

Flagstaff Advisory Committee  
Requested Mountain Bike Trail Information  
New England Mountain Bike Association  
Carrabassett Region Chapter

Overview:

The following is brief description of our interests for trail usage on state land specifically the Bigelow Preserve. Our goals of creating a world class destination for mountain bikers in the western mountains include trails within this property. Allowing users to experience a wilderness such as the preserve significantly adds to the network already in place in Carrabassett Valley. Accessed by many of the regions trail heads the Esker Trail (#2) provides our user a continuous single track tread creating many larger loop connections within the existing network. We would like to see more of the existing corridors opened, corridors that will be closed to be rerouted, maintenance to continue, and discussions opened regarding a standalone network in the Caribou Valley.

Descriptions:

Dead Moose Trail (#1)

Approx. distance - .5mile, corridor – 20ft

Current User – snowmobile

Request – open to mt bike, hike, xc ski

Purpose – connect Esker Trail to town of CV creating loop option connector

The Esker Trail (#2)

Approx. distance – 5 miles, corridor -20ft overgrown to 3-4ft

Current User – mt bike, hike, xc ski

Request – continue maintenance for non-motorized travel

- Reroute existing trail (planned to open for logging 2014)

Purpose – trail to provide wilderness experience for users

Birthday Hill Trail (#3)

Approx. distance – 1.5miles, corridor -20ft

Current User – snowmobile

Request – open to mt bike, hike, xc ski

Purpose – connector trail in current network, challenging climb/decent

Backside Trail (#4)

Approx. distance – 15 miles, corridor – 10ft

Current User – snowmobile

Request – open to mt bike, hike, xc ski

Purpose – provide longer loop option for advanced rider

### Jones Pond Trail (#5)

Approx. distance – 5 miles, corridor 20ft

Current User – snowmobile

Request – open to mt bike, hike, xc ski

- Reroute existing trail to provide better experience

Purpose – provide longer loop option for advanced rider/ secondary out and back for intermediate rider

### Maintenance and Construction

Yearly – clearing corridor 5-10ft, assessing water crossings, minimal tread surface repairs, maintain map, signage and trail info for users. Communicate with Farmington office regarding yearly plan.

New Construction – prefer machine building, finished by hand. Approx. \$5 /ft.

- secondary option build completely by hand. Approx. \$5-8/ft.

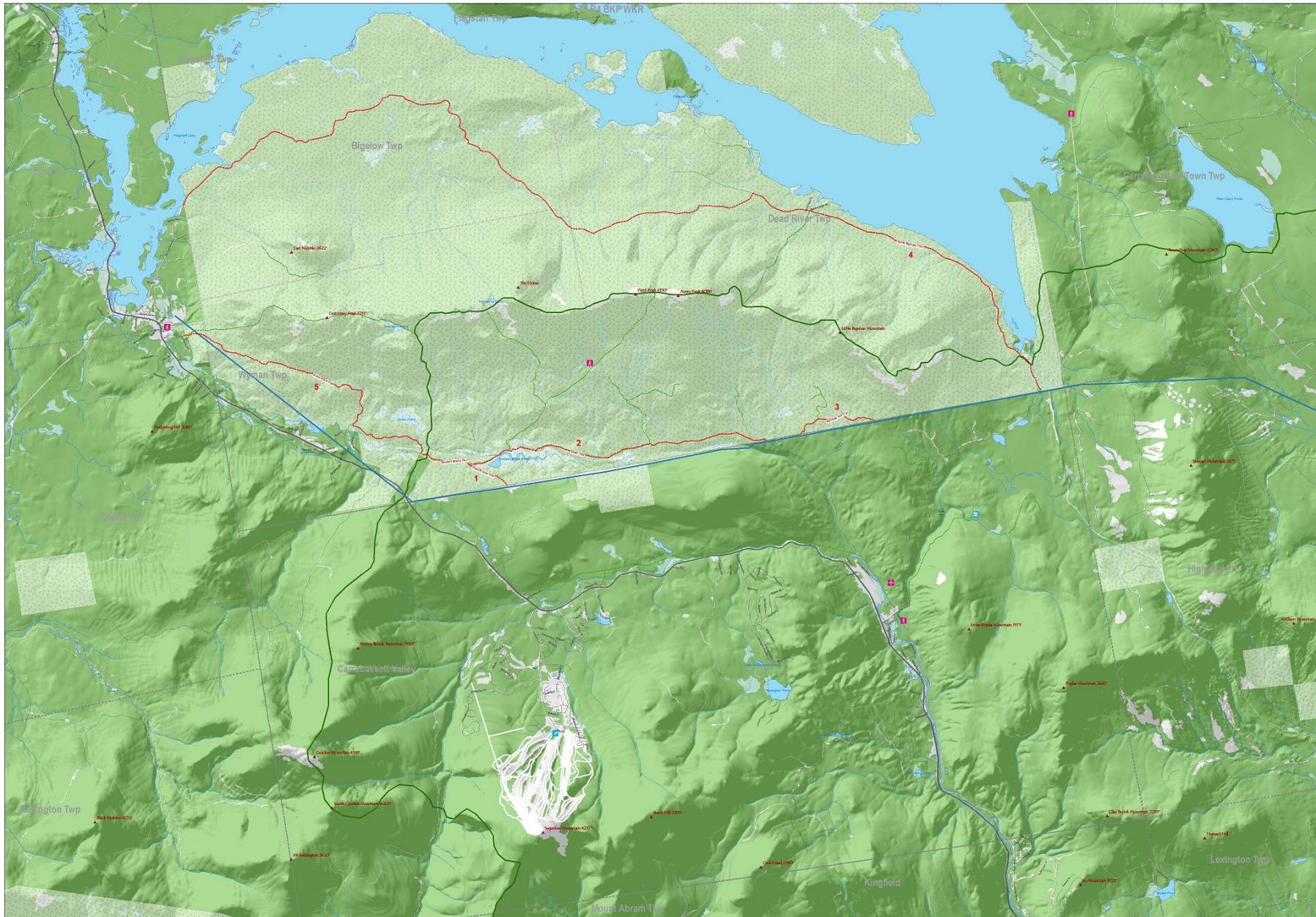
### Questions

What is the timeline for these existing corridors to be opened as roads for logging?

If all of the above corridors are opening as logging roads, are our users still welcome?

When could we begin to theorize new trail development in Caribou Valley?

Thank You



## Carrabassett Region NEMBA Trails of Interest in the Bigelow Preserve



**1 inch = 2,400 feet**

