

Adopt a Road

Bradford Conservation Commission

Fall 2018 Report

Acknowledgements

This initial report is the product of Bradford citizens' efforts to monitor the condition and usage of our Class VI roads. Special thanks to Ann Eldridge, Chair of the Bradford Conservation Commission, for her efforts in organizing the monitoring process and Seth Benowitz for developing the report format. Finally, hats off to the 18 citizens who served as road monitors. This Fall 2018 Report is submitted by Doug Southard.

Class VI Road Condition Definitions

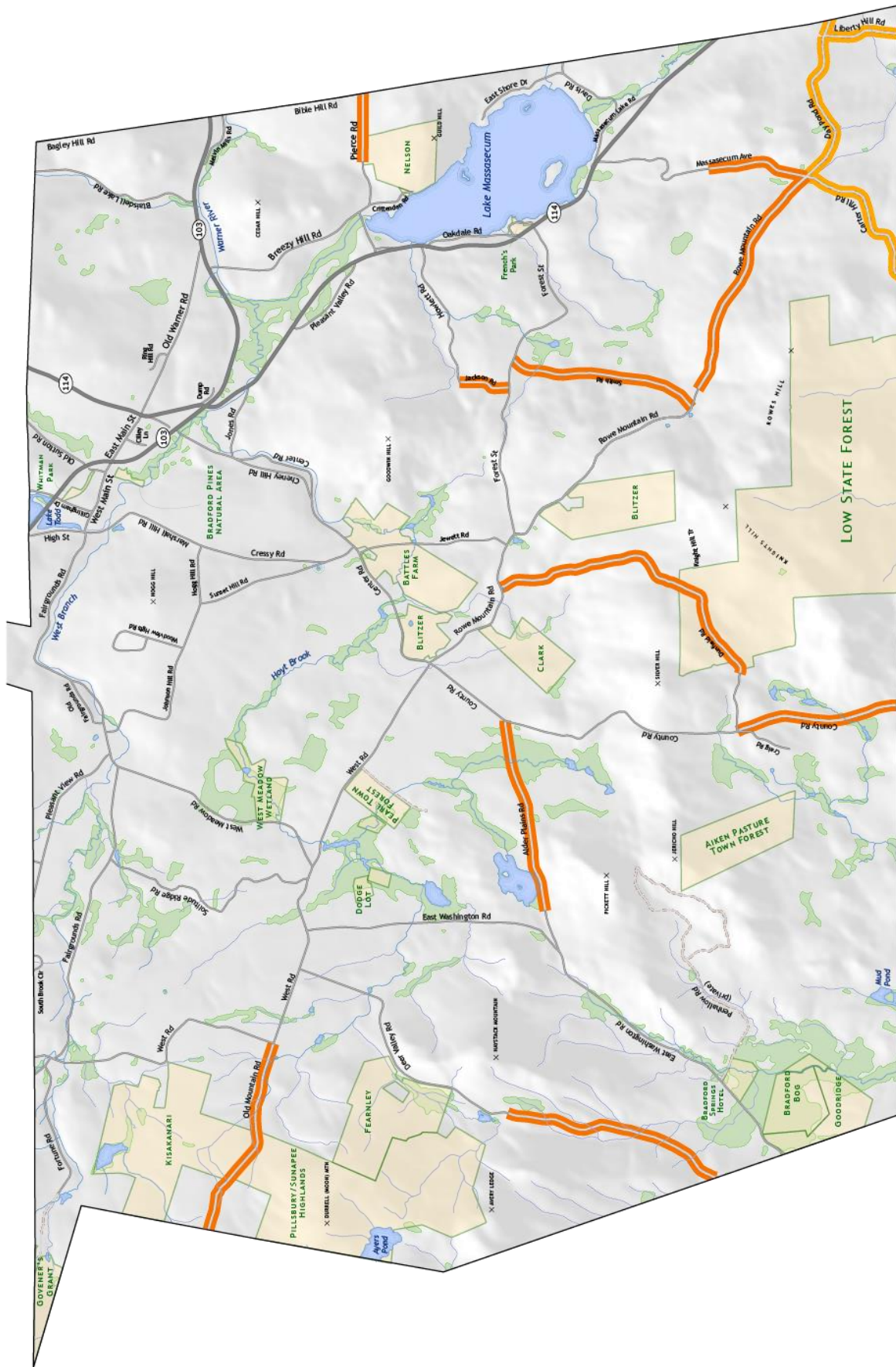
Road conditions may be classified by the volunteer road monitor based upon the following guidelines. The guidelines were developed to present realistic expectations for these gravel roads which are not maintained by the Town of Bradford.

Excellent	Suitable for all "off-road" travel
Good	Suitable for "off-road" travel, but not excellent. May have isolated rocks and mud.
Fair	Appropriate only for Jeeps/4-wheel drive with high ground clearance
Poor	Only specialized Jeeps/4-wheel drive and non-motorized travel

The Bradford Conservation Commission assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of these observations noting that a comprehensive professional assessment has not been done and road conditions change. Travelers must use their own discretion in traveling these roads and drive at their own risk.

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Alder Plains Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Seth Benowitz, George Beaton

Date of Monitoring: Sept. 14, 2018

Conditions observed:

Erosion? Y Comments: Severe erosion in areas

Obstructions? Y Comments: One large 'dirt dam' blocks the road at one point - see photo 4. Part of the road is flooded - impassable - see photo 5. Many sections passable only on foot or by very high lifted 4wd truck.

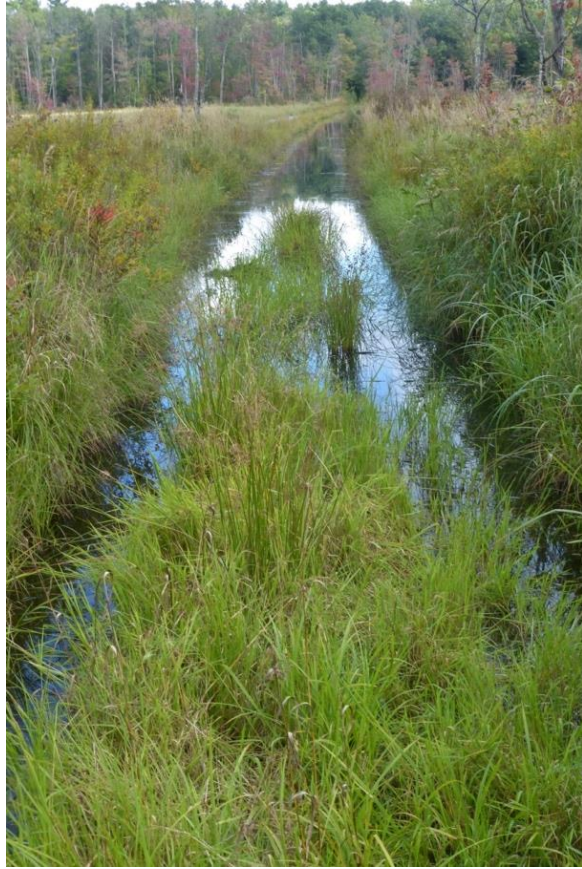
Trash/Dumping? Y Comments: Litter strewn throughout. A few huge trash piles and junk pile -- see photos 1 and 2

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? N Comments:

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Y Comments: Tracks and ruts from very large tires -- earth moving equip or large trucks.

Other Conditions? Comments:





Bible Hill Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Tom Dunne, Doug Southard

Date of Monitoring: Oct. 15, 2018

The Class VI section of Bible Hill Road appears to run through Warner with only the final brief (200 ft) section being in Bradford.

Starting at the beginning of the Class VI road, the following landmarks were noted.

Mile

0.0 Road maintained by Tom Dunne and is in EXCELLENT condition for a Class VI road.

0.3 Road converts to unmaintained and is in FAIR condition.

0.45 Warner/Bradford town line (approximately 800 ft from beginning of unmaintained road).

0.49 Apparent end of Class VI roadway (approximately 200 feet from town line).

Conditions observed:

Erosion? Y Comments: Mud/pot holes with some large rocks.

Obstructions? N Comments:

Trash/Dumping? N Comments:

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? N Comments:

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Y Comments: Some motorized tracks noted in the mud.

Carter Hill Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Peter Blank

Date of Monitoring: September 4, 2018

Conditions observed:

Erosion? Yes Comments: Significant erosion from beginning to Hillsborough town line. Some sections essentially impassable except by articulated suspension.

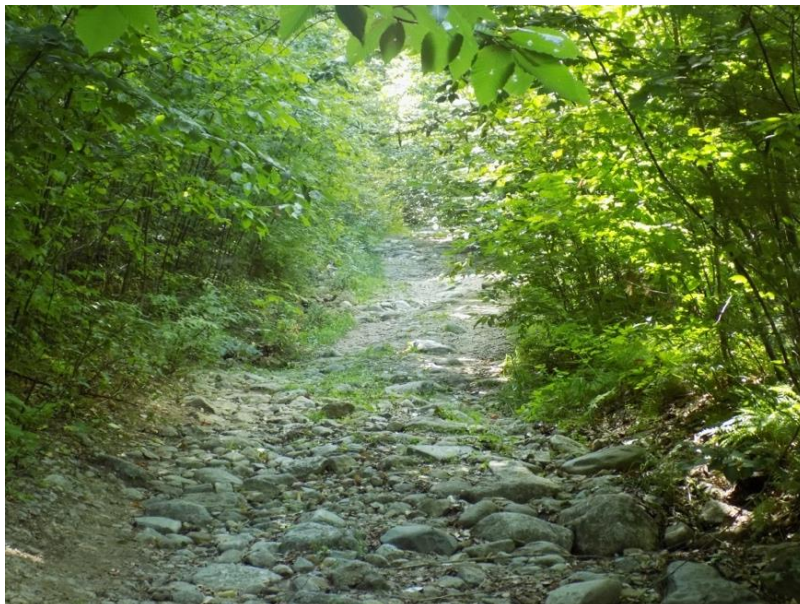
Obstructions? Yes Comments: One low lying area has roughly 6 inches to 2 feet of muddy water, perhaps 50ft by 30ft.

Trash/Dumping? Yes Comments: Very minimal trash.

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? No Comments:

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Yes Comments: Significant tire tracks, including ATV and 4x4 truck\jeep.

Other Conditions? Yes. Comments: Road primarily consists of large stones, with small sections of sand or gravel interspersed. Likely impassable by smaller ATVs.



County Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Bob Hodges and Bob Blank

Date of Monitoring: September 2018

Conditions observed:

Erosion? Y Comments: This erosion is on the last 50-75 yards to the line with Hillsborough, even down hill with ledge and rock abundant

Obstructions? N

Trash/Dumping? N Comments:

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? N Comments:

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Y Comments: Several residences

Other Conditions? Y Comments: First 0.4 miles is privately, well maintained at or above County Road town standards although somewhat single land due to wetland (both sides).

Day Pond Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Doug Southard

Date of Monitoring: August 4, 2018

Conditions observed:

Starting at 4-way junction with Rowe Mountain Road, Carter Hill Road, and Massasecum Road.

Miles

0.0 Road generally in "FAIR" condition with some large rocks (8-12 inches) over the first .25 miles.

0.37 Appears to be old off-road damage near a water crossing on left.

0.96 Road enters 4-way junction with Liberty Hill Road and a private road before continuing on to Rt. 114. The last .25 miles moves from "FAIR" to "GOOD" in sections due to rip-rap placed after logging operations.

Erosion? Yes Comments: Section closest to Rowe Mountain Road has significant erosion. Rip-rap placed on Liberty Hill end makes road a bit more stable.

Obstructions? No Comments: No significant obstructions, however, erosion is so significant close to the Rowe Mountain Road junction, it could be considered an obstruction as noted above.

Trash/Dumping? No Comments: No significant dumping noted.

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? Yes Comments: One "snowmobile?" sign pointing to Henniker located at junction with Rowe Mountain Road.

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Yes Comments: Old off-road embankment damaged as noted above. No activity directly observed.

Other Conditions? Comments: Trail sign needs to be labeled "Snowmobile".



Deer Valley Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Will Kranz and Meg Fearnley

Date of Monitoring: Aug. 10, 2018

Conditions observed:

Erosion? Y Comments: Heavy erosion in places, water crosses road in 2-3 locations; pooling in one spot (resident frogs)

Obstructions? Y Comments: 2 gates across road, one open, one closed but not locked

Trash/Dumping? N Comments:

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? N Comments:

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Y Comments: fresh light atv tracks, not recently heavily used

Other Conditions? Y Comments:

1. Landowner at Bradford end of Class VI Deer Valley Rd. states he owns the road, but there is a public right-of-way
2. Possible blocked culvert causing stream to cross/run down road

Dunfield Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Sandy Luckury

Date of Monitoring: August 17, 2018

Conditions observed:

Erosion? No Comments: West end of road some sign of rain water running down the road, but not washed out. "Water bars" are doing their job well. East end washed out.

Obstructions? No Comments: East end of Dunfield large boulders

Trash/Dumping? No Comments:

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? No Comments:

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Y Comments: No sign of current activity but earlier in summer there were both ATV's and motorcycles going by my house frequently.

Comments: Overall, I felt the condition of the road was very good.



Fortunes Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Brooks McCandlish

Date of Monitoring: July 30, 2018

Conditions observed:

Erosion? no Comments:

Obstructions? no Comments:

Trash/Dumping? no Comments:

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? no Comments:

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? yes Comments:

The Class 6 portion of Fortune Rd (past the McDonald residence) is maintained in excellent condition and used year-round by the Nowell's to reach their place in Newbury, just over the Bradford line.

Jackson Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): George Beaton

Date of Monitoring: July 29, 2018

Conditions observed:

Erosion? Y Comments: from 2-inch downpour on 7/28

Obstructions? N Comments:

Trash/Dumping? N Comments:

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? N Comments:

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Y Comments: vehicular traffic

Other Conditions? Y Comments: #243 Jackson are full time residents plus 2 other seasonal residents plus 1 trailer

Liberty Hill Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Doug Southard

Date of Monitoring: August 4, 2018

Conditions observed: (Starting at Bradford/Henniker Town Line)

Miles

- 0.00 Road in "FAIR" condition with frequent pools of water and rocks 4-8 inches. ATV signs formerly present have been removed. An "End of Contoocook Valley ATV Trail System" sign is now present as one heads into Bradford along LHR. (see pic)
- 0.14 Rip-rap appears to have been placed secondary to a logging operation. Road is close to "GOOD" from this point forward.
- 0.2 Substantial off-road damage has been done to embankment on West side of a bridge over a small stream. (see pic)
- 0.5 LHR ends at 4-way junction with Day Pond Road (both ways) and a private road.
Erosion? Yes Comments: Section closest to Henniker has significant erosion. Rip-rap placed on Bradford end make road a bit more stable.

Obstructions? No Comments: No significant obstructions, however, erosion is so significant close to the Henniker line, it could be considered an obstruction as noted above.

Trash/Dumping? No Comments: No significant dumping noted.

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? Yes Comments: In addition to the end of trail sign recently placed on LHR near the Bradford/Henniker line, there is a "No ATVs/Dirt Bikes" sign placed at the end of LHR near the 4-way junction. Similar signage is also noted as Day Pond Road continues on to Rt. 114.

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Yes Comments: Embankment damaged as noted above. No activity directly observed.

Other Conditions? Comments: The Bureau of Trails and CVATV Club have been thanked for taking down the ATV trail signs and putting up the end of trail system sign.



Massasecum Ave

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Scott Kirkell, Bindy, Doug Southard, Ann Eldridge

Date of Monitoring: Oct. 1, 2018

Conditions observed:

Mileage from junction with Rowe Mountain Road, Carter Hill Road, and Day Pond Road is 0.73 miles to what appears to be end of town maintenance where snowmobile trail goes off to the left. This end point needs to be confirmed.

Erosion? Modest Comments: Road in generally "GOOD" condition with isolated rocks and water bars. Several areas appear to have had small rock fill in the low points.

Obstructions? N Comments:

Trash/Dumping? N Comments: Only 3 bottles/cans noted in .75 miles.

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? Y Comments: Snowmobile trail signs at transition to Class V section of the road.

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Y Comments: Road clearly in regular use.

Notes: Scott Kirkell has done significant road maintenance on Massesecum Ave. as well as on the southern end of Rowe Mountain Road. Water bars are maintained and washouts are filled in whenever possible. This permits fairly good travel on these roads.



Old Mountain Road

Road Monitor: Carol Meise

Date: August 9, 2018

The road itself is in ok shape, there are a few potholes at the base near west road and some erosion as you go further up to the last Lucas house.

Someone has been widening the road on to our property, the south side of the road, putting down sand and cutting trees along the stream bank. From the base of old mountain road to the first Lucas house. We are, along with our forester, trying to stop and remedy this situation. I have a series of photos of the damage if you'd like to see them.

As Old Mountain Road goes up into the woods, the road and the shoulder of it seems fine on both sides.

Pierce Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Brad Keller

Date of Monitoring: September 13, 2018

Pierce Road is approximately 0.45 miles long.

Conditions observed:

Erosion? Yes Comments: most of the roadway has been eroded over time. There are long stretches that is a river bed in the spring and heavy rains. There a stream bed along the right side of the road which crosses back and forth in several places. Some areas are just rocks with no road surface. One stretch (about 100 feet) the erosion is about 3 feet deep as to the original service.

Obstructions? Not really Comments: there are a couple of trees down but we keep them from blocking the road

Trash/Dumping? No Comments: we keep any trash picked up

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? None Comments: All land area along road is posted No Trespassing.

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? occasional Comments:

Rowe Mountain Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): Doug and Barb Southard, Miranda Levin

Date of Monitoring: August 4, 2018

Conditions observed: (Starting at the beginning of the Class VI section of RMR (from the Class V Section))

Miles

- 0.0 Road initially level and then climbs up one hill that has significant erosion. Overall road condition is "FAIR" with occasional rocks up to 10 inches.
- 0.65 Snowmobile detour to the left (Northside).
- 0.75 Road conditions deteriorate substantially. Gentle downslope with significant rock outcropping, ledge and general erosion. Road condition is "POOR". See pictures.
- 0.94 1st camp noted on right (Southside). Some rip-rap on road and conditions improve to "FAIR".
- 1.0 End of detour which comes in from the left. Road conditions improve to "GOOD".
- 1.7 RMR ends at four corners with Massasecum Road, Day Pond Road, and Carter Hill Road. Junction is "GOOD".

Erosion? Yes Comments: Entire road suffers from erosion, however, the section from 0.75 to 0.94 is extremely eroded. Rocks/ledge drops of 1-2 feet are frequent in this section.

Obstructions? No Comments: No significant obstructions, however, erosion is so significant, it could be considered an obstruction as noted above.

Trash/Dumping? No Comments: No significant dumping noted.

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? Yes Comments: Snowmobile signage noted, particularly around detour.

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Yes Comments: One truck and one ATV (both local residents) observed.

Other Conditions/Comments: It should be noted that one resident was working to improve road conditions via water-bars and establishing drainage. Also, timber cut pending on Rowe family land around mile 0.5.



Smith Road

Name(s) of Monitor(s): George Beaton; Barb and Doug Southard

Date of Monitoring: 7/31/18; 9/16/18

Road Conditions: (Starting at the Junction of Smith Road and Rowe Mountain Road)

Miles

0.38 Intersection with Tuttle Road - FAIR
0.48 Hill with significant erosion – FAIR/POOR
0.70 Smith Cellar Hole - FAIR
0.72 Old logging landing - GOOD
1.22 Ends on Forest Ave - GOOD

Conditions observed:

Erosion? Y Comments: Significant on hill about 0.5 miles from Rowe Mtn.
Road junction.

Obstructions? N Comments:

Trash/Dumping? Y Comments: I (George Beaton) walked up to Abraham Smith cellar hole with my handsaw and cut some brush and small trees near the sign today. I noticed that some probable illegal dumping has occurred opposite the cellar hole in Margaret Kincaid's log landing - 2 pair of ski boots and a sink. My investigation was cut short by a screeching hawk that ushered me away from the area. I informed Margaret and suggested that she report it to the police

Recreational Vehicle Trail Signage? Y Comments: snowmobile trail

Motorized/Non-motorized Activities? Y Comments: occasional OHRV

