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CONSERVATION EASEMENT STATUS REPORT



Easement Property:

Location:

Easement Steward (name, address, telephone):

Landowners (name, address, telephone):

Landowner was contacted by: letter ___ telephone ___ person ___ not contacted ___.

Easement was visited/viewed by: foot ___ boat ___ car ___ airplane ___ for ___ hours.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please carefully read and answer the following questions using the space provided, and, if necessary, use the attached map or take photographs to illustrate your observations. All maps and photos should be signed and dated.

I. LANDOWNER REVIEW

A. Has ownership of the property changed since the last monitoring visit, or does the landowner have any intentions to change ownership of the property? _____ If yes, please describe below.

B. When contacted, did the landowner mention any of the following? If yes, please describe below.

- ___ Significant plant or wildlife sightings on the easement property.
- ___ Questions about the terms of the conservation easement.
- ___ Plans for future management of the easement property.
- ___ A need or desire for assistance with management of the easement property.

II. THE NATURE CONSERVANCY INTERESTS

Listed below are the interests in a portion of the property (i.e., the Protected Property) which the Conservancy holds through its conservation easement and are therefore not available to the landowner. If any of these interests appear to be violated, please locate on the attached map and describe below.

- ___ No construction or placing of any building, tennis or other recreational court, landing strip, pier, mobile home, swimming pool, fence or sign (other than those required by Grantee for appropriate management), asphalt or concrete pavement, billboard or other advertising display, antenna, utility pole, tower, conduit, line, sodium vapor light or any other temporary or permanent structure or facility.
- ___ No draining, diking, filling, excavating, dredging, mining or drilling, removal of topsoil, sand, gravel, rock, minerals or other materials, nor any building of roads or change in the topography of the land in any manner.
- ___ No removal, destruction or cutting of trees, shrubs or plants, planting of trees, shrubs or plants, use of fertilizers, introduction of non-native animals, or disturbance or change in the natural habitat in any manner.
- ___ No use of pesticides or biocides, including but not limited to insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, and herbicides, and no use of devices commonly known as "bug-zappers".

- ___ No storage or dumping of ashes, trash, garbage, or other unsightly or offensive material, hazardous substance, or toxic waste, nor any placement of underground storage tanks in, on, or under the Protected Property.
 - ___ No changing of the topography through the placing of soil or other substance or material such as land fill nor dredging spoils, nor shall activities be conducted on the Protected Property or on adjacent property if owned by Grantor, which would cause erosion or siltation on the Protected Property.
 - ___ No pollution, alteration, depletion or extraction of surface water, natural water courses, lakes, ponds, marshes, subsurface water or any other water bodies, nor shall there be activities conducted on the Protected Property or on adjacent property if owned by Grantor, which would be detrimental to water purity, or which could alter natural water level and/or flow in or over the Protected Property.
 - ___ No operation of mountain or other bicycles, snowmobiles, dune buggies, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, hang gliders, aircraft, jet skis, motorized boats or similar mechanized vehicles.
 - ___ No dividing, partitioning, or subdividing, or conveying of Protected Property except in its current configuration as an entity.
 - ___ The Protected Property and any portion thereof shall not be included as part of the gross area of other property not subject to this Conservation Easement for the purposes of determining density, lot coverage, or open space requirements under other applicable laws, regulations or ordinances controlling land use and building density.
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III. LANDOWNER(S) INTERESTS

Listed below are the interests in a portion of the property (i.e., the Protected Property) which the Conservancy does not hold through its conservation easement and therefore are retained by the landowner(s). If any of these activities have taken place, please locate on the attached map and describe below.

- ___ Right to undertake or continue any activity or use of the Protected Property not prohibited by Conservation Easement; prior to making any change in use of the Protected Property, the Grantor shall notify the Grantee in writing allowing Grantee to determine whether such change would violate the terms of the Conservation Easement.
 - ___ Right to sell, give, mortgage, lease, or otherwise convey the Protected Property, provided such conveyance is subject to the terms of the Conservation Easement and written notice is provided to Grantee in accordance with paragraph 13 of the conservation easement.
 - ___ Right to cut and remove diseased trees, shrubs, or plants and to cut firebreaks, subject to the prior written approval of Grantee pursuant to paragraph 4.5 of the conservation easement, except that such approval shall not be required in the case of emergency firebreaks.
 - ___ Right to maintain views from established overlooks, to maintain existing foot trails, to reopen and maintain existing wood roads, to plant trees and shrubs indigenous to Vinalhaven Island and the Protected Property in existing woodland areas on the Protected Property, and to maintain but not to enlarge the existing fields on the Protected Property, including reasonable removal or cutting of plants, shrubs and trees to the extent necessary for these purposes, and consistent with the preservation of the character of the Protected Property.
 - ___ Right to graze livestock in the existing fields in numbers that are sufficiently limited to prevent over-grazing and the risk of erosion, and to fence such grazing areas.
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IV. CHANGES

A. Have any other human alterations, not covered above, taken place on the site since the last monitoring visit? _____ If yes, please locate on the attached map and describe below.

B. Have any natural alterations (flooding, fire, insect infestation, etc.) taken place on the site since the last monitoring visit? _____ If yes, please locate on the attached map and describe below.

V. OTHER OBSERVATIONS

Please note any other information which you feel may be important or useful which has not already been covered. Also, please feel free to augment or correct the base information provided by this status report.

Signature of Easement Steward(s)

Date of Inspection

Remember to note any address corrections. Please add additional comments or explanations on a separate sheet. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you fulfill your duties as easement steward. Finally, thank you very much for taking the time to fill out this report. Your support is critical to the Conservancy in its efforts to protect and manage Maine's natural heritage!

Please return this report to:

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PLEASE SUBMIT COMPLETED REPORT BY OCTOBER 1