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VOLUNTEER WARDEN REVIEW

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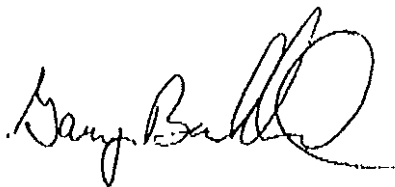
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The Lotus plants did very well again this year, however the dryness of this summer cut short the blooming period. The dryness of late summer and early fall was harder on the White-Topped Aster and there were very few blooms. Human impact was again minimal this year. There were a few cases of trespass by motorbikes and several mountain bicycles. Twice a horseback rider came through, but none of these seemed to have much impact. We have had two requests by mountain bikers to be able to conduct a race through the EcoReserve. We have dissuaded the bicyclists, but told them they could contact Parks if they wanted to pursue the matter.

The signs and fences are still holding up well. There is hiking activity but it is lessened from most other years. Someone with an axe cut a few deadfalls that were across the trail, but appears to have quickly given the job up. We continue to do trail deactivation during our visits.

Our wildlife sightings have been few although wildlife signs are increasing. We've seen a small amount of bear and cougar sign and some deer browse. Bird life is abundant and some of the moss meadows have many rodent (mice?) tunnels. Birds have been busy this winter searching for food in the meadows and digging in the moss.

Our usual summer Scotch Broom treatment was carried out. Much broom was left, as it wasn't mature enough to bloom, yet it was quite large. We will cut it next summer when it is starting to form seed. Our method is to only cut plants that have bloomed and this has been quite affective at killing them.



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