

RGT Monitoring Report

1. Name of Property and Year: **Ellamoose Repose, 2014**

2. Property owned by RGT? **Yes**

a. If "no" (i.e. CR): Name of owner **N/A**

b. Date owner was invited to join in the monitoring: **N/A**

3. Date & recommendations from last year's monitoring: **09 December 2013**

Recommended for 2014 that:

- **boundary marking should be completed**
- **stone structures should be mapped**
- **signage completed with trail work.**

4. Date of this year's monitoring: **13 September 2014**

5. Participants: **Eva Gibavic, Jimmy Grogan, Mary Alice Wilson**

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

We traversed the front (W) pasture and the top (N border) of the southern back pasture using Greg Rawl's mown pathway. From the entrance to the forest trail we followed the perimeter of the forested portion of the property re-locating pins.

7. Describe any man-made alterations (draw on map/take photos. If no, write "none observed")

Alterations since 2013 monitoring: Greg Rawles has generously agreed to maintain a mown path across the front & back pastures leading to the forest trail. A forest trail has been cleared and marked within the west half of the property's forested area. Signage has been installed at the Cave Hill Rd & forest trail entrances, and along the forest trail as necessary. The property boundary has been re-established by painting blue flashes on trees at appropriate intervals along its entire perimeter where appropriate.

Noted during the monitoring walk: A short stretch of tire tracks in the mown path was probably made by Greg's mower.

8. Describe any natural alternations:

Occasional patches of horse manure in the front (W) pasture indicate persistent use by the neighbor's (N side) horses. One pile was quite fresh. We noted also manure evidence of horse on the forest trail, which was not likely left by the neighbor's because a horse is unlikely to enter the forest of its own accord.

9. If CR, describe any interactions with landowner(s) during the monitoring or since the past monitoring: **N/A**

10. Describe any changes in use being planned (ownership? land use?):

None

11. List any observations comments, areas needing discussion or review:

The issue of RGT support for liming the front (W) pasture resurfaced because there does appear to have been significant reduction in poison ivy densities compared to past years – it seems that the liming has had a very positive effect.

12. List any needed follow-up:

The forest trail should be extended in 2015 to include the eastern portion of the forested area. Stone structures should be mapped.

13. Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Protect against poison ivy, which persists at virulent densities in the front pasture.

Signed: 

Date Signed: 09/17/2014

I have asked to present this report at the next RGT Board Meeting.

I have sent a copy of this report to the owner (if CR).

I have printed out a copy of this report and put it in the RGT green Field Notebook.

I have sent a copy to the person who puts reports in the RGT blue Archive Notebook.

I have sent an electronic copy of this report to the person who puts it on the Board-only section of the RGT website.