

Proposed Resolution #1
Requires 2/3 Majority

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MUCC region: 1
Proposed: March 12, 2022 Conservation Policy Board meeting
Title: Gates on Commercial Forest Act Properties

1. **WHEREAS:** Increasingly, gates are being put up on Commercial Forest lands on roads that were
2. formally open to vehicular access by the public; and,
3. **WHEREAS:** The Commercial Forest Act does not require Commercial Forest lands to allow vehicle access,
4. landowners are required to allow foot traffic for hunting, fishing, and trapping; and,
5. **WHEREAS:** To most, seeing a road with a gate signifies private property/do not enter; and,
6. **WHEREAS:** Currently, there is no easy way to know whether gated land is open to the public or not; NOW,
7. **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That MUCC work with the State Legislature to enact changes to the
8. Commercial Forest Act to require that any gates put up on Commercial Forest Lands be labeled with the contact
9. person's name and contact information, through signage, or readily identified with a universal system, such as
10. paint color, as Commercial Forest Land and open to foot traffic by the public.