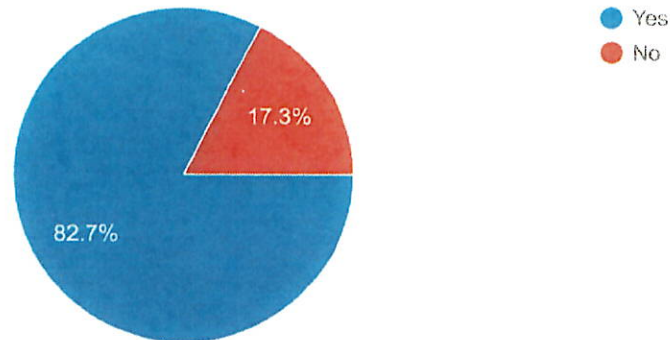


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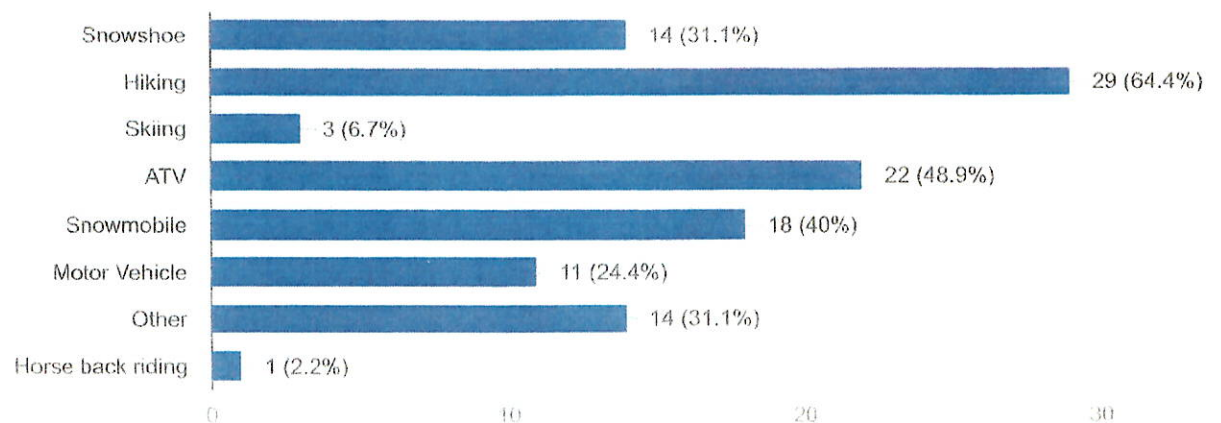
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52 responses



How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

45 responses



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☐ Yes

☒ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

What is your name and email address?

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Drew Fales. Drewgfales@gmail.com

Please leave any additional comments here:

We had land on a discontinued road. People were abusive to the road. There are American chestnuts on that road. The atv scared horseback riders, and walkers. People had dogs that were not in their control. There is a least law ...so we took pictures of the dogs going on to our property and not on a leash. And sent them to the dog catcher . We cannot have dogs out of control and jumping on people.

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☒ No

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☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

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Clara Alvarez. Clarascovefreedom@gmail.com

Please leave any additional comments here:

People are not respectful of other peoples property or their well being. There could be a compromise.

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

20 years

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☒ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

I live on Beaver Ridge Rd.

How often do you use the road?

every day

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

no

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Greg Warren 110 Beaver Ridge Rd. Freedom. greg@gregwarrenphoto.com

Please leave any additional comments here:

I bought my home on Beaver Ridge Rd. because it is quiet and private. I would not support any effort to increase traffic of any kind on the road.

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

2002 to present

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☒ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☒ ATV

☒ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

1-5 times a month depending on season

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

In 2023 I started to encounter a barrier placed in the road which I'd respectfully go around. The barrier had signage indicating the road was private which I know to be false.

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D.J. Hager - djay732@gmail.com

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

2022-2024

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☒ ATV

☒ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

>5 per year

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

No

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Jennifer Nieroda; jennifernieroda@gmail.com

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

Since 1984, 40 years

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☒ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☒ ATV

☒ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

Winter rabbit hunting with Red Mitchell, Arthur Richardson, Boyd Ward, and my father, before it was posted

How often do you use the road?

25 - 75 times a year

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

The Hydiniak's have always claimed the road is closed, and not to proceed.

What is your name and email address?

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Captainhager@gmail.com

Please leave any additional comments here:

The road should stay open regardless of who owns the property. Beaver Ridge Rd is a vital passage for me. This old town road should stay open as it has for decades.

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

August 2003

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☒ ATV

☒ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

Few times a month, more often during the summer

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

Yes. I have been yelled at multiple times while attempting to use the road. First by an elderly lady and now by a middle aged man. I cannot provide exact dates but for every 5 times I use the road I'd say I get 1 interaction whether it's a nasty glare or being yelled at. I've tried being friendly but it's at the point it's easier to just ignore them.

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Amber Hager amberh732@gmail.com

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

Once, just after the windmills were put up. We walked in to look at them.

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☒ Other

If other, please describe:

To look at the windmills

How often do you use the road?

once

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

no

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Kathleen Chase sheep lady@yahoo.com

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

1993, 1994, 1995, 2007, 2008

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☒ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

Currently none, in the past frequently for four wheeling with family

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

Currently due to private road signs s well as threats to the town too take legal actions

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Jennifer Turner jjturner@emhs.org

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It should remain a town road for numerous reasons

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

My whole life - from 1971 to present day

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☒ ATV

☒ Snowmobile

☒ Motor Vehicle

☒ Other

If other, please describe:

For business

How often do you use the road?

It has been limited due to ongoing confrontations, marking of private property, at different times in your life interests/hobbies change which have decreased the use of this land. If I wanted to use it I would like to do so when I please. Once at Tyler's home, before he owned it, I provided Sally-Anne help with fixing a fallen structure on her island (there is a pond there). For leisure and fun would use weekly or multiple times a week. For business would use multiple times daily.

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

Sally-Anne H. in 1998-1999 she asked me "what are you doing here and what woods you be doing with skidder, they can't be used on this road." Information was provided to why I could. She started I needed permission from her in order to use it. At that time that was not needed. She has been the only one ever who tried to stop me. Currently the state of the road sends the message that you can't use it. While it hasn't been said, the over growth and barriers make it such.

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Dennis Turner theotherturnerfamily@yahoo.com

Please leave any additional comments here:

Hiked for business related to logging. Business with the water wells/springs. Family would often use to go in and out of land. For pleasure and leisure. This is part of freedom. Historically. Beaver ridge is the center of town. It might not be seen as historical by the H family, but those of us born and raised here have used it for many things. It has been a focal point of the town. It was a town road. It could be used for anything and everything. And that is how I used them. My deceased father, siblings, friends (in and out of state) used it. This was for fun. For business. For everything. You cannot just take those memories o and you shouldn't be able to take that place simply because you want it as yours.

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

20 Years

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☒ Other

If other, please describe:

walking

How often do you use the road?

3x week

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

No

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Helen Tirone helentirone@gmail.com

Please leave any additional comments here:

I regularly pass road owners and no one has ever questioned my use...Sometimes I even stop and talk to them. I'm perplexed!

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

Off and on for 40+ years

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☒ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☒ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

Average once a year

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

No

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Doug VanHorn dvanhorn@fairpoint.net

Please leave any additional comments here:

I hope it stays open without needing permission, at least for non-motorized passage.

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

Off and on for 40+ years

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☒ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☒ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

Average once a year

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

No

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Leslie Stein lstein@fairpoint.net

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☐ Yes

☒ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

never

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

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maureen palmer littlemo0413@gmail.com

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I never used the road. I thought it was private.

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

1970's thru 1990's

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☒ Snowmobile

☒ Motor Vehicle

☒ Other

If other, please describe:

Hunting

How often do you use the road?

Oct-Nov in Hunting Season, Winter for Snowmobiling

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

Nov 1993 while driving the Beaver Ridge Rd just before where the windmills now stand, a group of hunters said I didn't belong there and they were going to contact the owner. I just drove off.

What is your name and email address?

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Mark Overlock ktoberlock@gmail.com

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I've lived on the Smithton Rd all my life and always knew that as a county road, not private. When the house was built up there they said it was private.

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

22 yrs

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☒ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

Every few months

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

Tyler and father blocking with sawhorses

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Linda Blanchard lavoiels@gmail.com

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Lack of respect for others

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☐ Yes

☒ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

0 seconds

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☒ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

this is the first I've heard of it

How often do you use the road?

never until now

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

No one has prevented us from using it, but now that we know about it maybe we'll test it.

What is your name and email address?

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cindy perez cindytperez@protonmail.com

Please leave any additional comments here:

why would the town of freedom be sued for the public accessing a private road?

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☐ Yes

☒ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

- ☐ Snowshoe
- ☐ Hiking
- ☐ Skiing
- ☐ ATV
- ☐ Snowmobile
- ☐ Motor Vehicle
- ☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

What is your name and email address?

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katie mcdonald KMcDonald4@aol.com

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If other, please describe:

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Rene Ouellet rpouellet@aol.com

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

every other day in 2012, 2013, 2014

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☒ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

anytime

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

no

What is your name and email address?

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kirk.thomas@honeywell.com --kirk thomas

Please leave any additional comments here:

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Have you ever used any portion of Beaver Hill/Ridge Rd past the paved section, up to the windmills, extending over to where it becomes Deer Hill Rd?

☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

2005 to present

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

- ☒ Snowshoe
- ☒ Hiking
- ☐ Skiing
- ☐ ATV
- ☐ Snowmobile
- ☒ Motor Vehicle
- ☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

varies throughout the year

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

No, no one

What is your name and email address?

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Brian Fuller 13 Beaver Ridge Rd, Freedom (no email)

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it would be better to show mutual respect for the town we either live in or own property at, rather than divide citizens and hurt the town financially! The trend in this newest century of suing neighbors and towns as an answer to disagreements is very harmful!

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

11-15-2022

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☐ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☒ Other

If other, please describe:

Hunting

How often do you use the road?

once in the past 30 years

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

I asked to hunt there before I went to beaver ridge road

What is your name and email address?

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Elaine Higgins ehigg29@gmail.com

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This road needs to be left open so no land owner is left landlocked and in case of a forest fire the people will have two ways to get at the fire

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

since 1987

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☒ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☐ ATV

☒ Snowmobile

☐ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

frequently up until the 2000's

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

yes, we used it every winter until Sallyann Hadyniak came out and told us it was a private road. We still used it. Don't know exact date. Early 2000's.

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Lillian Phillips COle 65 Davis Rd, Freedom

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Why can't these disputes be handled with the Selectmen and the citizens of Freedom? Why does there have to be lawsuit after lawsuit in our town? There is no civility anymore. What happened to our little rural town where neighbors used to look after each other?

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☒ Yes

☐ No

How long have you used the road? Please provide dates.

since mid to late 70's to present

How do you use the road? Check all that apply.

☐ Snowshoe

☐ Hiking

☐ Skiing

☒ ATV

☒ Snowmobile

☒ Motor Vehicle

☐ Other

If other, please describe:

How often do you use the road?

couple times a month

Has anyone tried to prevent you from using the road? Please describe any encounters and the dates.

Sally H stopped me and told me I couldn't use the road as it was private property. I told her everybody has been using the road for many years and that it was a public road, not private. Don't remember date.

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Ron Littlefield ralittlefieldlogging@yahoo.com

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I was using the road long before their family moved to the area. The road has always been a public way and nobody moving in has the right to just randomly say can't use it or block access. Blocking with objects is dangerous if someone didn't see them and ran into them. The family moved in and placed dwellings knowing the road was there. There used to be an old cemetery located off this road that seems to have disappeared?

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