

## Smith CR Monitoring Report 2014

*a. Please save this form with the name of the property and the year - for example: Bates Monitoring Report 2014. (If you don't do it, it will be hard to sort out all the Monitoring Reports later)*

*b. Fill out 1, 2, and especially 3 WHEN YOU ARE PLANNING the trip.*

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1. Name of Property and Year: Dave Smith Conservation Restriction

2. Property owned by RGT? no

If "no" (i.e. CR): Name of owner (if new owner, put in all the contact information. If same just put in name):

Nancy V.A. Smith and Ellen Doris Smith

Date owner was invited to join in the monitoring:

Live in Colorado and Tennessee so not invited

3. Date and recommendations from last year's monitoring:

a. Always check NR corner (houses)

b. Bring gloves and trash bag for pick up along the road

c. Carry both monitoring map and survey (and compass and gps with shape file)

4. Date of this year's monitoring: August 15 and 18

5. Participants:

August 15 - Matt Kelty, Jimmy Grogan, Bill and Mary Alice Wilson;

August 18 - Bill and Mary Alice

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

August 15 - from powerline east, along east and north line to Mosher "inner corner "(we ran out of white paint)

August 18 - from powerline west, around 2-acre piece, north to same Mosher location

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

8. Describe any natural alternations: none observed

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

In email conversation after the 2013 CR which noted need for repainting white boundary marks, owners asked that we do painting as part of this year's monitoring - which we did.

10. Describe any changes in use being planned (ownership? land use?): none known

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

During our annual walk, we always have an opportunity to visit with Pete Kosloski and his wife, Sandy Kirley (their wonderful border collies alert them.) It is an opportunity to talk about Leverett issues, and to catch up on any problems. This year, they are getting walkers coming through their land who think they are at the end of neighboring Number 6 Road (and the Cowskiosk). While Cowskiosk will be asked to put up a directional sign, it is unlikely that they will actually do it. Pete agreed that walkers were better than the jeeps, but he still would prefer privacy. They have not yet built the fence back on the Smith property (which they have written permission to do), but still intend to get that done.

On a different topic, the walk took much longer this year because of the painting. It also reminded us of the grazing history of the property - walking exactly on the line, especially in the west, means walking back and forth over a very extensive, old barbed wire fence.

It was also a pleasure to listen to two former students/colleagues of David's (Matt Kelty and Jimmy Grogan) talk about the evidence of David's forest management decisions as they walked the Conservation Restriction.

12. List any needed follow-up: none

13. Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

We have not called Pete and Sandy before our trips. It would be nice to do that. (Peter Kosloski and Sandra Kirley, 100 Old Mountain Road, 548-9117)

Monitoring should be easier with the newly painted white boundary marks.

Bring compass, pink flagging (to replace fading old flagging), the monitoring map, the gps shapefile if you have a way to use it, and water - and the gloves and trash bag for the road. Even on a good day, it takes 2-3 hours. It is a beautiful area.

*Please attach monitoring map to this report.*

Signed: Mary Alice Wilson

Date Signed: August 24, 2014

AND

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

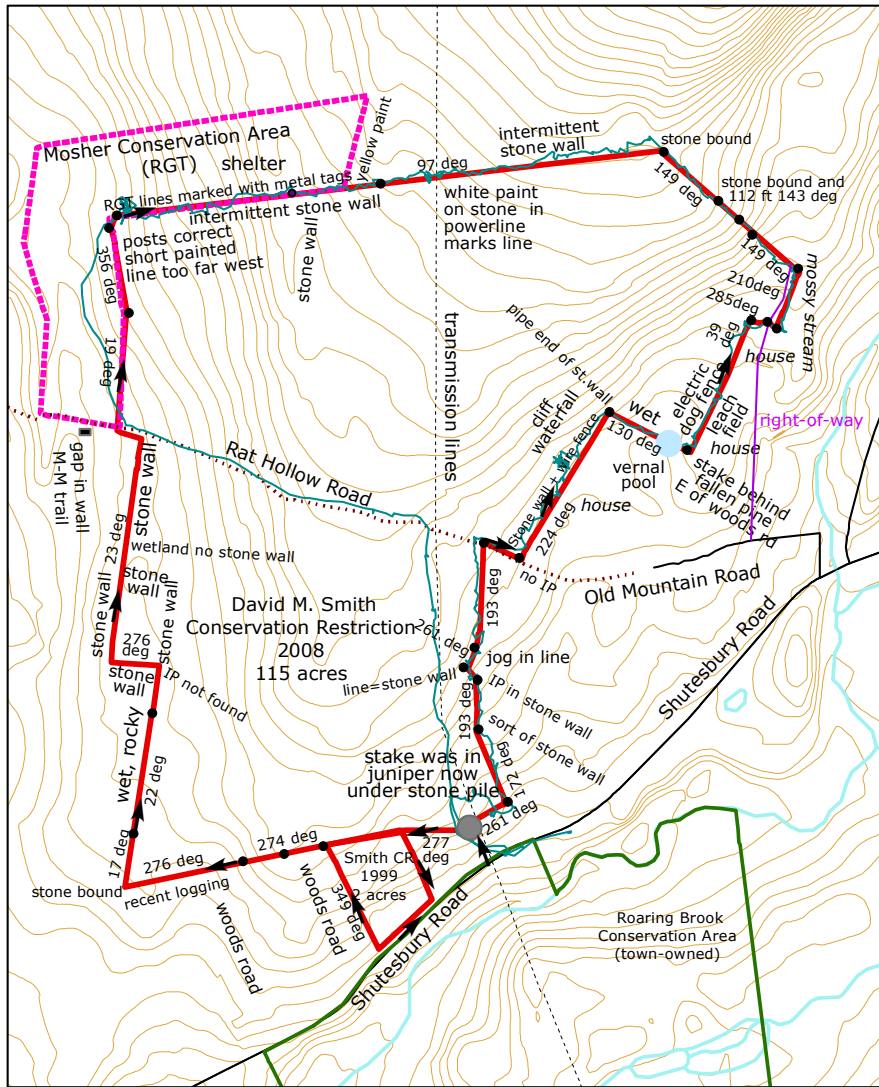
I have sent a copy of this report to the owner (if CR).

I have printed out 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 website.

# Smith Conservation Restriction



Land owned or CR  
█ Rattlesnake Gutter Trust  
█ Town of Leverett

Iron pipe at S. end of power line:  
 was embedded in juniper bush  
 is now somewhere in pile of rocks  
 which are overgrown/hard to find  
 42.4455, -72.4735

Monitoring Trip August 15 = tourquoise line  
 Second trip Aug 18 = black arrows

All corners have Iron/metal posts  
 unless otherwise noted.

