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Year of this Report: 2012 Rattlesnake Hill Property: Owner: name, address, phone, email if relevant (Also name of local contact if relevant.): Leverett Conservation Commission (represented by Conservation Agent Walter Ramsey) Town Hall, Leverett, MA 01054 413-548-1022, leverettconcom@gmail.com Date owner invited to monitoring 10/18/2012 Date and recommendations from last year's monitoring: This is first year. Baseline recommended painting the boundaries (marked only by ribbon). Date of this year's monitoring: 10/26/2012 Participants: Mary Alice Wilson and Judy Smith (for RGT) Walter Ramsey (for ConCom) Brief description of route taken (also draw on map): From point A (north) went counterclockwise, painting (in red) as we went (except along cliff). We found all pins (along the cliff only looked over rocks to see them). Describe any man-made alterations (include on map, add photograph or "none observed"): None observed Describe any natural alterations (include on map, add photographs or "none observed"): None observed Describe any interactions (on day of site visit or in past year) with landowner or others having use of the land:

We have often talked about walking this line with the ConCom, but schedules never matched.

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Describe any changes in use being planned (change of ownership, land use, etc.):

None known

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

- 1. Once the trail access process is complete (responsibility of RGT), a loop trail should be created which avoids home on the NW, piles of trash (see #2). and is not too close to cliffs. There is no issue with wetlands!
- 2. As documented in the baseline, there are a good many building components and piles of household trash from the former residents in the northwest section of the property. While these may not be a hazard, the Conservation Commission needs to determine if there are any potential problems with leaving them on the property (see map and photos for H4, J4, K5, L1)

List any needed follow-up:

See #2 above.

Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Enjoy – and stop as we did to take in the view.

Signed:

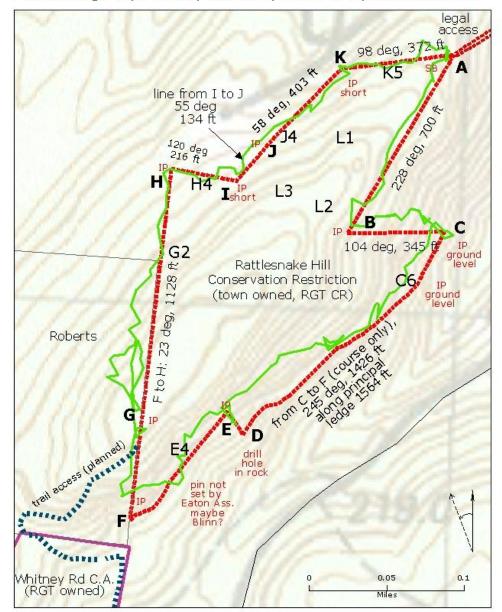
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Only picture taken was along the cliff where it first seemed that surveyor's pin (C on the map) had been crushed by a fallen tree (it was not). We were impressed by the (temporary) success of a tree growing on solid rock. And wondered if the pin would still be in place next year.



Rattlesnake Hill Conservation Restriction Monitoring Map: Lines, Corners, Sites of Special Interest



Boundary points (bold) and points of interest (not bold). IP = Iron (surveyor's) pin; SB = Stone Bound Boundary lines painted in red (except along cliffs)

Rattlesnake Hill Monitoring Track, October 26, 2012