**RGT Stewardship Plan (after the first year)\***

**Site: Ellamoose Repose Plan for year: 2014**

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| **1. Any major changes in this property since last year?**  None observed, however the recent opportunity to purchase the Jensen property nearby will provide incentive to complete property trail and linked trails to the Rattlesnake Gutter area. | | |
| **9. Management Goals Last Year and Accomplishments:**  1. To develop a plan for Ellamoose Repose that, while recognizing the horses will continue to be a problem, focuses on ways to provide the community with access to a lovely property.  2. To maintain the present landscape pattern: front meadow  second double-meadow  forested area (both wet and dry forests)  3. To re-mark the borders including new gps readings.  4. To map the ceremonial stones on the property.  5. To open the property to the public by designing and building a loop trail.  6. To eventually connect the Ellamoose Trail to Rattlesnake Hill and thus to trails in the Rattlesnake Gutter area. | | |
| **10. Comparison last year’s budget (2013) with actual costs:**  **a. Estimated costs:**  Liming $1,270 = 8 acres \* $160/acre (every year? not sure)  Signage, marking trails, etc. $100 (only this year)  **Total $1,370**  **b. Actual costs:** $1,280 | | |
| **11. Management Goals This Year:**  While we have designed the trail, we have not completed any items on last year's list. We are, therefore, continuing with the same goals:  1. To develop a plan for Ellamoose Repose that, while recognizing the horses will continue to be a problem, focuses on ways to provide the community with access to a lovely property.  2. To maintain the present landscape pattern: front meadow  second double-meadow  forested area (both wet and dry forests)  (Greg Rawls will continue to mow, he will lime and fertilize at his expense if he has time and will mow hiking paths in the meadows.)  3. To re-mark the borders including new gps readings. (only NW border not repainted/signed  4. To map the ceremonial stones on the Property.  5. To open the property to the public by designing and building a loop trail. (trail designed, not built)  6. To eventually connect the Ellamoose Trail to Rattlesnake Hill and thus to trails in the Rattlesnake Gutter area. (May want to move this "eventually" to this year if the Jensen property is funded at town meeting.) | | |
| **12. Schedule of Planned Activities (including monitoring) to Meet Goals:**  Winter:  a. Pursue idea of Franklin County Tech students clearing brush along stone wall.  b. Begin discussion about trail access through neighboring properties to Old Cave Hill/Whitney Road.  Spring:  a. have individuals and groups clear/mark the loop trail, build bog bridges on the property  b. make Rattlesnake Hill loop  Summer/Fall:  Finish marking boundary (after town hall vote)  When done with Ellamoose trail, create map, invite neighbors to trail party (Jensen property connection?)  Complete the linking trails  Before winter:  map stone structures | | |
| **13. Budget for this year** | **Estimated cost** | **Estimated Total** |
| **a. Costs every year** |  |  |
| **(Greg will do liming and fertilizing if he has time at no cost.)** |  |  |
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| **b. Costs just this year** |  |  |
| **bog bridges** | **$200** |  |
| **signage, marking trails** | **$100** |  |
| **(have not talked with Franklin Tech about front cutting, might add cost)** |  |  |
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| **(Total for this year)** | **$300** |  |
| ***c. Anticipate additional***  ***costs next year*** |  | ***(do not add to total)*** |
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*\* To complete this form, you will need a copy of last year's Stewardship Plan. One copy is in the green Field Notebook filed with the Monitoring Report. Another is on the web in the Board-only section, find the property and then the monitoring section. It will be in chronological order. A third copy is in the blue Archive Notebook on the second floor of the Field Family Museum.*