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Property: David Smith Conservation Restrictions Year of this Report: 2012

Owner: name, address, phone, email if relevant (Also name of local contact if relevant.):

Current Owners: Nancy V.A. Smith, Ellen Doris Smith Addresses: Nancy: P.O. 683, Carbondale CO 81623

Ellen: 116 Morningside Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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

Local Contact: Sandra Kirley and Pete Kosloski, Old Mountain Rd

Date owner invited to monitoring:

Owners do not live in the area (schedule also tentative due to series of rainy weekends).

Date and recommendations from last year's monitoring:

Walking the boundary assuming one never gets lost or distracted by the lovely woods requires 2.5-3 hours. Plan accordingly. Take both monitoring map and survey – and compass. Always walk the northeast line near the houses.

Date of this year's monitoring: 10/20/2012

Participants:

Matt Kelty and Mary Alice Wilson

Brief description of route taken (also draw on map):

From Shutesbury Road we went up the east side, across the north edge to the west edge and back. (It was a remarkably warm day. The witch hazel was in bloom, the oak leaves were bronze and in the area near Pete and Sandy's there was a Carolina Wren singing (first heard on this property).

Describe any man-made alterations (include on map, add photograph or "none observed"):

Trees have been marked for logging. Jeep/motorcycles are now prohibited on the land to the north (The Paul C. Jones Working Forest which has a Conservation Restriction held by Mass Dept of Fish and Wildlife). This seems to have slowed the erosion along the power line.

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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 had hoped to walk the possible interpretive trail with Lincoln Fish, but it has been hard to match schedules. It will happen at some point.

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:

Our primary purpose in monitoring is to check for problems along the borders. The white-painted property line blazes make walking the line very easy. They will need to be repainted within the next few years.

List any needed follow-up:

We forgot to bring a bag and gloves to pick up trash along Shutesbury Road. Will return to do that early on a Sunday when the traffic is not so intense.

Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Always check the northeast area. With houses nearby, it is easy for folks to lose track of lines. One leach field come to the line. The electric dog buried dog fence is over the line but does not seem to be a problem. (And, for the walk along the road, bring a trash bag and gloves). It is helpful to carry both the monitoring map and the survey (Plan 125, page 45)

Signed: (Matt Kelty, Mary Alice Wilson)

Date signed: 10/28/2012

11/17/10 Date report to RGT Board 10/29/2012 Date copy sent to owner

10/29/2012 date copy given for archive

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