

***Example* Cassey Brook Monitoring Visit**

May 01/May 17, 2021

May 1, 2021

I drove down the shared driveway on Elkins Rd and parked the cleared area before the sign under the power line. For the first day we focused on the further boundaries of the property. Following the power line to the eastern corner we noticed ATV tracks running under the power line (photos attached and location noted on attached map). ATV tracks were not mentioned in previous monitor reports. The western portion of the property was very wet this time of year and we were unable to follow the portion of the boundary that went through the wetland, though no human disturbance was observed in the area. Moving southwest we noticed many freshly down trees, perhaps from the windy winter last year. We found all iron pipes in the southern section, though the blazes were difficult to follow at times as the paint has begun to fade. After finding the iron rod marking the boundary between parcel A (noted on map) and the property we cut back across the property to find the trail system and walk back to our car. We met several hikers and heard many song birds on the trails.

May 17, 2021

The next weekend we returned to monitor the northern sections of the property. Parking in the same location, we first followed the boundary line northeast behind the neighbor's home to the iron rod, then found the corners along Elkins Rd. The Northeast boundary is well marked with many new looking tin squares. We followed the boundary line back to the power line and our cars and then found the stone wall corner (but not the drill hole) before turning west. We flushed several turkeys along the wall. We used the compass to find the Northwest corner marking. Though we lost the boundary a few times as it went in and out of wetlands, we were eventually able to locate the spruce with yellow paint. Throughout the day we saw deer scat and a few bear scratches. The forest looked unchanged since the last monitor visit.

