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Rattlesnake Gutter Trust Monitoring Report

Property/Conservation Restriction Name: Smith Conservation Restriction

Date of visit(s): November 7, 2010 CR? yes Owned by RGT?_____

IF CR please complete this information, if owned property skip to #1:

Current owner(s): Nancy V.A. Smith, Ellen Doris Smith

Address(es): Nancy: P.O. 683, Carbondale CO 81623

Ellen: 116 Morningside Drive, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

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

Local Contact if different from owner: Sandra Kirley and Pete Kosloski, Old Mountain Rd

1. In preparation for the visit

a. date of previous visit: August 20, 2009

b. special concerns listed from previous visits that need to be checked:

None. This year there has been problem with jeep/ATV traffic.

c. IF CR, was the land owner contacted prior to monitoring? (if yes, give date and whether by phone, email, etc; if not, why not?)

Neither Nancy nor Ellen live in the area.

2. Participants attending site visit (IF CR include land owner if present):

RGT Board members: Matt Kelty, Julie Collier, Mary Alice Wilson

3. Please use monitoring map (attached) to

a. show the path of the visit:

see attached map (power line to Rat Hollow Road, Rat Hollow Rd to western edge, north on Mosher trail near boundary, east along boundary, south along line.

b. mark any issues brought up in this report.

see note about iron pipe at south end of power line

c. suggest changes in information on next year's map

4. Describe any man-made alterations since the last monitoring visit. Describe extent, location, purpose, and person responsible (if known). Mark on attached map; add photographs or illustrations if helpful. (Be sure to check roadside areas for possible dumping/disturbance.)

Power company has put a new gate (see picture #2) and has added rock/gravel to access road.

Iron pin that used to be buried in a large juniper bush is now somewhere underneath a pile of rocks (see picture #3).

5. Describe natural alterations since previous visit (effects of flood, fire, insect infestation, ice damage, etc.) Note extent and location. Mark on attached map; add photographs or illustrations if helpful.

None noticed

6. Describe any interactions (on day of site visit or in past year) with landowner or others having use of the land.

Owners and Pete Kosloski are concerned about the damage done by increased use of recreational vehicles (jeeps and ATVs). At least one sign has been installed – see photograph #1. (Seen and photographed on second trip to collect trash along Smith/Shutesbury Road line.) There is hope that an impending CR on the Cows Brushy Mountain property will restrict motorized vehicles throughout this area. It will probably be next year before the CR process is complete.

There is also the possibility of the owner and their forester, Lincoln Fish, putting up signs describing the forestry practices which would be a great addition to the property.

7. IF CR, describe any information that property will be transferred, leased, or sold. Are any changes in use being planned?

None planned

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

This year our walk went along the power line so we could observe the motorized vehicle damage. We then went west of Rat Hollow and walked on or near the line back to our cars. Except for the obvious wear on the power line, we did not observe any problems.

9. List any needed follow-up:

We did not have time to walk along the Smith/Shutesbury Road line to pick up trash. That was done 11/14/2010

10. Suggestions for next year's monitoring team?

Since we did not walk the SW corner, we need to include that area next year. Area in the NW which is closest to housing always needs to be checked.

Signed _____ date _____
Date report submitted to RGT Board for Review: _____
Date report placed in Field Notebook? _____
Date second copy brought to Board Meeting for Archive Notebook? _____
IF CR, date third copy sent to owner ? _____

1. Sign on Western Mass Electric Company land on Shutesbury Road referring to Smith property.



2. At Shutesbury Road, new gate entrance to power line (property owned by Western Mass Electric (or whoever owns the power lines now). Smith sign on the right.



3. The south iron pin on power line
somewhere under pile of rocks (juniper
barely visible at the edge).

42.2255, -72.4735
looking north

Land to the south is power company;
to north is Smith CR. Pin is at a
slight bend in the property line
(see survey).



