

**Maine Appalachian Trail Club
Corridor Monitoring Report
Calendar Year 2013
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| Summary Statistics for MATC Corridor Monitoring Responsibilities | |
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| Acres of APPA fee lands in Maine | 31,803 |
| Acres under APPA-held easement | 492 |
| Acres of State of Maine fee lands in nominal corridor | 8,382 |
| Acres under State-held easement* | 4,353 |
| Miles of exterior corridor boundary survey lines along APPA fee lands | 307 |
| Acres of APPA fee lands with no ECBS (22.35 miles of un-surveyed line) | 3,452 |
| APPA monuments (including 35 rebar--rest are std. monuments and rock tablets) | 2,052 |
| Number of APPA tracts | 126 |
| Number of ECBS map sheets for APPA land surveys | 164 |
| Corridor monitoring sections | 70 |
| Monitoring assignments filled as of 1/1/14 | 56 |
| Number of miles of ECB paint blazes renewed in 2013** | 16.5 |
| Number of miles of ECB cleared during 2013*** | 20 |
| Number of monuments positively identified in 2013 | 249 |
| Number of monuments positively identified to date | 1,361 |
| Number of monuments digitally photographed in 2013 | 130 |
| Number of monuments digitally photographed to date | 1,171 |
| Miles of boundary walked in 2013 | 58 |
| Hours spent in field by corridor monitors**** | 559 |
| Hours of travel by corridor monitors**** | 195 |
| *Includes 1,404 acres for which NPS owns underlying fee. **Including 8.4 miles painted by the AHS and MATC volunteers working with Claire Polfus in September and 2.6 miles by Americorps in June and July. Including 8.4 miles cleared by the AHS and MATC volunteers working with Claire Polfus in September and 4.5 miles by Americorps in June and July ****Incomplete. Most hours not reported for Katahdin District. (The numbers also do not include the many hours contributed in September by the American Hiking Society volunteers and by the Americorps crew.) Detailed conditions of monuments, witness trees, and lines are recorded on a spreadsheet maintained by the Overseer of Lands. | |

Corridor Monitoring in Maine

The Maine Appalachian Trail Club, as a part of the delegation of responsibilities for the management of NPS-owned lands in Maine, has accepted the task of regularly inspecting these lands in accordance with procedures set forth in the Appalachian Trail Conference's *Corridor Stewardship Field Book*. The Corridor Monitor Coordinator for Maine is the MATC Overseer of Lands, whose duties are stated in the Club's Constitution and Bylaws.

Monitoring Sections

The 126 tracts of land that have been identified on NPS segment maps from Grafton Notch to Katahdin have been grouped or (in the case of larger tracts) subdivided into 70 corridor monitoring sections. A total of 177 tracts and sub-tracts are maintained in the Club's corridor monitoring database. Assignment of monitoring sections began at the MATC's annual meeting in MATC Corridor Monitoring Report for Calendar Year 2013- Page 1

April 1992. Most monitoring sections coincide with Trail maintenance sections, and some Trail maintainers have taken on monitoring duties for the lands along their maintenance assignments. The remaining sections are assigned to other MATC volunteers. Corridor monitors report on line through the MATC web site, with the details of those reports collected by the Overseer of Lands. All but a few of the current monitors report via e-mail.

Monitoring Agreements

Each Corridor Monitor is required to sign a Corridor Monitoring Agreement, which spells out the respective responsibilities of the Club and the Monitor. The Overseer of Lands provides each monitor with the A.T.C.'s *Corridor Stewardship Field Book*, NPS segment and Exterior Corridor Boundary Survey (ECBS) maps of the assigned section, and summaries of deed information, reservations (remainder interests), known problems, and other special information for each tract or tract segment within his or her assignment.

A Corridor Monitor is expected to visit his or her assignment at least once a year. During that visit, the Monitor inspects the lands within each tract for evidence of trespass or other abuse. Exterior corridor boundaries (where they exist), including boundary line blazes, signs, and monuments should be inspected periodically. Tracts or portions of tracts that are found to be particularly vulnerable to abuse must be visited more frequently, according to a system of priorities established by the Monitor and the Overseer of Lands. The condition of corridor information signs and gates or other obstructions on roads that cross the corridor should be included in the inspection. Other problems that should be watched for include use by vehicles or riding/pack animals, the cutting of timber or other vegetation, vegetation damage from activities (such as burning or herbicide application) on adjacent lands, the dumping of garbage or litter, geocaching, planting of agricultural crops, violations of any special restrictions and terms of the deed, evidence of developments or activities on adjacent lands that could have an adverse impact on the Trail or that pose a potential threat to corridor lands, and evidence of damage to the property from natural causes, such as fire, insects, disease, or natural soil erosion.

Corridor Records

All NPS-tract deeds, land files and database information extracted from these files and from monitoring reports are maintained by the Overseer of Lands. The database includes, for each of the 177 tracts and sub-tracts, a record of monitoring priority, remainder interests, date of last inspection, date of last exterior corridor boundary (ECB) inspection, year of last ECB renewal, and a file of special problem discovery, reporting, and resolution. In 2004, the Overseer of Lands and corridor monitors began to compile a digital photographic record of the more than 2000 ECBS monuments that exist on APPA lands in Maine. The Overseer of Lands maintains a file of these photographs. From 2004 through 2013, 1,171 of the 1,361 monuments positively identified have been digitally photographed.

Boundary Line Maintenance

Although the Maine Appalachian Trail Club has never formally agreed to take responsibility for clearing and re-blazing National Park Service (APPA) corridor boundary lines in Maine, corridor monitors increasingly are doing such work as individuals and as volunteers with A.T.C.-organized efforts. For several years, the Appalachian Trail Conservancy has allocated time in Maine for its boundary maintenance crew, currently under the leadership of Land Protection Associate Alison Scheiderer. Alison has come to Maine with two technicians

and has also recruited volunteers from the American Hiking Society and other groups to maintain corridor boundary lines. In 2013, MATC volunteers worked with A.T.C.'s Maine Conservation Resources Manager Claire Polfus and AHS volunteers in Caratunk. A great deal of boundary maintenance work remains to be done and MATC volunteers are likely to contribute more to this program. One of our primary corridor neighbors, the Plum Creek Timber Co., has contributed greatly to maintenance of our common boundary lines during the past few years. In 2011, Plum Creek thoroughly cleared and re-blazed 18.84 miles of corridor boundary lines; in 2012 they cleared and re-blazed another 8.96 miles.

2013 Corridor Monitoring and Boundary Maintenance

Katahdin District: Monitoring Sections 1-11

About 3 miles of surveyed and marked boundary exist in the Katahdin District. This marked corridor begins on the Jo-Mary Road and runs north for about 3 miles to the T1 R 10 town line near Mud Brook. The balance of the 56 miles of the A.T. corridor is not surveyed or marked. About 25.5 miles of the A.T. is National Park Service land from the Jo-Mary Road to Murphy Brook. About 15.2 miles of the A.T. is on The Nature Conservancy land from Murphy Brook to the Golden Road. About 1 mile of the A.T. is a private road walk on the Golden Road on Katahdin Paper Company land. The balance of the A.T., about 14.4 miles, is in Baxter State Park, from Abol Stream to Baxter Peak, Katahdin.

Section 1. Baxter Peak, Katahdin to the T3 R10 Town Line. 10.2 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix Section is good. The A.T. heads south from Katahdin on the Hunt Trail to Katahdin Stream Campground. The A.T. then heads south on the Grassy Pond Trail to meet with the Daicey Pond Nature Trail at the eastern end of Daicey Pond and then crosses the Daicey Pond Road just outside of the campground. The A.T., now known as the A.T. from this point southward, follows Nesowadnehunk Stream to the T3R10 Town Line. There are 3 short side trails to Toll Dam, Little Niagara Falls and Big Niagara Falls about 1.2 miles south of Daicey Pond. The Highwater Trail diverges away from the A.T. to eliminate 2 fordings of the stream and then rejoins the A.T. just south of the T3R10 Town Line.

Section 2. T3 R10 Town Line to Abol Bridge. 4.9 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix Section is good. No issues. The A.T. follows along Nesowadnehunk Stream and the West Branch of the Penobscot River for most of the 4.9 miles. The trail passes within sight of York's cabin on the West Branch of the Penobscot River. This cabin is on land owned by Baxter State Park. The Baxter State Park boundary is at a bridge crossing of Abol Stream. The A.T. now is on land owned by the Katahdin Paper Company on an old road that connects with the Golden Road near Abol Bridge over the West Branch of the Penobscot River. On the eastern end of Abol Bridge are located the Abol Bridge Family Campground, a privately owned facility on the north side of the road. On the south side of the road is the Abol Pines Campsite is managed by the State of Maine, Department of Conservation, where a leanto and several tentsites are available for a fee.

Section 3. Abol Bridge to Rainbow Ledges. 6.1 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Section is good. This land is part of the Debsconeag Wilderness owned by The Nature Conservancy subject to a conservation easement for recreation management that is held by the Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands. Wood harvesting ended on 12/31/05 on this land. Access to the Hurd Brook Leanto area of the A.T. continues via the North Hurd Pond Road and an 0.6 mile unofficial maintainer trail to the A.T. 0.1 mile north of Hurd Brook Leanto.

Section 4. Rainbow Ledges to Rainbow Mt. side trail. 3.3 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick

Ste. Croix. Not monitored in 2013. This land is part of the Debsconeag Wilderness owned by The Nature Conservancy subject to a conservation easement for recreation management that is held by the Maine Bureau of Parks & Lands. There are 4 bootleg campsites on the eastern end of Rainbow Lake where trash is cleaned up and illegal fire rings are broken up. There are still 2 metal diamond AT markers on trees near the east end of Rainbow Lake. These markers are rusted and the tree is slowly growing over them. A bootleg snowsled trail is still used to get to the eastern end of Rainbow Lake. Some small trees were cut during the winter of 2012 near the edge of the lake and there was a small sign on one tree facing the lake for the sledders to find the trail on their return from sledding on Rainbow Lake.

Section 5. Rainbow Mt. side trail to Pollywog Stream. 7.9 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Not monitored in 2013. This section of the A.T., north of Murphy Brook, is part of the Debsconeag Wilderness owned by The Nature Conservancy. The land south of Murphy Brook is owned by the National Park Service. At Rainbow Lake Dam there is a campsite managed by TNC. There are also some unofficial fishermen's campsites on Rainbow Lake that predate ownership by TNC. There is a side trail to Doughnut Pond used by clients of the Rainbow Lake Camps. There is also a side trail from the southern Rainbow Deadwater to Bear Pond. Some fishermen fly to Rainbow Lake to camp and fish. Some also hike from Nahmakanta Lake Camps to access the Rainbow Deadwaters.

Section 6. Pollywog Stream to the South End of Nahmakanta Lake. 8.3 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Not monitored in 2013 This road is part of the logging road system from Route 11 and leads to Nahmakanta Lake Camps. There are a few bootleg campsites along Pollywog Stream and near Crescent Pond. There are 3 unofficial side trails that lead to the A.T. in this section. One trail meets the A.T. at Rainbow Stream from Nahmakanta Lake Camps. The second meets the A.T. at Crescent Pond from the road. The third meets the A.T. about 0.4 miles north of Nesuntabunt Mt. from the shore of Nahmakanta Lake. These 3 trails are maintained by the owner of Nahmakanta Lake Camps for their clients use. There are several bootleg campsites on the beaches of Nahmakanta Lake.

Section 7. South End of Nahmakanta Lake to Mahar Landing side trail. 4.9 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Section is good. Maine BPL has built a blue-blazed side trail that connects to the A.T. about 1.3 miles south of the Nahmakanta Stream Bridge. This trail has been approved by MATC.

Section 8. Northern Shoreline of the West End of Rainbow Lake. 0 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Not monitored in 2013

Section 9. Nahmakanta Lake Camps. 0 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Dave Field. Dave did not visit the camps section in 2013.

Section 10. Mahar Landing side trail to Antlers' Campsite. 6.1 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Rick reports that the section is in good shape. For a number of years the owner of Whitehouse Camps on Pemadumcook Lake has been placing signs, business cards and painted arrows on the A.T. to direct hikers to his business. This situation was referred to National Park Service Ranger Todd Remaley in February, 2007 by the MATC Executive Committee. Todd contacted Mr. Bill Ware several times by phone and in person in June 2007 to inform him of NPS and A.T. rules and regulations concerning the A.T. In 2010 the trail maintainers, L.L.Bean Trail Crew, reported finding signs and business cards again on the A.T. This matter has again been forwarded to the MATC and NPS. On June 22, 2013, Rick found and removed two Whitehouse Camps business cards from trees on the A.T.

Section 11. Antlers' Campsite to JoMary Road. 4.2 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Rick reports that the section is good. On July 8, 2013 he checked the 2 posts on the north side of JoMary Road and walked about 200 feet along the boundary lines on both sides of the road. The posts are in good shape and the yellow paint blazes are in fair shape. The boundary line does need clipping and blowdown removal.

White Cap District: Monitoring Sections 12-28

Section 12. Jo Mary Road to Cooper Brook Lean-to. Corridor Monitors Jean & Tom Giggey. Tom visited these two sections on May 7-9 and October 1-2, camping both times in the corridor with the L.L. Bean Trail maintenance crew. In May he walked and cleared the western line from the Jo-Mary Road to 103-ME-30A and from the Johnson Pond Road (B Pond Road) along the eastern line to the location of 103-ME-21. In October he walked and cleared to 103-ME-21, then walked and flagged to 103-ME-20 through very dense growth. He found logging road improvements that imply preparation for winter logging and noted a possible slight boundary incursion at locations where they had made turn around/parking areas on the AT boundary side. He located, photographed, and recorded GPS locations for monuments 103-ME-20 through 103-ME-34A except for 20, 22, and 33A, which he was unable to locate.

Section 13. Cooper Brook Lean-to to Crawford Pond; Chaples Camp. Corridor Monitor Jean & Tom Giggey. Covered above under Section 12. In 2012, Tom noted an apparent replacement monument for 103-ME-250 near the driveway to the Chaples camp, but identified it as "U.S. Forest Service monument #19". A photo shows that it is a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service monument. Still a mystery.

Section 14. Crawford Pond to East Branch of Pleasant River. Open section

Section 15. East Branch Pleasant River to West Branch Ponds Road. Corridor monitor Ron Jenkins. No report for 2013

Section 16. West Branch Ponds road to Summit of White Cap Mountain. Corridor monitor Greg Hamlin. This section was assigned late in the season and not monitored in 2012. No report for 2013

Section 17. Summit of White Cap Mountain to White Brook Trail. Corridor monitor Rebecca Clark. Not monitored in 2012 or 2013.

Section 18. White Brook Trail to Gulf Hagas Mountain. This section is open.

Section 19. Gulf Hagas Mountain to Gulf Hagas Cutoff Trail. This section was assigned to Suzanne Lussier, Kris Reid, and Betty Jamison, who joined Dave Field and Alison Scheiderer for a corridor monitoring workshop on 15 June 2013. We walked 1.9 miles of the westerly line and located and photographed 11 monuments (104-ME-1 through 104-ME-5). We noted no encroachments but found the line blazes to be in fair to poor shape and line conditions varying from excellent to poor in thick spruce-fir regeneration. The group had planned to re-blaze much of the section in October but were prevented by the Congressional shutdown of the Government and a prohibition of work on the A.T.

Section 20. Gulf Hagas Preserve. Monitor Jeff Goldknopf. No report in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013. This section is open for reassignment.

Section 21. Gulf Hagas Cutoff Trail to West Branch of the Pleasant River. Monitor Janice Clain. Janice and Lydia Jacobs visited the section on 14 August and re-blazed about half a mile, from the stream just before 105-ME-45 to 105-ME-46. On 14 October, Janice and Corbin Sherman re-blazed about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from near 104-ME-26N to 105-ME-45.

Section 22. West Branch of the Pleasant River to Summit of Columbus Mountain. Monitor Mark Doty. Mark and Lilly Doty walked 2.3 miles on the east side of the corridor on 23 June, locating monuments 105-ME-53, 1, 2, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. They flagged the blazed line and found the monuments to be in good shape except for 53, a rock tablet that can easily be pulled out of the drill hole, and 2A, which can easily be removed.

Section 23. Columbus Mountain to Fourth Mountain. Monitor Mark Doty. Mark did not visit this section in 2013.

Section 24. Fourth Mountain to Long Pond Stream Road. Monitor Mark Doty to Elliotsville town line; remainder of section not assigned. Mark did not visit this section in 2013.

Section 25. Long Pond Stream Road to Big Wilson Stream. Monitors Michelle and Stan Moody. Stan and Michelle visited this section on 30 April. They found 105-ME-74 off set at the edge of Long Pond Stream to be in good condition and added a sign at the road edge. They put up a “Kindle no Fires” sign at the bootleg camp site next to river, took down poles tied to trees to hold up tarps (This is a well used camp site.) and pushed rocks into the fire pit. Stan walked along a section of the boundary and then joined Michelle on the trail to do maintenance work. Walked back out from trail along a section of the boundary and found monument 105-ME-72. Solid, 2 good trees, middle one gone.

About 100 yards of the A.T. footpath is out of the corridor on the easterly boundary of Tract 105-12 near monument 105-ME-71. Dave Field flagged a 0.2-mile relocation on 11 September to eliminate this problem. The relocation has been approved by the MATC and has been submitted for approval to the ATC and NPS. If approved, it will be cleared in 2014.

Section 26. Big Wilson Stream to Little Wilson Falls. Monitor Don Stack. Don walked half a mile of his section on 21 Sept. and located monuments 106-ME-29, 30, and 30A. He did not locate 29A—“no paint, signs, or anything.” All witnesses for the monuments located were in good shape but the boundary lines were in poor conditions, including some thick spruce-fir.

Section 27. Little Wilson Falls to Leeman Brook Lean-to. Monitor Richard Welsh. Dick visited his section on 8 July and re-flagged access to the corridor from the Elliotsville Road. He checked the problem area where the Trail intersects the North Pond Road and determined access to the northern section of the boundary from the Elliotsville line. On 6 Sept. he walked and re-blazed 0.4 of a mile from 106-ME-23A to 25, locating 23A, 24, and 24A but 25 remains elusive. Lots of blazes to repaint (used up a quart of paint) and some brushy areas. A beaver dam 150’ south of 106-ME-23A has flooded part of the line.

Section 28. Leeman Brook Lean-to to Maine Highway 15. Monitor Patty Harding. Patty visited her section with Walt Bemzenhoefer on 23 March. They snow shoed in to 106-ME-17A and found the monument and witnesses to be in good shape. She returned on 27 Oct. and flagged from near 16D to 17. She located 17 but not 16D, with 2 witnesses at 17 but none for 16D. She cleared through blowdowns and repainted part of the section. On 2 Nov. she located 106-ME-

16B and cleared some more brush. On 9 Nov. Patty and Paul Painchaud walked and cleared the line from 106-ME-16A to the location for 16D, finding 16 B and 16C but not locating 16A, 16C, and 16D. Miles walked during the year: 1.2 All monuments found were photographed.

Kennebec District: Monitoring Sections 29-45

Section 29. Maine Highway 15 to Doughty Pond Side Trail. Monitors Ray and Janice Ronan. Ray visited his section on 22 October and cleared the half mile of badly overgrown line from Route 15 to the Lake Road.

Section 30. Doughty Pond Side Trail to Old Sturtevant Road. Monitor David Makynen. No report for 2012 or 2013.

Section 31. Old Sturtevant Road to I.P. Main Haul Road. Monitor David Makynen. No report from David in 2012 or 2013. Dick Welsh visited the section in connection with an A.T. parking area in August and located 106-ME-74A and two witness trees, but no monument, for 74.

Section 32. I. P. Main Haul Road to Blanchard/Shirley Road. Monitors Ray and Janice Ronan. Ray worked on this section 18,19 October, clearing the northerly line from the I.P. Road to the Blanchard-Shirley Road (1 mile). He returned on 16 November and re-cleared a difficult 0.4 of a mile from 107-ME-49 to 50 at the Blanchard-Shirley Road. He located 107-ME-49 and 50 but was unable to find rock tablet 49A. He noted that snowmobilers (presumed) are laying down pallets on the Old Sturtevant Road well within the corridor and close to the A.T. footpath, leaving old pallets to rot.

Section 33. Blanchard/Shirley Road to Horseshoe Canyon Lean-to. Monitor Roger Merchant. Roger and his granddaughter walked the boundary between the Blanchard-Shirley Road and the East Branch of the Piscataquis River (0.3 of a mile) in August, finding the north line clear but the south line needing clearing and both needing paint. They located all but two monuments (107-ME-28 and 30).

Section 34. Horseshoe Canyon Lean-to to Marble Brook. Open section.

Section 35. Marble Brook to Outlet of Bald Mountain Pond. Monitor Bob Lodato. No report for 2013.

Section 36. Outlet of Bald Mountain Pond to Joe's Hole. Open section. Tony Barrett visited the section near Bald Mt. Pond on 30 August and documented 108-27A.

Section 37. Joe's Hole to Summit of Pleasant Pond Mountain. Open section. I visited this section on 12 August and 1 October, walking 3.2 miles along the eastern boundary from Moxie Pond to near the Caratunk/The Forks town line and 2.4 miles along the western boundary from the camp lots on Moxie Pond towards the town line. The boundary lines on both sides were cleared and re-blazed by abutter Plum Creek in 2011 and are generally in excellent condition, although new growth is appearing along cut boundaries where sunlight has new access to the forest floor. I located and photographed monuments 108-ME-1, 2, 3, 4, 84, 85, 86, 86A, 87, 88, 88A, 89, 89B, 89C, 89D, 90, 91, 92, and 93 on the east side, but did not find 83 or 89A. On the west side, I located 108-ME-46A, 46B, 49, 50, 50A, 51A, 51B, 51C, 51D, 52A, 53, and 54, but

did not find 47, 48, 51, or 52. U.S. boundary signs were plentiful and in good condition. In September, American Hiking Society and MATC volunteers cleared and re-blazed lines to the town line and located monuments 108-ME-59B (mis-labeled "58B"), 60, 60A, and 80B, but did not find 80C. The AHS work covered one mile of line.

Section 38. Summit of Pleasant Pond Mt. to Boise Cascade Road. Open section. From 15-20 September a volunteer crew of seven members of the American Hiking Society (Daniel Valley, Michigan; Eric Hilberg, New Mexico; Franklin Wu, Texas; Marita Hills, Michigan; Michael Del Vecchio, New Jersey); Susan Sperry, Maryland; William Luderer, Rhode Island), led by ATC's Maine Conservation Resources Manager Claire Polfus, assisted by MATC volunteers Dave Field, Ray Ronan, Dick Welsh, Tim Fortune, Tony Barrett, Craig Dickstein, and Patty Harding, cleared and re-blazed all of the corridor boundary lines on this section. The 3.1 miles of line were fully recovered and all 18 monuments were located and documented.

Section 39. Boise Cascade Road to turn away from Holly Brook. Monitor Tim Fortune. The American Hiking Society September work project cleared and re-blazed all 5.3 miles of line on this section and all 32 monuments were located and documented.

Section 40. Holly Brook to the Kennebec River. Monitor Tim Fortune. The American Hiking Society September work project cleared and re-blazed all 2.5 miles of line on this section and located and documented 21 of the 32 monuments. Monuments 109-ME-60A, 71, 72, 73, 74, 78, 81, 82, 85, 86, and 94 were not found, nor was the rebar between 81 and 82. Monument 109-ME-75 was found damaged (bent).

Section 41. Kennebec River to Outlet of Pierce Pond. Monitor William Geller. Bill visited this section on 21 August, walked 1.3 miles of line, cleared 0.4 of a mile, finished re-blazing the stretch, and documented monuments 109-ME-56A, 57E, 57F, and 57G. He was unable to locate 109-ME-58, despite the presence of all witness trees. He has completed clearing and re-blazing all of Section 41 during the past two years.

Section 42. Outlet of Pierce Pond to N. Branch of Carrying Place Stream. Monitor William Geller. Bill visited this section on 7 September. He re-painted blazes along the lines from 109-ME-38 to 43 and north from 109-ME-4 to 7, covering a total of 3.5 miles. All of the section had also been painted by abutter Plum Creek. Bill located all monuments along the section.

Section 43. North Branch of Carrying Place Stream to Sandy Stream. Monitor Mike Davis. Mike and Ray Ronan visited the section on 13,14,15 September and walked 2.8 miles of line on both sides of the corridor, documenting monuments 109-ME-7, 7A, 8, 9, 12C, 12D, 13, 34, 35, 36, 37, 37A, 37B, 37C, 37D, 37E, 38, 38A, and 39. Mike and Ron Jenkins re-visited the section on two days in November, walked 1.2 miles of line and documented monuments 109-ME-9D, 9E, 10, 11, 11A, 12, 12A, 12B, and 34A.

Section 44. Sandy Stream to SW inlet of West Carry Pond. Monitor William Geller. Bill and Bob Pederson visited this section on 25 August. They cleared the sight line from 109-ME-31 to 33 and from 109-ME-17 to the swamp beyond 18, for a total distance of 0.8 of a mile, and documented monuments 109-ME-17, 18, 31, 31A, 31B, 32, 32A, and 33. I visited this section on 26 Sept. on other business but located 109-ME-21 and checked the snowmobile trespass near the West Carry Pond Lean-to. The signs put up last year to alert the trespassers are in place but the boundary line paint is in very poor condition. The privy is just barely inside the corridor and all of the tent pads for this campsite are across the line on the abutter's land. Bill Geller returned on

5 November and clipped 0.6 of a mile of line, locating monuments 109-ME-22C, 22D, 22E, and 24. He was unable to find 109-ME-23.

Section 45. SW inlet West Carry Pond to Long Falls Dam Road. Monitor Dennis Andrews. Dennis and Paul Laskey visited the section several times, covering all of the assignment, and did a lot of brush clipping. Dennis reported timber harvesting on abutting land but no encroachment.

Bigelow District: Monitoring Sections 46-59

Section 46. Long Falls Dam Road to Bog Brook Road. Monitor Dennis Andrews. Monitor Dennis Andrews. Dennis and Paul Laskey visited the section several times and did a lot of brush clipping.

Section 47. Bog Brook Road to summit of Little Bigelow. Monitors Clint and Helen Buzzell: Clint and Helen visited their assignment on 12 September and walked the 0.3 of a mile from 110-ME-1 to 110-ME-17, locating all 17 monuments. They did not check on 118-ME-18. The abutting camp lot owner has dropped trees across the line between 110-ME-14 and 15 and abutters have covered 4 and 5 with brush.

Section 48. Summit of Little Bigelow to Safford Brook Side Trail. Monitors Sarah and Bill Brown. Sarah walked the section on 10 Sept. and noted no incursions.

Section 49. Safford Brook Trail to West Peak of Bigelow. Monitor Martha Graff. No report.

Section 50. West Peak of Bigelow to the South Horn. Monitor Martha Graff. No report.

Section 51. South Horn to the Bigelow Range Trail. Monitor Martha Graff. No report.

Section 52. Bigelow Range Trail to Maine Highway 27. Monitor Martha Graff. No report.

Section 53. Maine Highway 27 to Summit of North Crocker. Open section

Section 54. North Crocker to Caribou Valley Road. Open section.

Section 55. Caribou Valley Road to Sugarloaf Side Trail. Open section

Section 56. Sugarloaf Mt. Side Trail to Mt. Abraham Side Trail. Monitor John Towey. John worked on his section on 21 August, 4 Sept., and (accompanied by his nephew Brain Stoddard) 10-12 Sept. John had a very frustrating time, dealing with a long hike just to get to his assignment, extremely rough terrain and a nearly non-existent boundary line, but was able to locate monuments 111-26E, 26F, 27, and 29.

Section 57. Mt. Abraham Side Trail to Orbeton Stream. Monitor Tony Barrett. Tony visited the section on 30 May and 30 Sept. walked half a mile of the easterly line from the Barnjum Road up towards Lone Mt. The abutting land is managed by Wagner and Tony noted that timber was cut right up to the boundary but the foresters flagged the boundary very well and there were no encroachments. The boundary line paint is “almost non-existent”. He was unable to locate monuments 1112-ME-8 (3 witness trees), 9 (1 witness down), and 10 (no witness trees) and lost the boundary completely before reaching 7.

Section 58. Orbeton Stream to Saddleback Summit. Monitor Dave Field: I observed the corridor lands from vantage points along the A.T. footpath during the summer as I did maintenance work, observing no encroachments. On 19 October I located monuments 112-ME-41A and 41B. The line between these monuments is in poor condition.

Section 59. Saddleback Summit to Maine Highway 4. Monitor Dan Simonds. No report

Baldpate District: Monitoring Sections 60-70

Section 60. Maine Highway 4 to Little Swift River Pond. Monitor Jonathan Ellis. This was Jonathan's year for knee surgery and he was unable to monitor his section.

Section 61. Little Swift River Pond to Sabbath Day Pond Lean-to. Monitor Derek Moody & Randy Lite. Randi reported that she had walked the section (all on State-owned land, with no corridor boundary) on 10 July and found no encroachments.

Section 62. Sabbath Day Pond Lean-to to Maine Highway 17. Monitor Paul McGuire. No report

Section 63. Maine Highway 17 to Bemis Stream Trail. Monitor John Webster. No report

Section 64. Bemis Stream Trail to Former Clearwater Brook Trail. Monitor Robert Anderson. A.T.C. Land Protection Associate Alison Scheiderer and I worked with Robert on 3 June to introduce him to corridor monitoring and one of his sections. We walked one mile of line through often thick spruce-fir growth and located monuments 114-ME-1E, 23, 23A, 24, 24A, 25, 25A, and 26, all in good condition with zero to three witness trees. Blazes were in fair to good condition, with adequate signs. In June and July, an Americorps crew cleared the lines from 114-ME-22A to 26 (1.46 miles), 27A to 28 (0.35 of a mile), and 1E to 1F (0.19 of a mile). They re-blazed from 1E to 1F, 22C to 23, and 24 to 25 (total 0.67 of a mile). The crew documented monuments 114-ME-1E, 1F, 22A, 22B, 22C, 23, 23A, 24, 24A, 25, 25A, 27, and 28. Rob returned on 14 June and worked on the easterly line in Black Brook Notch. Recent logging had come up to the line, with a witness tree cut at each of 115-ME-4A and 5.

Section 65. Former Clearwater Brook Trail to South Arm Road. Monitor Robert Anderson. The Americorps crew worked on this section in June and July. They cleared the lines from 114-ME-1 to 1E (1.14 miles), 114-ME-28 to 29A (0.62 of a mile), and 115-ME-48D to 48H (0.76 of a mile), documenting monuments 114-ME-1, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 28A, and 29 and 115-ME-48D, 48E, 48F, 48G, and 48H. They re-blazed from 114-ME-1 to 1E (1.14 miles) and from 115-ME-48D to 48H (0.76 of a mile).

Section 66. South Arm Road to Hall Mt. Lean-to. Monitor Dennis Pednault. Dennis visited this section on 21,22 September but has not submitted a report.

Section 67. Hall Mt. Lean-to to Wyman Mt. Monitors Harold and Wendy Hutchins: No report for 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013. This section is now open for reassignment.

Section 68. Wyman Mountain to East B-Hill Road. Open section

Section 69. East B Hill Road to East Peak of Baldpate Mt. Open section

Section 70. East Peak of Baldpate to Maine Highway 26. Monitor Lynn Farnham: Lynn visited the section on 17 July, finding no problems.