

**Maine Appalachian Trail Club  
Corridor Monitoring Report  
Calendar Year 2014  
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<b>Summary Statistics for MATC Corridor Monitoring Responsibilities</b>	
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 ( <b>22.35 miles of un-surveyed line</b> )	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 1/1/15	59
Number of miles of ECB paint blazes renewed in 2014**	15
Number of miles of ECB cleared during 2014***	21
Number of monuments positively identified in 2014	346
Number of monuments positively identified to date	1,513
Number of monuments digitally photographed in 2014	190
Number of monuments digitally photographed to date	1,358
Miles of boundary walked in 2014	52
Hours spent in field by corridor monitors****	578
Hours of travel by corridor monitors****	273
*Includes 1,404 acres for which NPS owns underlying fee. **Including 6 miles painted by the AHS and MATC volunteers working with Claire Polfus in September and 6 miles painted by the Maine Conservation Corps in August and September. ***Including 9.4 miles cleared by the AHS and MATC volunteers working with Claire Polfus in September and 4.4 miles cleared by the Maine Conservation Corps. ****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 the Maine Conservation Corps.) 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 MATC Corridor Monitoring Report for Calendar Year 2013- Page 1

monitoring database. Assignment of monitoring sections began at the MATC's annual meeting in 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 and the Assistant 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 2014, 1,350 of the 1,471 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 2014, MATC volunteers worked with A.T.C.'s Maine Conservation Resources Manager Claire Polfus and AHS volunteers in Sandy River Plantation. 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.

## **Watercraft Monitoring**

Private watercraft are commonly stored on private and public lands in Maine for fishing purposes. Most landowners have found it to be more trouble than it is worth to prosecute such trespass. Maine public landowning agencies use a permitting system to enable the identification and some control of such use and to make it easier to remove derelict watercraft. No system is in place for APPA lands. During 2014, in an effort to clarify the nature and extent of watercraft trespass on APPA lands, MATC corridor monitors inventoried watercraft along the shorelines of all APPA-owned lands. They counted and photographed 103 watercraft, primarily canoes and small aluminum boats.

## **2014 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 on 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 crosses the Tote road and 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, managed by the State of Maine, Department of Conservation, where a lean-to 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 section of the A.T. is on land owned by The Nature Conservancy, known as the Debsconeag Wilderness. The A.T. is subject to a conservation easement for recreation management that is held by the State of Maine, Maine Bureau of Parks and Land. TNC bought this land from Great Northern Paper Company in September 2002. Wood harvesting ended on 12/31/05 on this land. Access to the Hurd Brook Campsite area of the A.T. continues via the North Hurd Pond Road and a 0.6 mile unofficial maintainer trail to the A.T. 0.1 mile north of Hurd Brook Campsite.

**Section 4.** Rainbow Ledges to Rainbow Mt. side trail. 3.3 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Section is good. This section of the A.T. is on land owned by The Nature Conservancy, known as the Debsconeag Wilderness. There are 4 bootleg campsites at the eastern end of Rainbow Lake where trash is cleaned up and illegal firerings are broken up. There are still 2 metal diamond A.T. markers on trees near the eastern end of Rainbow Lake. These markers are rusted and the trees are slowly growing over them. A bootleg snowed trail is still used to get to the eastern end of Rainbow Lake. Some small trees were cut near the shore of the lake in the winter of 2012 for sleds to access the lake. A small plastic sign on a tree facing the lake for sledders to get back to 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. Section is good. 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. The Rainbow Lake Camps have put up their own trail signs on side trails of the A.T. These side trails are: Little Beaver Pond (new trail), Rainbow Mt side trail ( A.T. side trail), Donut Pond trail (old trail), and Rainbow Dam (former A.T.) 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. On 7/8/14, I saw a canoe at the junction of the A.T. and the Bear Pond Trail. There were also one canoe and one boat on the far shore of the south end of the Southern Deadwater of Rainbow Stream. There were no canoes or boats in the Rainbow Lake Dam area.

**Section 6.** Pollywog Stream to the South End of Nahmakanta Lake. 8.3 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Section is good. This section of the A.T. is on land owned by the National Park Service. The trail crosses a road bridge over Pollywog Stream. 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. On Crescent Pond I saw 5 canoes and 4 boats on 7/8/14.

**Section 7.** South End of Nahmakanta Lake to Mahar Landing side trail. 4.9 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Section is good. This section of the A.T. is on land owned by the National Park Service. The A.T. follows near Nahmakanta Stream for most of the 4.9 miles. The A.T. crosses a

road that is also part of the logging road system from Route 11. Maine BPL has built a blue blazed side trail that connects to the A.T. about 1.3 miles south of Nahmakanta Stream Bridge. This trail was approved by MATC.

**Section 8.** Northern Shoreline of the West End of Rainbow Lake. 0 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste.Croix. Section is good. There were no boats or canoes at Rainbow Lake Dam.

**Section 9.** Nahmakanta Lake Camps. 0 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Dave Field. Dave did not visit the camps section in 2014.

**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. This section of the A.T. is on land owned by the National Park Service. For a number of years the owner of the 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. Ranger Remaley contacted Mr. Bill Ware several times by phone and in person in June 2007 to inform him of NPS and AT rules and regulations concerning the A.T. Every year since, the trail maintainers and myself, continue to remove business cards placed by the owner of Whitehouse Camps on trees at the junction of the A.T. and the Mahar Landing side trail. On June 22, 2013, I removed 2 business cards from trees on the A.T. On 7/6/14 there were no Whitehouse Camps business cards at the Mahar Landing side trail junction (I was told that they did not open for the summer season in 2014).

**Section 11.** Antlers' Campsite to JoMary Road. 4.2 trail miles. Corridor Monitor: Rick Ste. Croix. Rick reports that the section is good. This section of the A.T. is on land owned by the National Park Service. On July 6, 2014, Rick checked the 2 posts on the north side of the JoMary Road as well as walked about 200 feet along the boundary on each side of the corridor. The posts are in good shape and the yellow paint boundary 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. Not visited in 2014.

**Section 13.** Cooper Brook Lean-to to Crawford Pond; Chaples Camp. Corridor Monitors Jean & Tom Giggey. Tom visited the section on 2 August for a boat inventory, counting 22 along the shoreline of Crawford Pond. He also cleared 0.5 of a mile of line and located, documented, and photographed 7 monuments. Tom and Jean visited this section on 13 September, cleared from 103-ME-25BB to 103-ME-OO (0.7 of a mile), located, documented, and photographed all monuments for the first time since the 1995 survey. They noted abutting property logging operation (no encroachment) and access trails entering the corridor to a beach where boats are kept. Camping on the beach at the northerly end of Crawford Pond remains an issue. Tom also noted gypsy moth evidence along the shoreline.

**Section 14.** Crawford Pond to East Branch of Pleasant River. Open section. I visited this section on 25 August to conduct a watercraft inventory on Mt. View Pond. I located 11 canoes at two sites, none of which are visible from the A.T. I then walked 1.1 miles of the northerly corridor boundary line, locating, documenting and photographing monuments 104-ME-33, 33A, 34, 34A, 35, 35A, 35B, and 36. The line is in generally poor condition and the blazes are very poor. Signs are adequate.

**Section 15.** East Branch Pleasant River to West Branch Ponds Road. Corridor monitor Ron Jenkins. No report for 2014

**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 2014

**Section 17.** Summit of White Cap Mountain to White Brook Trail. Open section.

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

**Section 19.** Gulf Hagas Mountain to Gulf Hagas Cutoff Trail. Corridor monitors Sue Lussier, Kris Reid, and Betty Jamison. Sue, Kris, and Betty visited this section on 19 August, driving in the old Champion Road after backtracking to obtain the new combination to the AMC gate from the Little Lyford Pond Camps. They found the lines brushy and difficult to follow with blazes in fair to poor shape and signs infrequent. They walked, cleared, and repainted 0.5 miles of line, documenting monuments 104-ME-1, 105-ME-43D, and 43E and the rebar between stations 306 and 307. Looked for 43C without luck.

**Section 20.** Gulf Hagas Preserve. This section is open.

**Section 21.** Gulf Hagas Cutoff Trail to West Branch of the Pleasant River. Monitor Janice Clain. Janice with Ed and Sherri Langlais visited the section on 7/25/14, clipped half a mile and re-blazed 1000 feet.

**Section 22.** West Branch of the Pleasant River to Summit of Columbus Mountain. Monitor Mark Doty Mark did not visit this section in 2014.

**Section 23.** Columbus Mountain to Fourth Mountain. Monitor Mark Doty. Mark did not visit this section in 2014.

**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 2014.

**Section 25.** Long Pond Stream Road to Big Wilson Stream. Monitors Michelle and Stan Moody. Stan and Michelle visited the section on 28 September and placed “Welcome to AT Lands” at intersections of boundary and Old Winterport Road.

*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 2013 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 2015.*

**Section 26.** Big Wilson Stream to Little Wilson Falls. Monitor Don Stack. Don visited the section on 13 October, located and photographed two monuments (106-ME-2B and 106-ME-5).

**Section 27.** Little Wilson Falls to Leeman Brook Lean-to. Monitor Richard Welsh. Dick went in on 17 June to help NPS contractors Lillo and Fahad find two incidentally acquired structures for inspection. They found the Kasselli cabin but failed to find the Pullen cabin. Dick later prepared

a map to help them find the latter. On 25 July Dick and Kathleen Cardin walked 0.8 of a mile from 106-ME-9 to 12, locating 106-ME-9, 9A (first time found), 10, 10A, 11, and 12 and photographing 9A. They clipped and re-blazed 0.4 of a mile from 9A to 10 and replaced boundary signs. Dick and Kathleen were back in on 26 September. They trimmed and painted from half way between 106-ME-6A and 106-ME-7A and from 106-ME-27 to 28 (total of 0.38 of a mile). They documented monuments 106-ME-7, 7A, 27 and 28. On 19 September, Dick and Kathleen walked around North Pond as part of the 2014 boat survey, locating 13 watercraft along the shore.

**Section 28.** Leeman Brook Lean-to to Maine Highway 15. Patty and Dick Welsh visited this section on 20 May. They located monuments 106-ME-15, 15A, 15B, 16, and 16A and did a good deal of brushing along the line. Re-blazing and more brushing needed.

### **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 28 May and walked the boundary down to the Wyman Road

**Section 30.** Doughty Pond Side Trail to Old Sturtevant Road. Section open in 2014, now assigned to Ray and Janice Ronan.

**Section 31.** Old Sturtevant Road to I.P. Main Haul Road. This section was open in 2014 but is now assigned to Ray and Janice Ronan. On 4 September, I walked the shore of Lake Hebron looking for stored boats (finding none). I documented monuments 106-ME-69, 70, and 71 and also 107-ME-41A and 42. Blazes poor and lines brushy. I suspect that 106-ME-72 is under a pile of gravel placed by a camp owner.

**Section 32.** I. P. Main Haul Road to Blanchard/Shirley Road. Monitors Ray and Janice Ronan. Ray worked on this section on 29 May and trimmed the easterly line northbound. He returned on 11 June and trimmed more brush. He was back on 11, 12 July and continued trimming. Ray and Dick Boisvert came in on 21 August, searched for 107-ME-49A without success, and worked the westerly boundary northbound. The next day they completed trimming the lines around Section 32 except for the swamp.

**Section 33.** Blanchard/Shirley Road to Horseshoe Canyon Lean-to. Monitor Roger Merchant. On 7 July I walked 1.8 miles of the southerly boundary along the West Branch of the Piscataquis River from monument 107-ME-26 to 2500, documenting 20 monuments and photographing all found. I failed to locate 107-ME-25AAA, 25EEE, 25FFF, or 25KKK. Line conditions varied from open forest to thick brush in about equal proportions. Blazes were very poor. On 10 July I walked 1.4 miles further along the southerly boundary from 107-ME-2500 to 107-ME-25W, documenting 15 monuments and photographing all found. Line conditions same as found on 7 July. On 18 July I walked another 1.7 miles of the southerly boundary, from monument 107-ME-24 to 107-ME-25V, documenting 24 monuments and photographing all found. I tried again, without success, to locate 25KKK. On 4 September I walked both sides of the corridor between the Shirley Road and the Piscataquis River, documenting monuments 107-ME-1, 2, 3, and 4 and monuments 107-ME-27, 28, 29, 30, and 31. Monument 28 was completely uprooted and tossed away from its original site, now marked by a surveyor's rebar. I also documented monuments 107-ME-25EEE and 25FFF but was unable to find 107-ME-25AAA or even a single witness tree

despite diligent searching.

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

**Section 35.** Marble Brook to Outlet of Bald Mountain Pond. Open section.

**Section 36.** Outlet of Bald Mountain Pond to Joe's Hole. Open section. On 30 June I walked the shoreline of Joe's Hole on Moxie Pond, checking for stored boats (none found). I then walked the northerly boundary from the pond and, at the end of the day, checked a few monuments west of the pond in the camp area. All told, I documented monuments 108-ME-06, 07, 7A, 7B, 8, 8A, 9, 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E, 9F, 9G, 9H, 9I, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M, 9N, 9O, 9P, 9Q, 9R, 9S, 9T, 9U, 9V, 9W, 9X, 9Y, 9Z, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000. All lines were in rough shape but Plum creek plans to renew the ones east of the pond in the near future. On 12 September I hiked in to Bald Mt. Pond from the Bald Mt. Road, bushwhacked down to monument 108-ME-25, and walked the shoreline of Bald Mt. Pond looking for stored boats (none found). I also documented monuments 108-ME-26, 27, 27A, and 28. 107-ME-27 consists of only a drill hole, the cap (which I had found before) is now missing.

**Section 37.** Joe's Hole to Summit of Pleasant Pond Mountain. Open section.

**Section 38.** Summit of Pleasant Pond Mt. to Boise Cascade Road. Recently assigned to Glen Dubuc.

**Section 39.** Boise Cascade Road to turn away from Holly Brook. Monitor Tim Fortune. Tim walked most of the boundary on 12 July and found no problems

**Section 40.** Holly Brook to the Kennebec River. Monitor Tim Fortune. Tim walked most of the section on 12 July and found no problems. He walked the shore of the Kennebec River within the corridor and found no boats other than the ferry's two canoes.

**Section 41.** Kennebec River to Outlet of Pierce Pond. Monitor William Geller. Not monitored in 2014.

**Section 42.** Outlet of Pierce Pond to N. Branch of Carrying Place Stream. Monitor William Geller. Not monitored in 2014.

**Section 43.** North Branch of Carrying Place Stream to Sandy Stream. Monitor Mike Davis. Mike and Ray Ronan visited the section on 27 May. They documented and photographed all boats within the corridor on East Carry Pond.

**Section 44.** Sandy Stream to SW inlet of West Carry Pond. Monitor William Geller. Bill visited the section on 28 September. He cleared the boundary between monuments 109-ME-18 and 20B and documented 109-ME-18, 19, 20, and 20B but did not find 19A or 20A. On 6 October he cleared from 109-ME-20B to 21, documenting 20C and 21. He then crossed the corridor and cleared from 109-ME-30 to 30A, documenting both monuments. On 28 October he cleared line from 109-ME-28A to 30A, documenting 28A, 29, 29A, and 30. Finally, on 8 November Bill cleared from 109-ME-26 to 28A, 21 to 21A, and 30A to 30B, documenting 26, 30B, and 21A.

**Section 45.** SW inlet West Carry Pond to Long Falls Dam Road. Monitor Dennis Andrews. Dennis and Paul Laskey visited the section on 30 August, 12 October, and 15 November. They



documented monuments 110-ME-20B, 20C, 20D, 21, 21A, 22, 22A, 24D, 24E, 25, 25A, and 25B. 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 on 25 May and 19 October, documenting monuments 110-ME-17, 18, 23, 24, 24A, 24B, and 24C/

**Section 47.** Bog Brook Road to summit of Little Bigelow. Monitors Clint and Helen Buzzell: I visited this section on 3 June and documented monuments 110-ME-1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7, but was unable to locate 110-ME-5, 8, and 9. Monuments 8-13 are located right along the gravel camp roads and I found no trace of them. At the camp lot bounded by monuments 13, 14, 15 and 16, the line between 14 and 15 has been obliterated by trees felled on the camp lot and dropped across the line. Whoever did this even felled one of the monument 14 witness trees. (This was reported by Clint in 2013.) Clint and Helen visited their assignment on 23 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. I realized on 6/3 that the monitors have in some cases been checking old iron pipe property corner monuments rather than the NPS survey monuments, as a number of those I found were buried and had never before been uncovered.

**Section 48.** Summit of Little Bigelow to Safford Brook Side Trail. Monitors Sarah and Bill Brown. No report

**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. On 18, 19 September Jonathan Ellis and AHS volunteers cleared and re-blazed the eastern boundary from Route 27 up to 111-ME-3A, documenting 111-ME-3, 3A, 3B, and 3C. On 19 September ATC staffer Claire Polfus and AHS volunteers cleared and re-blazed the westerly boundary from Route 27 to about half way to 111-ME-48C and documented monuments 111-ME-47, 48, and 48A.

**Section 54.** North Crocker to Caribou Valley Road. Monitor Carrington Rhodes. On 7 June, a corridor monitoring workshop, Carrington, Glenn Dubuc and I walked 1.9 miles of the northerly corridor boundary from the Caribou Pond Road to near the summit of North Crocker Mt., locating and photographing 10 monuments. In general, the boundary line was easy to follow, especially beyond the first couple of monuments, the blazes were badly faded and need to be repainted, and only a few boundary signs need replacement. The surveyors of this line chronically overestimated the diameters of the witness trees. We documented 111-ME-8, 8A, 9, 9A, 9B, 9C, 10, 10A, 10B, and 10C. Carrington accepted assignment of this section after the workshop. In September Ray Ronan and AHS volunteers cleared and re-blazed the westerly line from the Caribou Pond Road to 111-ME-10C. Carrington worked on the southerly line on 25 September, chainsaw clearing for a considerable distance north of South Crocker Mt. and

documenting monuments 111-ME-39B, 40, 40A, 41A, 41B, and 42. He was unable to locate 41, 41C, and 42A. He returned on 9/28 and cleared from the vicinity of 42A to 42D, locating 42B, 42C, and 42D.

**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 8/23, 8/27, 8/28, 8/29. He cleared from 111-ME-36F and 37 and 300' towards 36E, as well as from 30-31, and documented 111-ME-30, 31, 36F, 37, 112-ME-20, 20A, 20B, 21. He also cleared from 112-ME-21 to 111-ME-30 using chainsaw and clippers.

**Section 57.** Mt. Abraham Side Trail to Orbeton Stream. Monitor Tony Barrett. Tony documented some trash etc. along the road within the corridor during a Trail maintenance trip in May.

**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 August, after clearing blowdowns from Orbeton Stream to Poplar Ridge Lean-to, I bushwhacked down to the southeasterly boundary from near the lean-to and walked towards Orbeton Stream over very rough terrain, re-documenting monuments 112-ME-26 and 26A. The boundary line is followable but in poor condition.

**Section 59.** Saddleback Summit to Maine Highway 4. Monitor Dan Simonds. This section was the focus of the American Hiking Society/ATC/MATC work week from 14-19 September. All of the boundary lines from Route 4 to the Snowmobile/ATV trail near Eddy Pond on the easterly side of the corridor, and from Route 4 to between monument 113-ME-43C and 43D on the westerly side were cleared and re-blazed, except for between 113-ME-31 and 31B where rain prevented painting. All monuments were located and documented except for 113-ME-44 and 77I. I visited the section on 10 October and walked the westerly boundary from monument 113-ME-46 to the Snowmobile/ATV trail, documenting monuments 113-ME-43D, 45, and 46. I was unable to find 113-ME-44, in the alpine zone, despite locating drill hole witness marks.

### **Baldpate District: Monitoring Sections 60-70**

**Section 60.** Maine Highway 4 to Little Swift River Pond. Monitor Jonathan Ellis. Jonathan visited sections 59 and 60 on 17, 18 October. On the 18<sup>th</sup> he re-walked between Route 4 and the Beech Hill Road a section covered by the AHS project in September, adding photos of monuments 113-ME-35C, 35D, 36, and 37, then found 38 which had been missed before, and photographed 39. The AHS volunteer who had taken photos in September did not provide them. On the 19<sup>th</sup> Jonathan walked from Route 4 to the end of his assignment along the westerly boundary.

**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 11 August 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 from MATC Corridor Monitoring Report for Calendar Year 2013- Page 10

John. In August and September, the Maine Conservation Corps cleared and re-blazed the westerly boundary from 114-ME-1N to 114-ME-4, locating all monuments. They also painted but did not clear the easterly boundary from 114-ME-20B to 21 and cleared and re-blazed from 114-ME-21A to 21D, locating all monuments except 114-ME-20E. On 16 September, Claire Polfus and AHS volunteers cleared the easterly boundary line from 114-ME-20A to 20D. They documented 114-ME-20A, 20B, 20C, and 20D.

**Section 64.** Bemis Stream Trail to Former Clearwater Brook Trail. Monitor Robert Anderson. No report from Robert. In August and September the Maine Conservation Corps cleared and re-blazed the westerly line from 114-ME-1G to 1M and on the easterly side from 114-ME-22 to 22A.

**Section 65.** Former Clearwater Brook Trail to South Arm Road. Monitor Robert Anderson. No report

**Section 66.** South Arm Road to Hall Mt. Lean-to. Monitor Dennis Pednault. Dennis visited this section on 27 September, walking the northerly line from Sawyer brook and documenting 115-ME-43, 43A, and 44. He did not find 43B or any sign of witness trees.

**Section 67.** Hall Mt. Lean-to to Wyman Mt. Section open.

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

**Section 69.** East B Hill Road to East Peak of Baldpate Mt. I worked on this section on 30 August with Bill Brooke to familiarize him with corridor monitoring as he takes on this new assignment. We hiked in to the Frye Notch Lean-to and walked over to the southern boundary of the rectangular parcel in Grafton Notch Twp. that abuts the Andover West Surplus town line, then followed the boundary line west. We covered about 0.7 of a mile of line. All monuments located were photographed. We found adequate "U.S. Boundary" signs. We documented 115-ME-26A, 26B, and 27. but were unable to find 26C or even a witness tree. The line and blazes are in poor condition.

**Section 70.** East Peak of Baldpate to Maine Highway 26. Monitor Lynn Farnham: Lynn visited the section on 30 July, finding no problems.