TRAIL ASSESSMENT FORM

Doc. # 1021 Trail N	ameElliot CircleTrail Type:Wide - MConditionGood
Route:	Elliot Tower 1063 – 1066 – Summit Road - 1055
Recent Weather:	Sunny in the 30's – Melting Snow. Snow cover on trail was 0-1 inch
TRAIL LANDMARKS	 Elliot Circle forms a loop trail around the summit of Great Blue Hill and includes the Weather Observatory and Elliot Tower structures. The trail uses the same treadway as the Skyline Trail for approximately .26 miles. For the purposes of the survey, I chose to begin the loop at the stairway leading into Elliot Tower where the North Skyline Trail enters Elliot Circle just east of intersection marker 1063. Treadway immediately crosses Elliot Bridge. South Skyline Trail leaves on the left at intersection marker 1066 at 315 feet. Unnamed tar road leaves on the right at 492 feet. Dt on left of treadway in dip at .16 miles. Needs cleaning. Wood trail marker post on left at .2 miles. Blazes torn off. (1) West Skyline Trail leaves on the left at .26 miles. Unnamed trail crosses at .4 miles with granite marker labeled Observation Tower. West loop of the Red Dot Trail leaves on the left at intersection marker 1055 at .49 miles. Granite marker on right labeled Trailside Museum. 5 miles. Coon Hollow Path and the east portion of the Red Dot Loop leave on the left at .52 miles. Elliot Circle ends at the Elliot Tower stairway with its intersection with the North Skyline Trail at .54 miles.
MINOR PROBLEM AREAS	(1) Wood trail marker post at .2 miles. Blazes torn off.
MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS	None noted
DISTANCES TO MAJOR INTERSECTIONS	 Survey Trailhead to South Skyline Trail at intersection marker 1066 315 feet. Survey Trailhead to West Skyline Trail26 miles. Survey Trailhead to Summit Road4 miles Survey Trailhead to west loop of the Red Dot Trail at intersection marker 105549 miles Survey Trailhead to Coon Hollow Path52 miles. Survey Trailhead to Survey Trailhead - Complete Loop54 miles
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Abbreviations:

Usage type: foot traffic only (H), multi-use (M)

waterbars (wb) culverts(cv) rolling dips (rd) bridges (br) bog bridges (bb) rock stairs (rs) cribbing (cb) retaining walls (rw) ditches (dt)

small blowdowns (sbd) large blowdowns (lbd) rock work (rkw) bridge building (bbd), culvert replacement (cr) trail relocation (tr), building new trail drainage (ntd) brushing needed (bn) excessive erosion (ee) leaning tree (lt)