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NOTICE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

Up to now, the owners of Barrett Lumber Co. Ltd. (BLC) and the descendants of Harold and Jean Barrett have firmly believed in the Nova Scotia tradition of multiple use as it relates to forestry. Provided they respected our forest and didn't litter or cause damage, they were free to trespass on our timber limit.

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| 1. Cross-country skiing | 13. Picknicking | 22. Cadet Movement, including group camping |
| 2. Sleighing | 14. Berry picking | 23. Sitting by a lake or brook for peace of mind |
| 3. Tobogganing | 15. Viewing wildlife | 24. A beautiful place to bring guests from away at any time of the year |
| 4. Fishing, hunting, trapping | 16. Nature walks | 25. Dog sledding |
| 5. Boating | 17. Walking for enjoyment and health | 26. Nature/educational opportunities |
| 6. Canoeing | 18. Dog walking | |
| 7. Kayaking | 19. Admiring fall colours | |
| 8. Hiking | 20. Boy Scouts, including group camping | |
| 9. Jogging | 21. Girl Guides, including group camping | |
| 10. Horseback riding | | |
| 11. Bird watching | | |
| 12. Swimming | | |

In 1978, we were forced to gate our roads because of illegal activities such as stealing, dumping of garbage, burning cars and setting a forest fire. The final straw for ungated BLC roads was in 1978 when a local teenage girl was assaulted on one of our roads. Since 1978, we have made our gravelled forest roads available for certain motorized vehicles under a written contract where we provided maps of our forest land and roads and a restricted key (\$25 for key and maps plus \$25 for charity).

Unfortunately, we still experience damage to our lands, particularly from off-highway vehicles (OHVs). I have been trying to work with OHV owners for over 60 years. First, it was snowmobiles in the 1960s when we had 2 to 3 feet of snow every year. Snowmobilers would treat a harvesting site like a hayfield and play around. The following spring, I would see many of the new trees destroyed, having had their tops broken off. In the 1970s, ATVs started appearing on our land and now they destroy our harvesting roads and a percentage of the new crop of trees, as well as walking paths and good growing sites.

BLC has spent tens of thousands of dollars to repair damage caused by OHVs to its harvesting roads, drainage ditches and walking paths. There has also been damage done to our equipment and fires set.

Therefore, the following changes are required for all types of users of BLC lands, effective **March 1, 2023**:

- **OHV owners and families, car and truck owners** must provide a signed sworn legal affidavit to have access and a restricted key to BLC roads (Lakeland Gate Committee has its own lock and only grants permission to use it to signatories of the BLC Family Forest Stewardship Agreement).

- **Walkers, joggers, dog-walkers, horseback riders and riders of non-motorized bicycles** must belong to a Beaver Bank walkers club yet to be formed. This non-profit association will set its own rules acceptable to BLC and sign a yearly contract with BLC. Interested parties should contact blc.rep22@gmail.com to arrange a founding meeting.

Until I turned 80, I never thought of my legacy but for the past three years it's a topic I do think about. Looking back, I feel my legacy is having been able to keep approximately 25% of Beaver Bank land in forestry. If the citizens of Beaver Bank continue to allow the destruction of our land by ATVs, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, monster trucks, Jeeps, 4-wheel drives etc., I and my family will have no choice but to sell it for development because with the amount of damage being done continuously to our forest land, there will be no future for forestry in Beaver Bank. It takes 40 to 100 years to grow a crop of timber and thousands of dollars for upkeep of the forest roads, transplanting and thinning, fire protection, ditch taxes and other taxes, not counting the damage done by OHVs.

At 83 years old, I am giving users this last chance. If they want to continue using our timber limit for peaceful recreation, step up to the plate and help us protect our land. Otherwise, the destruction caused by ATV users and others will force the Barrett family to sell their land for development. Then there will never be a new crop of timber and my heritage, of which I am proud, will disappear. And Beaver Bankers will lose a great recreational asset, besides local employment.

There is nothing I like better than to see responsible people enjoying our timber limit. There is nothing that upsets me more than the wanton destruction of our property. Always remember this: it is the renewable resources (logs, pulpwood, studwood, firewood, fuelwood chips, etc.) from our timber limit that provide income to pay our workers, pay taxes, and build and maintain these roads so many of you enjoy.

For those of you who are unconvinced to get a legally sworn affidavit (which most politicians sign for free), attend a two-hour orientation meeting with me and other volunteers to review the maps we provide and explain the reasons for the affidavit required to trespass with motorized vehicles on our timber limit, my answer to you is "Just stay off our land". It will save me and other volunteers of Beaver Bank thousands of hours.

The new BLC Family Forest Stewardship Agreement provides written permission for motorized vehicles (no permission available for two-wheeled motorized vehicles or any other vehicles used as OHVs—Jeep-type, 4-wheel drives, monster trucks, etc.). The cost is a \$25 family donation to a charity of your choice plus \$25 to BLC for a restricted key, maps and other literature. However, the total for OHV owners is \$100, with the extra \$50 going to help cover repair of forest roads, policing and legal costs necessitated by renegade OHV owners.

The only way the next generation of Barretts will continue BLC's practice of making our forest land open to the public by way of the BLC Family Forest Stewardship Agreement is for me to make this agreement self-sustaining at no extra cost to the next generation because they won't put up with what I have for over 60 years. They will just sell the land and be done with all the headaches.

Respectfully yours,



David F. Barrett