

2022 West Side Trail Monitoring Report

Date Reviewed: October 5, 2022

In attendance: Jake DeBow (NHFG-Regional Wildlife Biologist), John Magee (NHFG-Fisheries Habitat Biologist), Clint Savage (NH Trails Bureau-Regional Supervisor), and Maggie Machinist (NH Forests and Lands-Regional Forester)

The West Side Trail is made up of two sections: the West Side Road and the Bordeau Trail.

Overview of 2022

The West Side Trail opened on May 23, 2022 and will close on December 15, 2022. The trail had some maintenance completed in July, which consisted of utilizing the rock crusher and grader on the Bordeau Trail while equipment was already working in the area. Forests and Lands staff was out on this trail several times this season because staff was working in the area on another project.

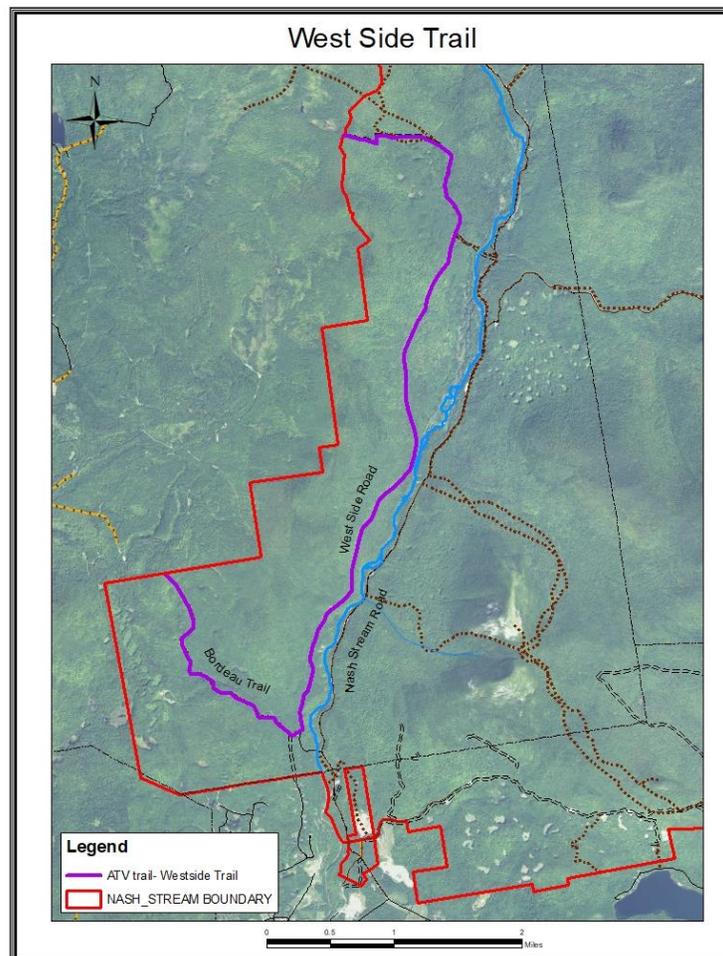


Figure 1- Map showing the Bordeaux Trail and West Side Road that comprise the West Side Trail.

On October 5, 2022 the West Side Trail was reviewed by Jake DeBow (NHFG-Regional Wildlife Biologist), John Magee (NHFG- Fisheries Habitat Biologist), Clint Savage (NH Trails Bureau-Regional Supervisor), and Maggie Machinist (NH Forests and Lands-Regional Forester) as the official monitoring trip.

Monitoring began at the cattle gate at the intersection of the Bordeaux Trail and the West Side Road and proceeded out the Bordeaux Trail all the way to the boundary line. The Bordeaux Trail was in good condition. In 2019 and 2020, much of the entire Westside Trail was re-built and remains in good condition from that construction.



Figure 2- Depicts the intersection of the Bordeaux Trail and Westside Road

Next, monitoring continued out the Westside Road, stopping to look at spots along the way to the end of the trail on Nash Stream Forest.



Figure 3- Depicts some of the trail conditions. .

Counters will be processed once the trail is closed for the season after December 15.

Conclusion- Overall, the West Side Trail appeared to be in good condition. There was no evidence of sediment going into brooks and the trail surface was hard and intact with little to no erosion, documenting the importance of regular maintenance.

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