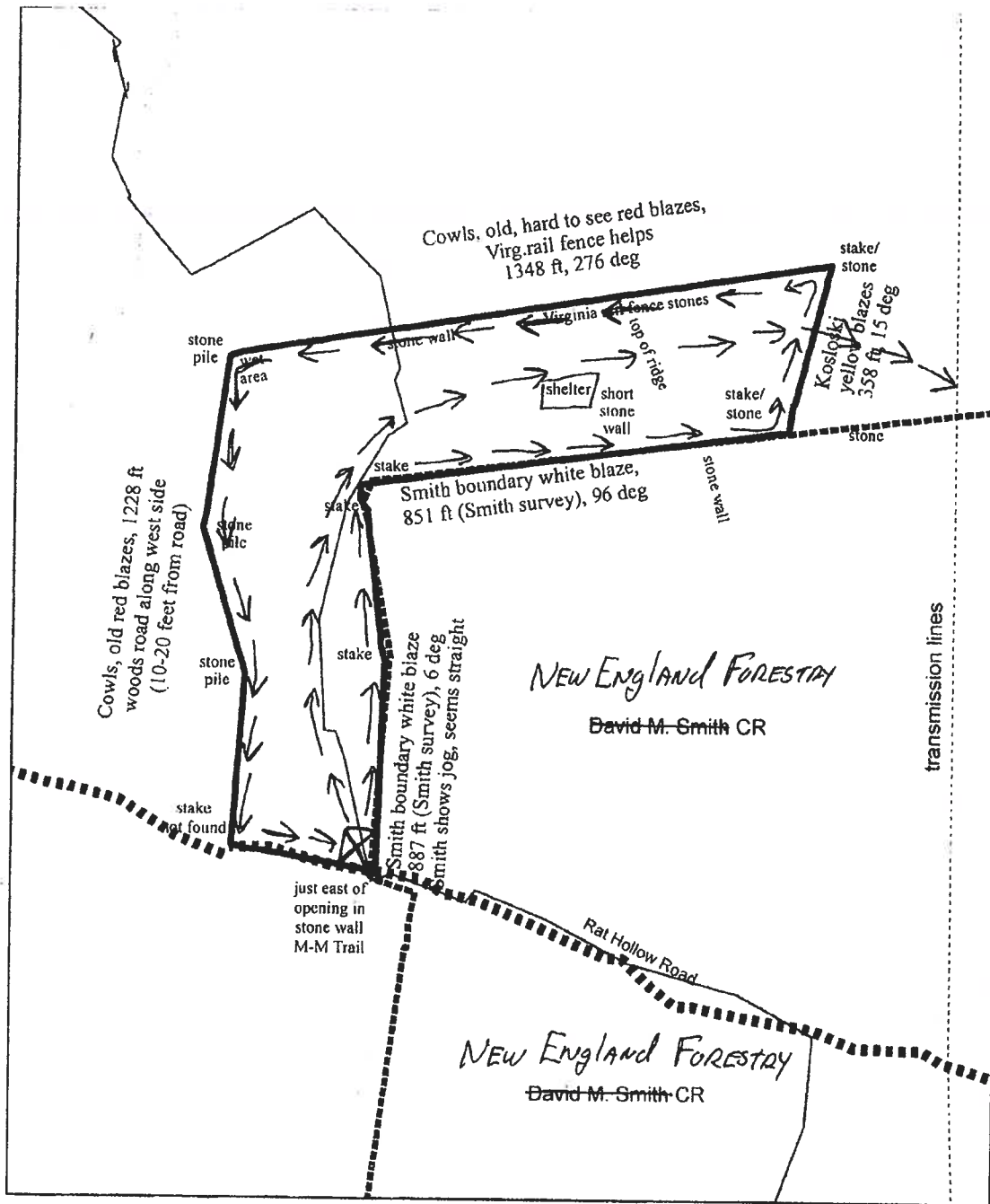
Steve Weiss

Date Signed: 12/27/24

Still to do:

- ☒ Ask to present this report at the next RGT Board Meeting
- ☒ Print out and sign 3 copies:
 - ☒ 1. Put one in the Green Field Notebook
 - ☒ 2. Give one to the person who puts the reports in the Blue Archive Notebook at the Leverett Family Museum.
 - ☐ 3. Mail (or give) a copy to the land owner(s)
- ☒ Send an electronic copy of this report to the person who puts it on the Board-only section of the RGT website.

MOSHER MONITORING MAP 2024



Mosher Conservation Area for Monitoring