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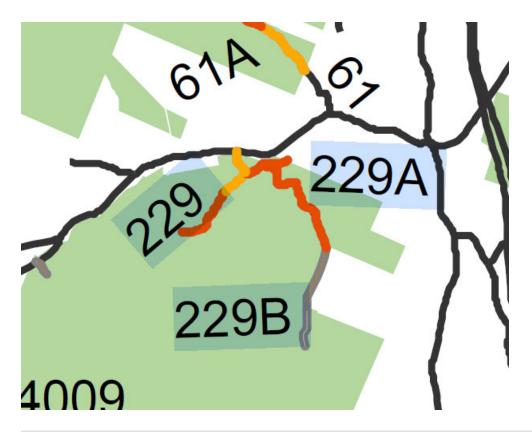
Subject: RE: Eversource X178-2 access road input Date: Friday, October 4, 2024 8:21:35 AM

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My two cents – administratively make this section a permanent extension to FR 229B.

Though I don't see a critical need for it in the present, there is a good chance that some day, Eversource would need it for access again. If we are using the TAP for decision support, it describes this section as currently unauthorized/without ML but likely needed long term. I also think that given the cost of roads these days, it's a smart choice to take care of roads that are being invested in, instead of build-use-decommission. This would mean just pulling drainage structures and close out like any other ML1 road.



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Hey Jasmin,

No major concerns, although a tree clearing time-of-year restriction will be required to comply with the Bat Conservation Strategy. Will this be a permanent section of new road? Or will the area be rehabbed when the project is done?



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Subject: Eversource X178-2 access road input

Hello everyone,

I'm reaching out with a question regarding the Eversource X178-2 project proposal. I understand it's not a priority project, however Ben has discovered a need to revise an access road proposed in Form One and need to ensure there are no red flags associated with that change. Currently, Eversource's proposal is to follow a decommissioned road (cyan line below). The revised proposal is to use Crooked Pike Spur B, an existing ML1 road that avoids wetland areas (depicted as a yellow line below) which terminates at an old log landing just shy of the Forest boundary. The proposal is to connect Crooked Pike Spur B roughly in the area of the dark blue line to the powerline ROW (purple line). Do you have any resource concerns with Eversource building ~500 feet of road in that general vicinity? Attached is also a pdf map and the shapefile of Crooked Pike Spur Roads for your reference. Please let me know asap or reach out if you have any questions.



Thanks,



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