Friends of the Blue Hills

Trail Volunteer Work Report

Work date (mm/dd/yy): 3/12/10 Report date: 3/12/10

Your name: Robert Romeri

List Volunteers working with you:

Trail Name: Sawcut Notch path

Section Name/Description:

St. Moritz. St. Moritz to sawcut notch

Work Completed (Please be specific with location of work. Note hazards & potential hazards addressed if applicable):

There was a blow down removed on the Sky line trail just after the parking lot at the Shea rink. It looks like someone with a good knowledge of axe work cut it out. The Murphy path Sawcut Notch path and pipe line intersection at St. Moritz could use some work. Water is flowing down Sawcut Notch path from Wampatuck and causing serious rutting. If we could get DCR to put an asphalt swale along the road in front of the gate it might solve the problem.

I removed some tagging from the sign at the parking area at Wampatuck. I was surprised that it came off the plastic with just some hard rubbing with gloves. Cleaned out culverts and runouts along Sawcut (3 culverts, about 100 feet of ditch). There is a clogged culvert up from the 4214 intersection.

Someone did a nice job of cleaning out the culvert across Old Furnace Brook path near the 4180 junction. Cleaned culverts along path at Old Furnace Brook path junction. Cut a blow down from Sawcut path about half way up from Old Furnace and Short path. The drainage ditches along the path at the Notch and Short path look good. Can't tell if someone cleaned them out recently or they stayed ok from the cleanout I did before the snow flew.

I bumped into a young gentleman walking his dog. He was very interested in what I was doing, I gave him information on the Adopter Trail program and the Friends. He said he would look us up.

I could use some help cleaning out side ditches along Sawcut path, there is hundreds of feet of ditches, too much for one person.

Total Hours (# of people x hours worked): 3.50

Work Remaining:

Same comment as last time:

It would be wonderful to get some gravel into the Notch area now that the treadway is stable. Should pitch that to DCR.

Other comments (areas of concern, wildlife sightings, trail markings and

signage condition, need for re-route, possible encroachment):

I saw several pairs of mallard ducks at all the ponds along Sawcut including St. Moritz pond. A couple of Canada Geese pairs in St. Moritz also.

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