
meeting 8/3/26

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Tresspass etc..docx;

Thank you for scheduling me to the meeting with the selectmen this coming Monday. I want to discuss the problems brought by people parking and using our property for their recreational and other uses. All without permission. It creates hardships for us and degrades our quality of life on our property. In addition it takes time and money away from the personal and farming activity there.

I am requesting that our property's road frontage become a no parking zone. Most particularly the area north of Dugway adjacent to the eastern end of the Christmas tree plantation.

The problem gets worse and increases every year. Add to the list this year; over night camping and a return of people digging up plants by the crateful and taking them to sell.

The following I've communicated before without it being addressed see attachment. And that is by no means a complete list.

I wouldn't wish any of these situations onto any one. If the highway is widened out on your frontage be prepared they will come and they trespass and they will abuse you and your property.

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Observed at my farm on Dugway Road examples:

Year around people on property without permission, peaks in summer

Garbage daily in summer

Drug dealer / customer transactions all year, peaks in summer

Dog fights, people fights, camping on property, fires, driving/parking vehicles on property

Noise, yelling, screaming, boom boxes

Guns – target shooting, other

Fecal and urine waste, people and dogs

Removal and or ignoring town signs, and no trespass signs

At times road cannot be passable or barely, cars left in travel lane common, hard for trucks to pass frequently, eventually some will get hurt

Above are some of what comes to mind.

Directed at me or when I've had to interact with people on property samples

Told what I can do and cannot on my property – because they don't like it or it interferes with their use of property, on occasion told they will make trouble for me

Not leave when asked/told to due to inappropriate activity

Intimidated/threatened verbally with and without guns in possession

Attacked by person's dog and bitten, chased or aggressive by a person's dog

Told we will take action against you while performing required land maintenance

Back country bikers and x-c skiers taking down sap lines

x-c skiers taking down sap lines during season

Above are a few instances/examples of interactions

Examples of losses of time and monies

Summer pick up garbage daily, rest of year once in a while

I had to hire a second truck to transport new maple equipment from Huntington Road, as 1st truck would not come onto Dugway fearing getting entangled with vehicles. Dugway has this known reputation even in Canada. Cost many 100's of dollars

Had to escort a truck through and out of Dugway after delivery of Christmas tree equipment from Michigan, getting him around parked vehicles. Driver from Texas didn't know about Dugway's reputation

Make repairs to maple tubing system year after year due to people taking them down and damaging them, many hours and expences

Christmas tree thefts, few 100 dollars each year

Having to take time to listen to people unfounded complaints when using farm property

Other thoughts

Hunters and people fishing almost all (99%) ask 1st

Almost all (98%) feel they are entitled to use the farm property. Since to them it's "Open Land"