

Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting

January 29, 2015 Lancaster, N.H. 6:12 P.M. – 7:43 P.M.

Nash Stream Citizens Advisory Committee (**NSFCC**)

NSFCC members present:

Steve Sabre, Albert Cloutier, John Lanier, Bill Noons, Mike Lynch, Ted Burns, Mike Waddell, Kevin Evans,

NSFCC members not present:

Dave Goulet, Wendell Lees, Norman Cloutier, Rebecca Brown, Tom Bushey

Staff members present:

Maggie Machinist, John Accardi, Todd Caron, Bill Carpenter, Ken Desmarais, Will Statts

Agenda Items:

- 1. Timbersale Update and Road Activities** – Maggie Machinist gave a brief explanation of the completed timbersale in Nash Stream. The main Nash Stream Road is now being used as a snowmobile trail again.

- 2. Chapter Reviews** –

Wildlife

Steve Sabre suggested that the word “probably” should be used in the sentence referencing mountain lions instead of the word “possibly”.

Kevin Evans questioned a couple of the charts about the size classes of wood shown in the wildlife section. Maggie explained that a complete inventory has not occurred, so accurate estimates of size classes are difficult. He thought that timbersale money could possibly be designated for inventory purposes. He also thought that maps showing possible hardwood/softwood lines and low/high elevation areas and sections with different size classes should be included in the plan. The Forests and Lands GIS Program Planner will work with Tech Team to include maps.

A comment was noted that the forest structure charts/ goals in the wildlife section were different than the forestry section. It will be looked at by the Tech Team and proper changes will be made to make them the same.

John Lanier commented on how he thought monitoring should be an important part of the new plan. He also said that numbers to back up the monitoring are also very important. Maggie explained how the Tech Team plans on creating a section in the back of the management plan describing how we will be monitoring. John Lanier also suggested that there needs to be an attempt to sample species.

Steve Sabre commented on a possible bullet in the management plan suggesting monitoring needs.

Mike Lynch asked how a decision would be made to decide what species to manage for and if increasing one species could offset or have a negative effect on another species.

Will Statts explained how management will never benefit every species, but a list of targeted species is included in the management plan.

Forest Management

Kevin Evans suggested a change in the history section of Nash Stream Forest referencing how heavy cutting occurred just prior to the land being sold. As a former employee of Diamond International, he explained that harvesting practices didn't change prior to the land being sold.

Resource

John Lanier liked how things were defined in the chapter.

Kevin Evans thought that the carbon explanation should be expanded.

Inventory

Kevin Evans would like to see the section on soils expanded specifically more explanation of important forest soils. He also thought that there needs to be a chart to show a change in diameter and also the amount of cords that were cut in 1988 and how many cords there are now to show growth. He questioned the accuracy of some of the growth charts.

Goals and Strategies

State Lands Management Team needs an explanation as to what it is and what the team does.

There was a brief discussion on the size of clearcuts. Maggie explained that all the information regarding the size of clearcuts is in the conservation easement.

John Lanier commented on how he thought ecological land groups would describe the potential as compared to what currently exists.

3. **Next Chapters** – Recreation and Cultural Heritage
4. **Next Meeting Date** – The next meeting will be held on May^{21st} in Lancaster from 6:00 – 8:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.