

**Rattlesnake Gutter Trust  
Monitoring Report**

Property/Conservation Restriction Name:

Owned by RGT\_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Restriction held by RGT\_\_yes\_\_\_\_\_

IF CR complete, otherwise skip to #1:

Current owner(s): Nancy V.A. Smith, Ellen Doris Smith

Address(es): Nancy: P.O. 683, Carbondale CO 81623

Ellen: 116 Morningside Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Telephone:

Email: nancyva@copris.net; smithellen@comcast.net

Local Contact if different from owner: Sandra Kirley and Pete Kosloski, Old Mountain Rd

1. In preparation for the visit

a. date of previous visit: baseline, April 5, 2008

b. special concerns listed from previous visits that need to be checked

border well-marked, making it easy to follow

houses close to NE border (north of Kirley/Kosloski), need to check each time

c. IF CR, was the land owner contacted prior to monitoring? (if yes, give date and whether by phone, email, etc; if not, why not?) no, do not live in area

2. Participants attending site visit (IF CR include land owner if present):

Matt Kelty, Mary Alice Wilson

3. Date and time of site visit: 8 - 11 AM, Thursday, August 20, 2009 (also visit 5:30-6:30, August 20, 2009 by Mary Alice Wilson and Ellen Anderson (appraiser) pictures were taken then.

4. Please use monitoring map (attached) to

a. show the path of the visit (AM visit counterclockwise from Shutesbury Road, PM visit Rat Hollow Road and short distance north and south on power line)

b. mark any issues brought up in this report.

c. suggest changes in information on next year's map

5. Describe any man-made alterations since the last monitoring visit. Describe extent, location, purpose, and person responsible (if known). Mark on attached map; add photographs or illustrations if helpful. (Be sure to check roadside areas for possible dumping/disturbance.)

no changes in land seen, Pete Kosloski was repairing culvert on Rat Hollow Rd. and working on woods road. Pete is worried about off-road vehicles on power line. We did not see damage, but in the morning we did not walk the power line, only crossed it at north and south line. None of the small, woods roads we crossed in the NE and SW showed unusual wear. In the afternoon, we walked full length of Rat Hollow Road (no unusual wear seen) and some distance north and south of Rat Hollow on power line (worn but not noticeably more than in the past.)

In the afternoon, Pete also expressed concern about Smith right-of-way to the east of property (north of Rat Hollow). Although we have walked the north end each time, have not walked entire distance (which is also a paved driveway). Should do that in the future.

6. Describe natural alterations since previous visit (effects of flood, fire, insect infestation, ice damage, etc.) Note extent and location. Mark on attached map; add photographs or illustrations if helpful.

none noticed

7. Describe any interactions (on day of site visit or in past year) with landowner or others having use of the land.

none. Pete Kosloski reports off-road vehicles on power line having parties - he visits reminds them to clean up (which they have done). Not clear that these were on Smith property. Pete is still planning to put fence west of his boundary with Smith. He has letter giving him permission and is, as permitted, cutting firewood and repairing road culverts.

8. IF CR, describe any information that property will be transferred, leased, or sold. Are any changes in use being planned?

none known

Town road crew may be planning some work along Shutesbury Road.

Because of forestry history of land and excellent boundary marks, property will be used by UMass Forest Management students to learn forest mapping techniques.

9. List observations, comments, management needs, information requests, areas needing discussion or review:

Board needs to be informed of general concern about off-road vehicles

10. List any needed follow-up

none

11. Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Trip along line takes 3 hours. To do Rat Hollow Road, the power line and the right-of-way will add at least another hour.

Always take enlarged survey maps.

Most likely problems in NE corner where line is near houses or along public ways (Rat Hollow Road and power line.) See attached pictures of present status of road and power line.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Date report submitted to RGT Board for Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Date report placed in Field Notebook? \_\_\_\_\_

Date second copy given to RGT Secretary for Archive Notebook? \_\_\_\_\_

IF CR, date copy sent to owners after Board Review? \_\_\_\_\_



Rat Hollow Road, August 20, 2009  
 top left: from near east end of property looking west toward the powerline  
 top right: farther west, power line to west  
 left: beyond powerline looking west/downhill



Power line, August 20, 2009  
 Above left: looking south from Rat Hollow Road  
 Above right: farther south on power line, looking south



power line, August 20, 2009

Above left: looking north from Rat Hollow Road

Above right: farther north on power line, looking north

Note: no map was included in this report.

