

SELT BRCF Management Committee

April 13, 2021

Updates

- Conservation Easement Use Limitations
- Powder Mill Snowmobile Club
- BRCF expansion (Stell & Young)
- Recent workshops (SELT/MMRG)

2021 Budget

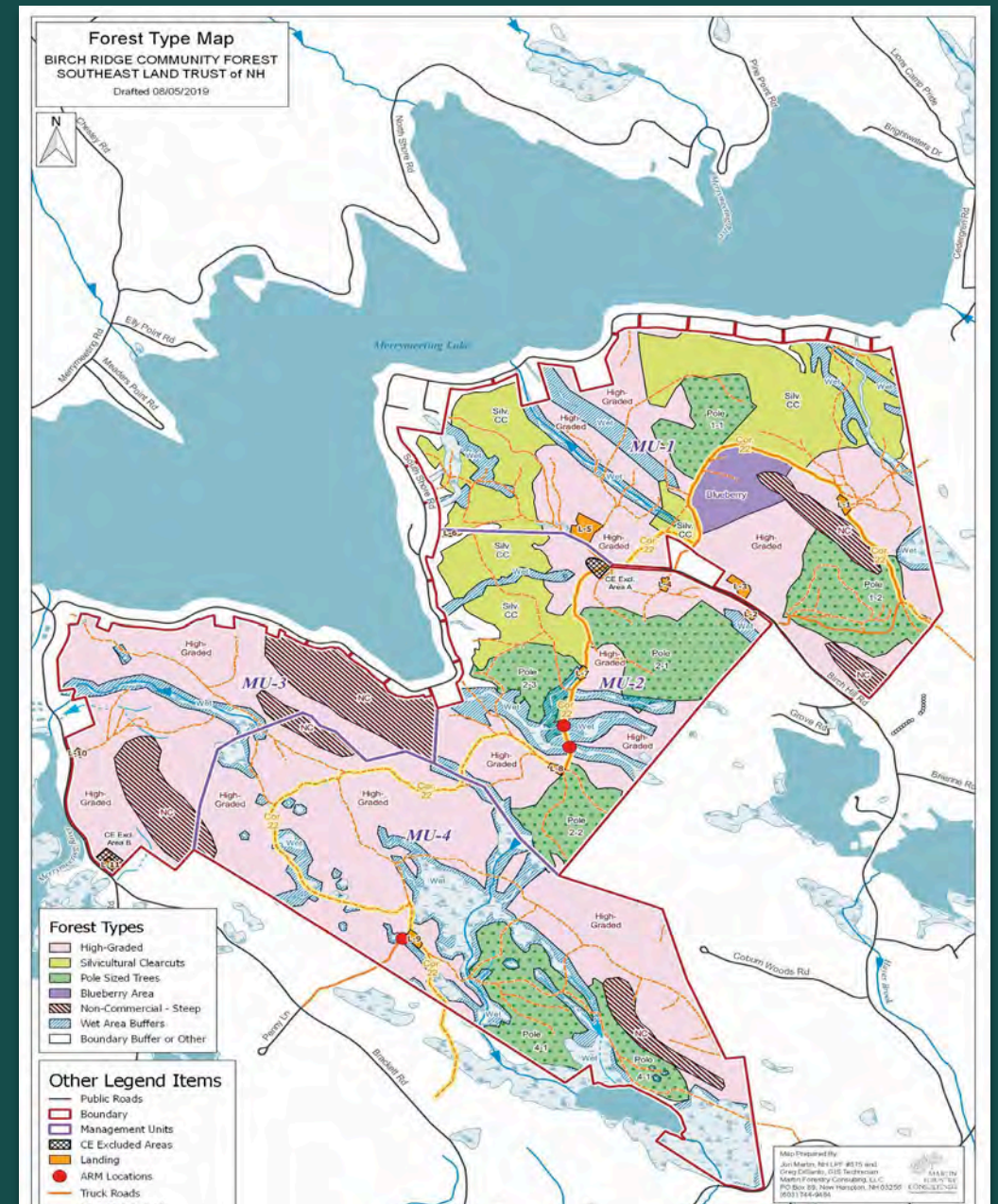
- Mowing of areas surrounding the cabin
- Potential costs associated with Birch Hill Road
- Wildlife habitat & forest management work
- Potential costs related to wetlands permitting and archaeological surveys
- Trails work for Rattlesnake Mountain & Birch Ridge
- Work on Corridor 22 associated with funding from NRCS
- Kiosks, gates & maps
- Stell & Young addition management planning

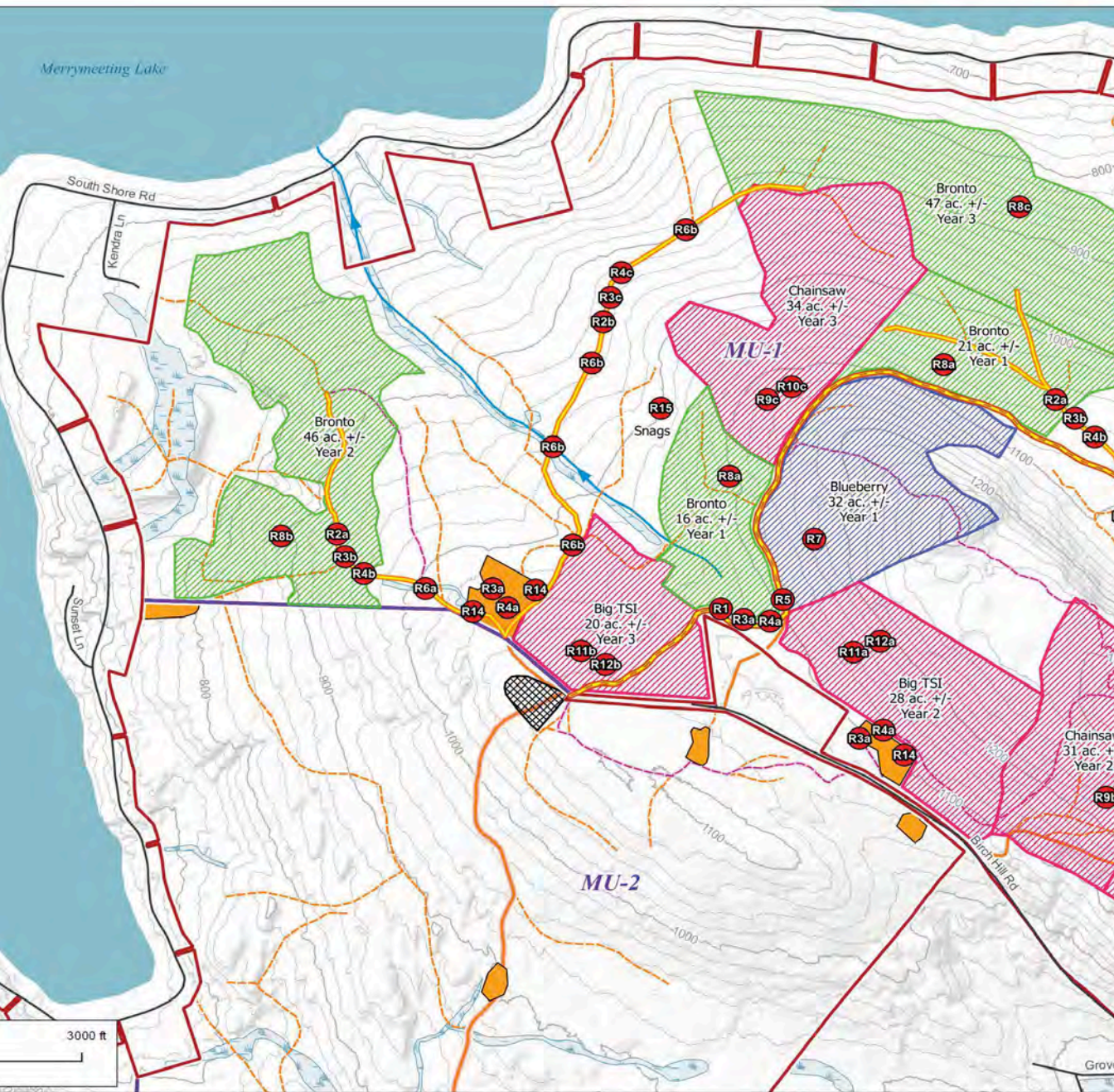
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Planned work for 2021

Management Unit – 1 NRCS EQIP Application

- Maps of Forest
- Exploration of conservation Context, creation of new Habitats, Access Maintenance
- Restoration Plans
- Schedule and Budget Considerations



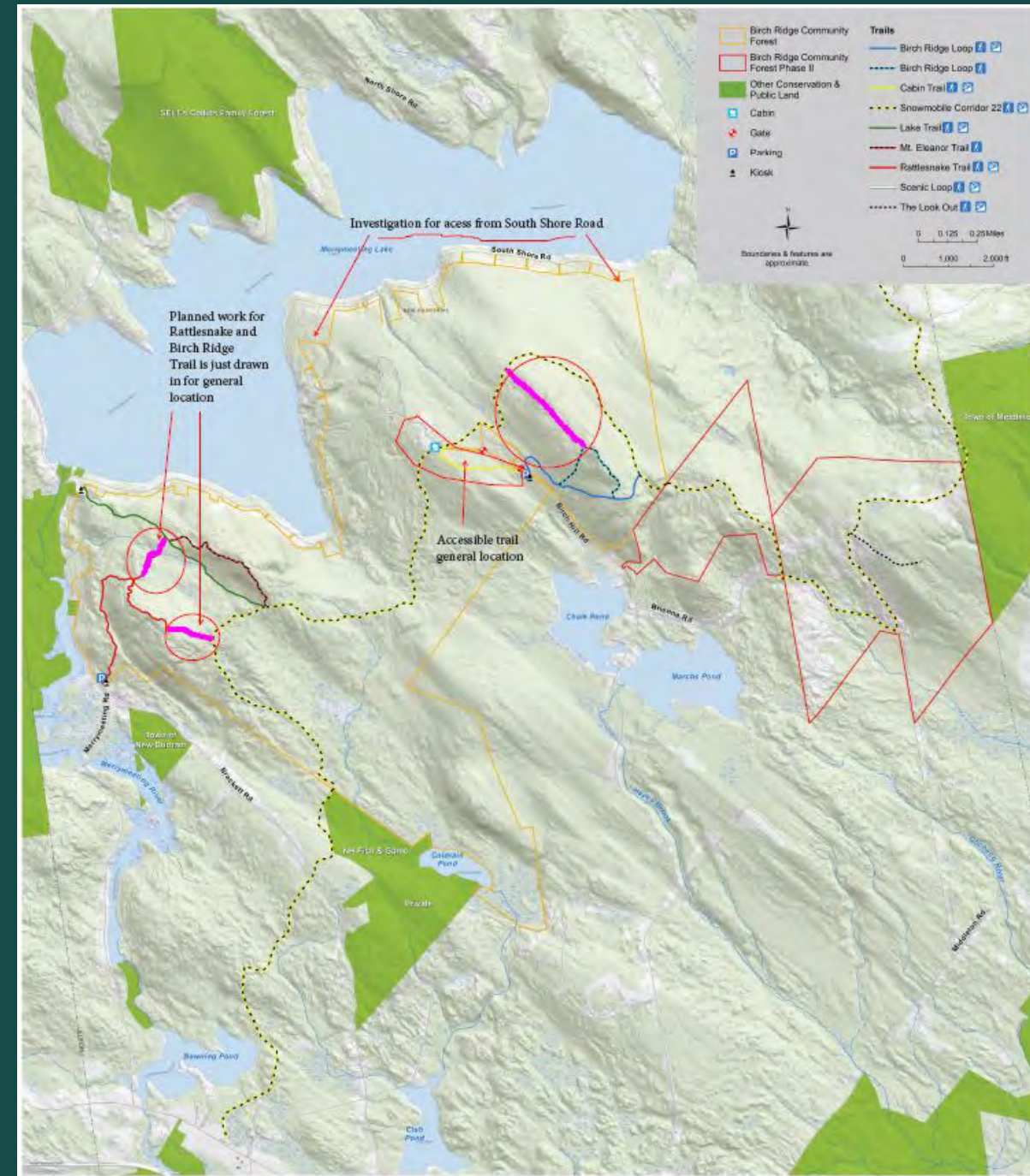


MU – 1 Visual of Areas for EQIP Practices

- Practice Goals are as follows:
- 1. Manage and create early successional habitat which will support future fire management and maintain the view-shed along corridor 22.
- 2. Open the north side of Birch Ridge to create an oak savanna and recreate a blueberry barren underneath the forest canopy.
- 3. Conduct Timber Stand Improvement (TSI) work to manage tree diversity and release future trees for harvesting and habitat.
- 4. Erect nesting boxes for wood ducks and bluebirds.
- 5. Improve the network of woods roads and harvest trails to reduce erosion and maintain water quality along the harvest trails and road(s) (corridor 22).
- In general, the areas of these habitat and forest management applications are depicted in the map.
- If awarded, these management actions will be applied in three phases in calendar years 2021-2023 focusing on Management Unit-1.

Planned work for 2021

- Trails
 - Work to be done by Lew Shelly, SELT staff, snowmobile club & volunteers
 - Corridor 22 & Lake Trail
 - Birch Ridge Loop (hiking/biking) - volunteer training
 - Access from South Shore Road
 - Universally accessible trail



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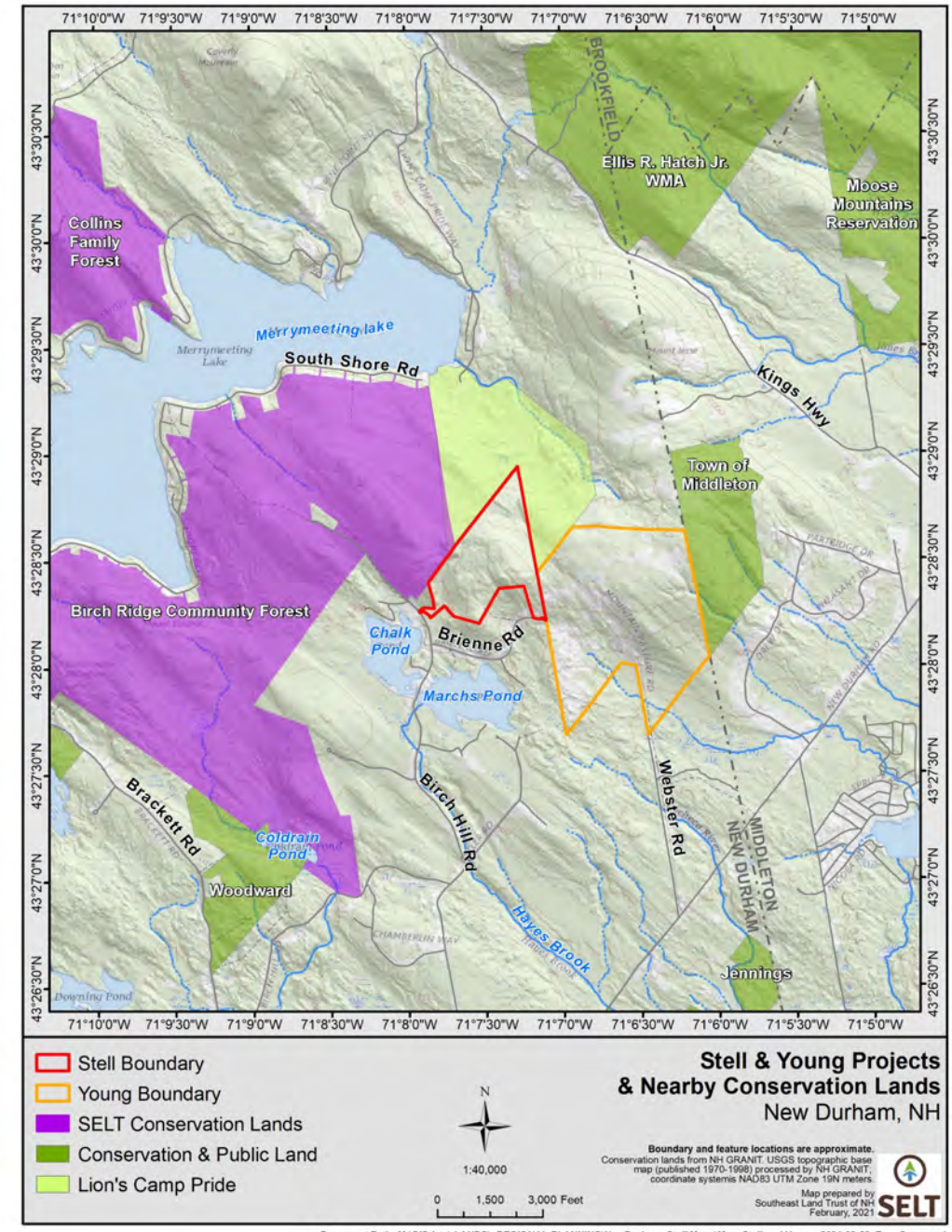
Management Planning for BRCF Stell & Young addition

- Forest Management Plan – Jon Martin
- Trails Plan – Lew Shelly
- Wildlife Plan – Charlie & Lee

This phase of planning will likely go into early 2022

10/21/2021

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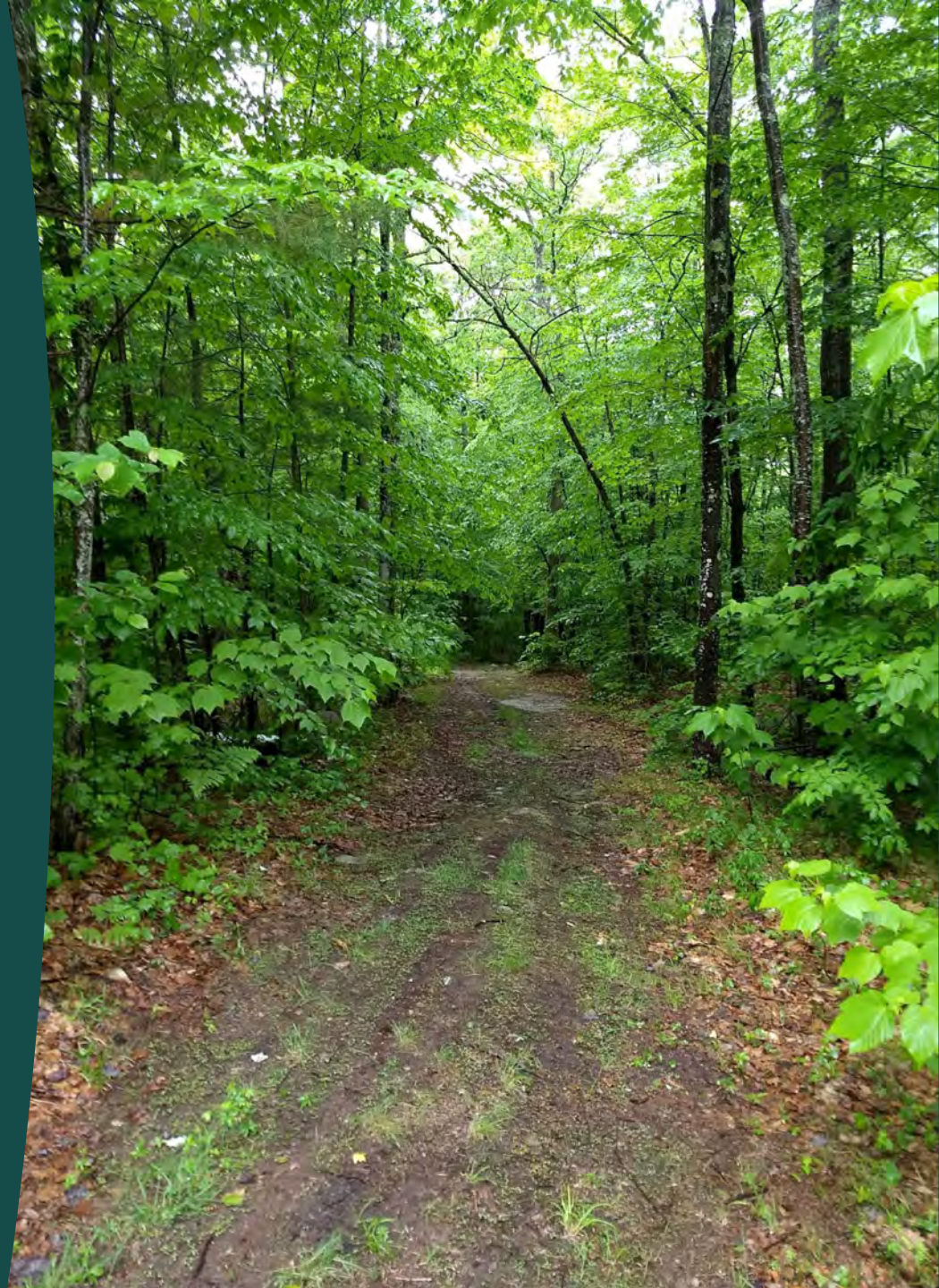
Events

- Public events planned for 2021
 - MMRG
 - Vernal Pool walk
 - SELT
 - Working to schedule
 - Suggestions?
- Management Committee field trips
 - Stell & Young addition
 - Trails
 - Forest & Wildlife Management
 - Others?

Subcommittees

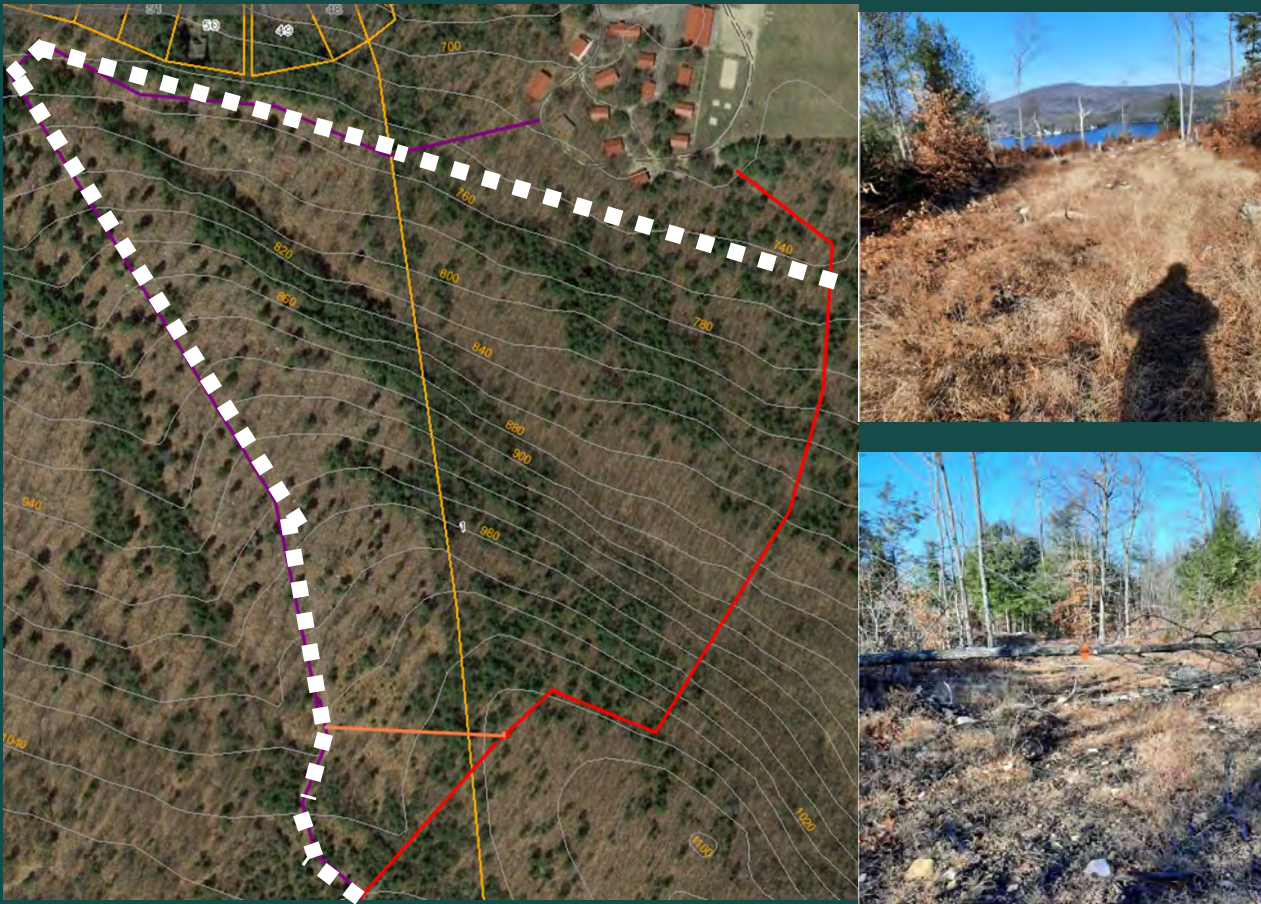
Trails

- Met March 31st
- To meet every few months
- Consider ideas and bring fully formed proposals to Management Committee
- Chair needed



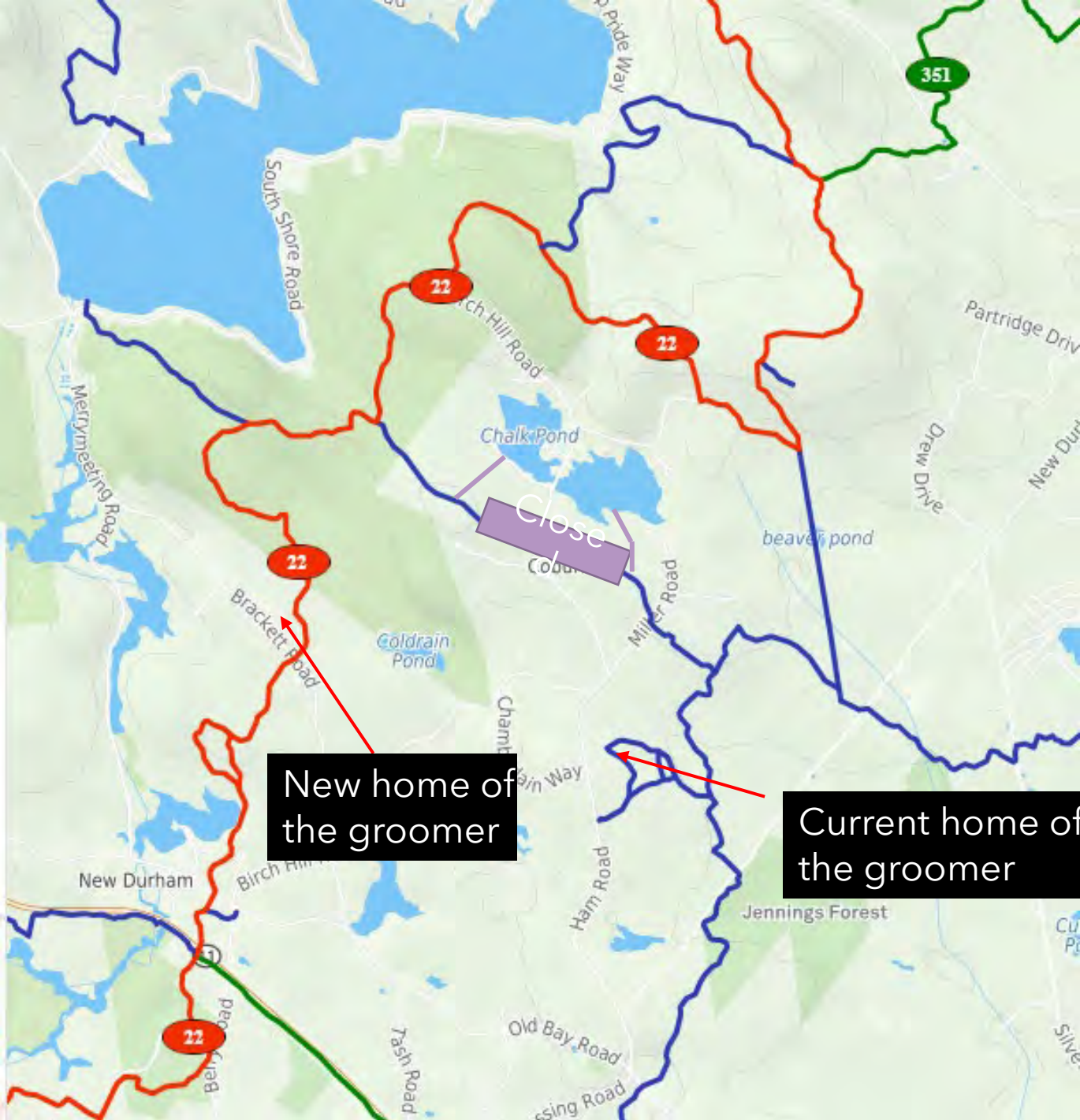
PMSC Proposal - Camp Pride Trail: P#1

1. A reroute approximately 1600 ft and around wet area on existing trail.
2. PMSC could initiate support and seek funding through RTP program for 2022, deadline June 2021.
3. Supports BRCF Forest Management Plan, section Recreation and Public Use Objectives and Strategies for 2020-2024



Good Points

- ✓ Utilization of an existing Skid road.
- ✓ Better soil conditions.
- ✓ Approx. 9 linear feet (counting the banks) or less 200 sq/ft of wetlands disturbed.
- ✓ The steepest approach is less than 18%
- ✓ With climbing turns we can be less 15%



New home for groomer, P#2

The plan is to move the groomer from my house to Russ's farm. This is due to a trail closer that make longer runs and too many passes on lower use trails.

This short reroute on Corridor 22 P#3

Would move the trail to much dryer soils and allow for a much larger buffer from a vernal pool. We could also finish filling over the bridge by the Bickford trail and do a little grading in the area as last time was graded in the winter and the trail has settled.

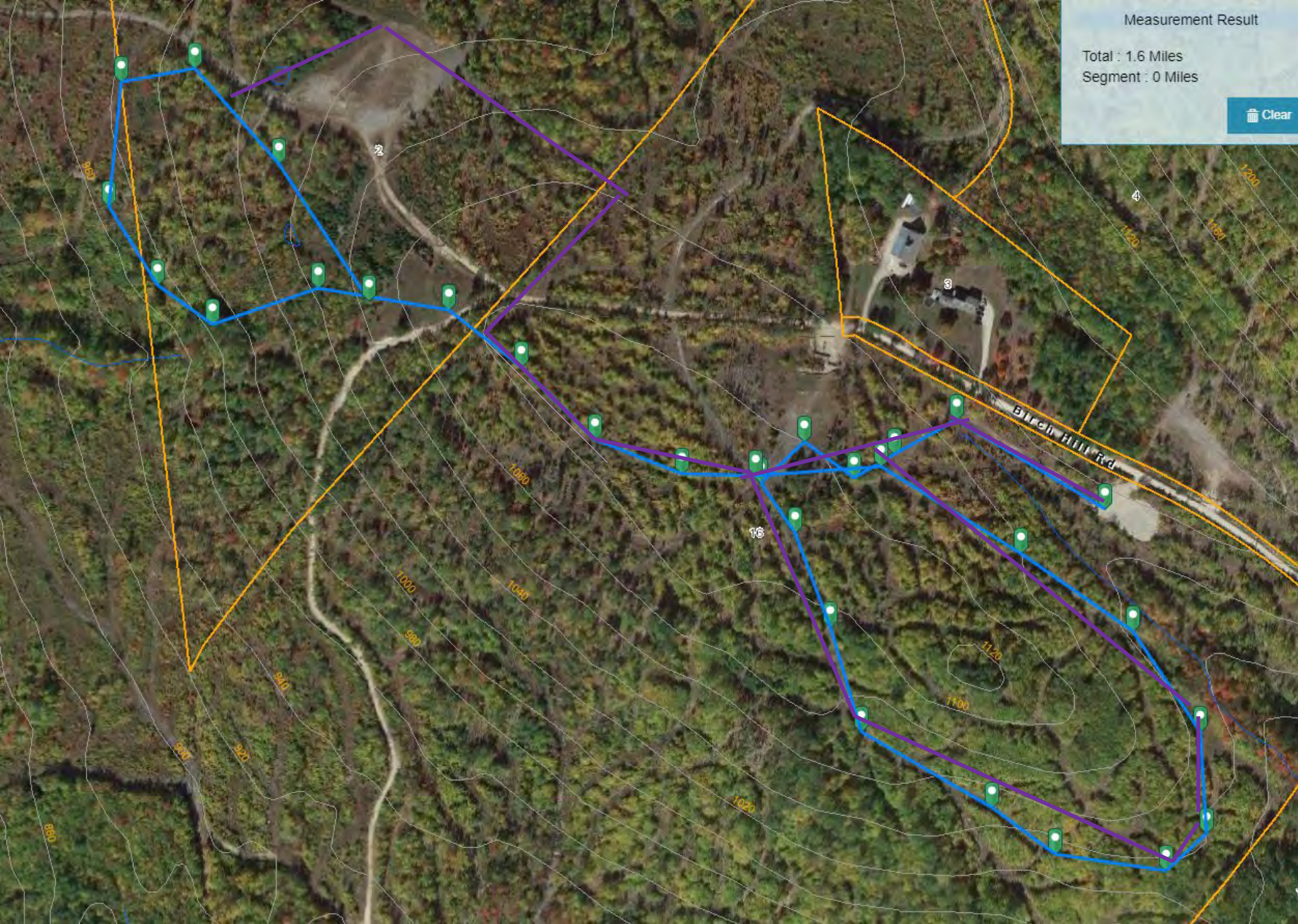




Rattlesnake trail

This is the route Russ wants to take to get equipment from his land to new Rattlesnake trail work. Would be same uses/ size as the rest of the trail coming from MM Lake road parking area.

No cost to SELT trusts other than layout. There is a few spots that could be harden, go-textile and gravel would be needed from SELT if wanted.



A cross-country ski trail.

Thinking for a young family
ski trail. 8" snow cover to
Groom any less ungroomed.
95% there and stump
free. In just a few days this
summer it could happen.

Subcommittees

Education

- Outdoor classroom for:
 - **Focus on groups such as**
 - K-12 schools
 - Clubs (scouts, 4-H, etc.)
 - Summer camps
 - **What is needed to be successful?**
 - Partners
 - Infrastructure
 - Policies/Procedures

Education and Outreach Objectives and Strategies 2020-2024

Objective I. Education and Outreach by core partners

- Strategy 1. SELT and/or MMRG will conduct 4 - 6 programs annually at the BRCF
- Strategy 2. Contact local media to both advertise and report on BRCF events

Objective II. Contact potential partners and stakeholders

- Strategy 1. Assemble a list of potential partnering organizations along with contact information
- Strategy 2. Determine efficient and cost-effective approaches to engaging partners
- Strategy 3. Determine ways the BRCF can be used by research institutes as a living laboratory
- Strategy 4. Implement an outreach program to targeted persons and organizations

Objective III. Establish a mechanism to inform the stakeholders on BRCF activities and status

- Strategy 1. Develop maps and information to post on SELT web page
- Strategy 2. Establish links to partner/stakeholder web pages

Objectives IV. Determine policies and procedures for group activities at the BRCF

- Strategy 1. Review policies and procedures that apply to other SELT properties
- Strategy 2. The Management Committee recommends a course of action to SELT

Management Committee schedule

Originally set 2 meetings

- March
- October

Proposed addition of a late summer meeting

- March/April – start of field season
- September – discussion for next year's work
- October – finalizing proposed next year's work & budget