

To: Stone Valley Cooperative Recreation Area informal partners discussion group
From: John Omohundro and Mark Simon, Adirondack Mountain Club
Laurentian Chapter representatives to the partners
Re: Proposed Items for inclusion in future drafts of Agreement
Date: March 30, 2014

As the partners do not intend to meet regularly for awhile, and as Mark and I felt some items ought to be included to more fully reflect our group's discussions, we propose that the next time the group does meet, we consider adding two items to "Concerns," to wit:

7. Motorized access. Elsewhere in the Agreement is reported a request for motors, so here are listed some concerns raised during discussions about motors in the recreation area. SVCRA was envisioned from its beginning, in the 1980s, by the organizers (DEC, ADK, SLC) as a rec area for non-motorized use. Since 2007 the county has excluded motors from its parcels in the rec area. Brookfield Renewable's current land use policy permits motors in special cases only, but since 2001, under pressure from FERC, it has excluded motor access for security and safety reasons. Unauthorized motor access over the years has increased trash problems for trail stewards. Coping with potential user conflicts (horses, bikes, walkers, dogs, boaters) already pose a planning challenge so some of us are hesitant to increase those.

8. Boundaries. As the group develops planning maps, it has encountered uncertainty about the boundaries of the recreation area. Historically, Stone Valley brochure maps have always included all Brookfield lands in the region between the hamlet of Colton and Brown's Bridge. We request that Brookfield clarify for us which lands they intend to define as within the rec area. Similarly, the Lenney Road runs through SVCRA parcels. Shall we define it in, or out, of the recreation area? We assume that the owners (the Towns of Pierrepont, Parishville, and Colton) would make that determination.