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TFSC Site Visit- Postal/Slate Ave Trail

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Summary:

The group met at 9am at the Brown Public Library and walked up Slate Ave to access the trail network. Notice was taken along the way of washed out culverts and trail, some of which occurred during Tropical Storm Irene. The group hiked up the Paine Mountain Trail to just below the Beaver Pond where we followed the Town Forest Property line down to the river. The embankments on both sides of the river are rather steep and slippery. The corner to the private property that we are exploring options to re-route around was identified. The group traveled the boundary line up to the Postal trail. There were barbed wire fragments that could be followed up to the trail.

The group then followed the trail to the other side of the property and marked the segment of trail that needs to be re-routed. It is about 800ft of trail. We then followed compass bearings back to the corner of the property by the stream. It was observed that much of this terrain would be challenging to route around due to the steep embankments and fragile soil conditions near the stream. Stream crossings, to route the trail onto Town Forest/NU land, seem like they would be extremely difficult.

Following the stream back downhill, the group found an old bench-cut logging road on NU land that connected back to the Postal Trail near the stream crossing. There may be potential for creating a loop or somehow using this existing bench to create a re-route.