

Ordinance of the Town of Freedom

Freedom Town Forest Regulations

Pursuant to RSA 31:39, I(a) and RSA 31:39, III, the Town of Freedom hereby ordains as follows:

I. Purpose

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Conservation Easement on the property held by the New Hampshire Department of Resource and Economic Development, the purpose of the Freedom Town Forest is:

- A. To maintain the forest, in perpetuity, as open space for the enjoyment and education of the public.
- B. To maintain a community forest providing the following benefits:
 - 1. Support the local and state forest products industry through sustainable forestry management.
 - 2. Protect natural resources
 - 3. Provide traditional low-impact outdoor recreation and natural-based educational activities
 - 4. Provide for other special uses of the forest whenever and wherever possible, subject to written approval by the Easement Holder

II. Permitted Uses

The following activities and uses are permitted:

- A. Pedestrian uses including hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing
- B. Trapping, hunting, fishing in accordance with New Hampshire law
- C. Non-motorized bicycles
- D. Boats, canoes and kayaks to be removed at the end of each day
- E. Snowmobiles on designated snowmobile trails
- F. Trail construction, repair and management activities approved by the Freedom Conservation Commission
- G. Forest and wildlife management activities approved by the Freedom Conservation Commission

III. Prohibited Uses

The following activities are prohibited:

- A. Dumping of rubbish, waste, leaves, brush, paper or other offensive or unsightly substance. Items carried in by hikers and other users must be carried out.
- B. Removal or damage in any way of any structure, signage, plant or natural feature
- C. Construction or erection of permanent tree stands, tent platforms, other structures
- D. Target shooting or practice
- E. Fireworks
- F. Camp fires or kindling of any fire
- G. OHRVs with the exception of snowmobiles
- H. Motorized vehicles, except for Jackman Ridge Road from the Jackman Ridge Road parking lot to the Trout Pond parking lot/gate when open
- I. Overnight parking
- J. Overnight camping
- K. Commercial uses

IV. Other Uses

The following uses require prior written approval of the Freedom Conservation Commission and the Easement Holder (contact the Freedom Town Office for information):

- A. OHRV/motorized vehicle used for access for the disabled
- B. Public functions/educational events

V. Penalty

Violators who engage in any of the Prohibited Uses listed in Section III of this ordinance, as well as those who fail to obtain prior written approval for uses as described in Section IV of this ordinance, are subject to a penalty not exceeding \$1,000 for each offense, such funds to inure to the Town of Freedom.

Adopted 08/21/07

Per order Town of Freedom, Freedom Conservation Commission RSA 31:112, RSA 41:11

On file with Freedom Town Clerk and District Court of Southern Carroll County

Regulations to be enforced by any law enforcement officer with appropriate authority