

Doug Johnson sent us a message with a link to Colebrook's Facebook page where Ben Houle made a post regarding putting up fences on rail trail in VT.

Messages

Done

- Doug Johnson** (Mon) You: Thanks for messaging us. We try to...
- Klark Kent** (Wed) ...
- Kathy Harvey** (Wed) You: Please contact the local snowmob...
- Patti Ferrell Kenney** (Jan 25) Patti sent a photo.
- Dave Bair** (Jan 22) You: I think you might want to be talking ...
- Sha Hames** (Jan 21) You: Please check our posts on trail ...
- Kelley Whorf-Wile** (Jan 18) You: Thanks for messaging us. We try to...
- Echo Lodge** (Jan 14) You: We do not condone this type of ...
- Doña Starbird** (Jan 10) You: Thanks for messaging us. We try to...

Doug Johnson
Assigned to Chris G...
MON 3:56 PM

Ben Houle posted in Colebrook Ski...
as of the 1of apral the trail will be ...

Ben Houle:

Thanks for messaging us. We try to be as responsive as possible. We'll get back to you soon.

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Notes help you remember important details about people. Only people who manage your Page can see notes.

WRITE a reply

Here are screen shots from Colebrook's Facebook page.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying a Facebook group page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2182188669084990/permalink/2591447011052505/>. The browser's tab bar shows several tabs, including 'NH Bureau of Trails - Trail N' and 'Colebrook Ski-Bees Snc'. The Facebook page header includes the group name 'Colebrook Ski-Bees Snowmobile Club' and navigation options like 'Home', 'Find Friends', and 'Create'. The main content area features a large photo of a snow-covered trail winding through a forest. Below the photo is a '+ Join Group' button and a 'More' button. The post by Ben Houle, dated 21 hours ago, contains the text: 'as of the 1of apral the trail will be closed from weststewartstown to beech erfalls i will be putting up gates on my propty lines'. The post has 11 reactions, 74 comments, and 9 shares. Below the post are three comments from Robert Kaffel, Tom Carrington, and Dan Junior. The right sidebar contains a 'DESCRIPTION' section stating the group's purpose, a 'LOCATION' section for Colebrook, New Hampshire, and a 'CREATE NEW GROUPS' section with a 'Create Group' button. At the bottom, there is a 'RECENT GROUP PHOTOS' section with three photo thumbnails and a 'Chat (7)' button.

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21 hrs

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Like · 21h



Tom Carrington Just for season ending or for good?

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Peter Blanchard replied · 19 Replies · 11 hrs



Dan Junior Thank you for the use of your property. I'm also a land owner in the the ski bees territory.

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GROUP TYPE

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LOCATION



Colebrook, New Hampshire

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^ Hide 19 Replies

Ben Houle for good to uch dust from atv In summer time they go by to fast
Like · 21h

Tom Carrington Ben Houle so snowmobilers have to be penalized because you have a problem with ATVs? I don't get it
Like · 21h

Ben Houle no the skidoos go threw at wide open speeds its not cool
Like · 21h

Gary Misulia Don't blame you warn people and they don't listen.
Like · 21h

Tom Carrington Ben Houle , sad to see the businesses that will be affected by this and the good people out there
Like · 20h

Ben Houle iv tried to talk to derd they keep blowing me off
Like · 20h

Tom Carrington Ben Houle , That sucks, sorry you couldn't get a response, just saying it sucks to keep loosing trails and not all riders are Idiots and most do respect the landowners, sad day when this happens
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Tom Carrington Robert Cruickshank Pretty sure that's the trail
Like 20h

Richard Cole Jr Tom Carrington Doesn't the state still own the rail bed on the NH side? Not sure about the VT side
Like 19h

Tom Carrington Richard Cole Jr Yes on NH side, can't believe either state would give up the right away, my father has an old railbed running through his backyard and can't claim ownership of it and that's in Vermont
Like 19h

Richard Cole Jr Tom Carrington That's what I thought
Like 19h

Ben Houle is his rails stillthere
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- Tom Carrington Ben Houle** Your going to put gates up on land that possibly isn't yours to do so? Have you talked with the Ski-Bees about this or actually anyone that knows for sure?
Like · 18h
- Peter Blanchard Tom Carrington** I'm pretty sure he has to give out a public notice. With out notifying the public prior to putting up a gate. Could cause bodelly harm to other individuals. Who are not aware of the situation. I'm not sure but I'm guessing
Like · 11h
- Dan Junior** Thank you for the use of your property. I'm also a land owner in the the ski bees territory.
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- John Hisel** John Hisel
Like · 20h
- Michael Rooney** What trail goes thru your property? Are you talking about 20? Or are you on 21? Or 128? Understanding what area you are going to not allow use of anymore will help people understand
Like · 20h
- Hide 14 Replies**
- Ben Houle** its the rali bed from stewartstown and beecherfall
Like · 20h
- Michael Rooney Ben Houle** I thought the state owns the rail bed. Didn't they buy all that long time ago to prevent it from being used, as those are state trails. Being a user and not a land owner I'm confused
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Like 20h

Robert Cruickshank Ben Houle , rail road doesn't maintain their ROW to the bed anymore? It get turned over to abutting landowners? Do understand your position though.
Like 20h Edited

Michael Rooney <https://www.nhstateparks.org/.../upper-coos-recreational...>




NHSTATEPARKS.ORG
NH State Parks : Welcome
Like 20h

Michael Rooney Robert Cruickshank but the state purchased all of those rail beds from the railroad companies for muli use trail. This is why I'm confused as to him being able to shut it down.
Like 20h

Michael Rooney I'd like to know the exact location of your property and what part of this will effect the trail system. That's a huge area with basically one trail from what I can tell on the map
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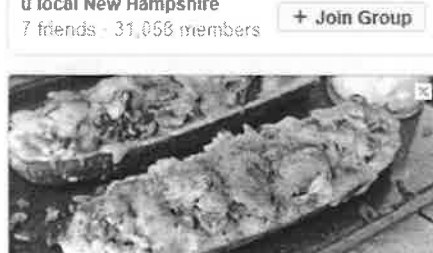
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Like · 20h
- Michael Rooney** Are you in NH or VT also... Cuse that matters also
Like · 20h
- Ben Houle** this is why the 99years lesse is over we they puled the rails they gave there rights ti it my land markers werwe in the rail bed un till they sent a escavator they removed them they had no rite to do so
Like · 20h
- Ben Houle** Im in vermont
Like · 20h
- Ben Houle** I tried to tell the escavator driver that he was pulling up my markers he sad he dint have to listen to aney one just to do it
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- David Cullers** Michael Rooney I think he is Vermont
Like · 15h
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David Cullers Michael Rooney I think he is Vermont

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Michael Rooney David Cullers I think he is and this 99 year thing I can't find anything on that, what I do find in the state of NH bought all of that 10 miles thru their from Boston and Maine RR in 1995, and that is all maintained and owned by the state of NH parks and rec. I would like to know the exact address to see the property lines available and see exactly what we are talking about for area as that is the only way to know if Ben can or can't, I highly doubtful that both of those two states would allow any closure of this main access across the state line that links a lot of snowmobile access to gas and across the river. I have found two properties in the town this guy owns in public records online and neither one of those from what I can see give him any right to do this. I'm not upset if he has legal rights to stop it, but he just became a member here today and put this post up... So I wonder what others who he has tried to contact have to say.

Like 15h  2

Peter Blanchard Michael Rooney he doesn't live on the trail. He rents his house out. He is located at the intersection in Beecher falls vt. His rental is located beside the rail road tracks that connects the trails from New Hampshire to Vermont over the covered bridge. In west stewartstown. It is one of the main trail system's. I would guess that without four wheeler's, and snowmobiling. This great place we call home. will become a desiert ghost town. without revanue from such things. There will be less and less jobs and less and less money. Every one will have to close up shop. From lack of income to make there bills. You see one dollar spent here makes its way over there. That's how economy works. Even the people that keep his business going. Will have no jobs or money. So avintally he will be the cause of not only. Taking away jobs in this great place people have called home for ever. But he will take jobs and food out of his own family mouth and his own business. Maybe he's made anuff money to live comfortably for the rest of his life. But I'm still young. So I've come to realize this place will never be like it use to be. There are no factory's coming back in the area, maybe the balasom but who really knows when. So what else do we have left. Ya logging and construction. Well logging is a dieing trade. And with out the snowmobileing and four wheeler's. We will not have any new or old construction to do. So I'm just wonderinn if anyone gave this anv thought. When they decide



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Like · 11h  

 **Scott Alati** Read his post as of April 1st and thank you sir for support of snomobiling and all of the other land owners thank you !


Like · 20h  

 **Richard Barros** Anyone else having a hard time reading this ? Is this English?


Like · 19h  

 **Tom Streeter** Richard Barros Not needed. Don't be insulting

Like · 19h   

 **Gary Hebert** That's too bad. Thx for past use. I'm sure it's very frustrating. I wish they could find compromise to access as it's pretty important route.


Like · 19h

 **Ben Houle** it will close pittsburg to

Like · 19h

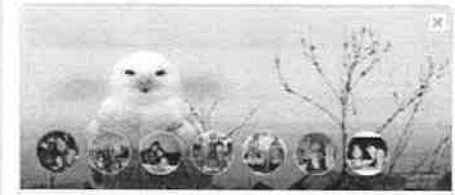
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Charles E. Bates Shoukd call a town meeting to see if the atv/skiddoo riders could come to an agreement with Ben.

Like · 19h



Scott Bernier Charles E. Bates nobody listens to the poor landowner you get the weekend warriors up there and they don't care who land they are ripping though

Like · 16h



Sharon Abbott Scott Bernier I agree some are just flat disrespectful , I have seen the snowmobile community start to police itself with this issue but there are always a few!

Like · 11h



Charles E. Bates Scott Bernier absolutely

Like · 10h



Charles E. Bates I have seen so.e of those folks fly thru there doing about 50mph

Like · 10h



Charles E. Bates I own the red octagon house on river road and love the access to colebrook and Stewartston. It will be very hard to come up with an alternative route around that area.

Like · 19h



Lawrence Huff Charles E. Bates down the road around his property

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Christopher Bean Charles E. Bates

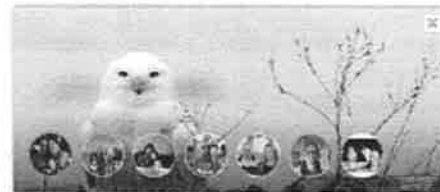
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Frank DeSimone Since that trail goes into vt for a bit, how does the registration process work? Do i need a vt reg as well? For that small sec of corr.20 over the river?

Like 19h

Ben Houle no
Like 19h

Frank DeSimone Bummer just getting back into sledding. Didn't realize the landowners are getting mistreated. We truly should thank them every day.....

Like 19h

Ben Houle iv tried to talk with nh trail service they blow me off
Like 18h

Ben Houle so now i will do something about it an see what hapens
Like 18h

Frank DeSimone Well. Sorry to hear Ben. I hope you can come to an agreement. I can speak for mostly everyone and personally thank you for everything you have done. Its sad that it comes to this
Like 18h

Sharon Abbott Ben Houle what can we as a snowmobile community do to solve this problem?
Like 11h

Bob Wozniak Tim Yah
Like 18h

Tim Yah Bob Wozniak , so is this the rail bed?
Like 17h

Bob Wozniak Tim Yah I think so
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Sharon Abbott Tim Yah yes it is



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 - Tom Carrington** Ben Houle I was trail master for our local club and had to explain to a few landowners that it wasn't up to them if the trail stays or not it was up to the state or rail company, not saying that is your situation but if you're in Vermont then I guess calling NH probably won't work
Like · 13h
 - Crystal Mae Leduc** It's illegal to put up gate's on property that you don't own, if you do it yourself and the state doesn't approve of the gate's you can get a huge fine....just saying....
Like · 17h
 - Christopher Woods** Sad to hear, did you contact the Colebrook Skibeas (groom) or Canaan VT club (maintain trail permissions probably)?? They could make a reduced speed limit there, FaG could enforce it....
Like · 16h
 - Ayron Smith** Ben Houlei beleive you must be on the vt side since you posted from Stewartstown to beecher falls. I do beleive nh owns a right of way thru the tracks to " we will say customs in beecher falls". So i guess it depends on what the right of way is for. None the less sorry to hear I as well as others will miss this trail if you do what your saying
Like · 14h
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Like · 10h
 - Richard Barros** An easement is the right to use a part of your property, by a third party, for a specific purpose. ... You can't build on an easement. Nothing - not even a fence or part of a fence. If you do, you'll have to take it down and compensate for any damages you might have caused.
Like · 4h



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Ben Houle we will see about that

Like · 21m
- 

Ben Houle u dont live here to put up with this shit every day

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Ben Houle this will end up in court

Like · 16m



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