

## HF252-04 Written Responses

### Question 2 (How did you acquire your land?):

V388: My husband traded his carpentry and homesteading skills to live here and we bought house/land 1995ish

### Question 5 (Type of ownership) Other:

N288: Conservation Easement

N419: 10 acres owned by Glass and Aluminum Const. Services – 1 am 100% owner

V41: [Individual ownership, but previously] shared between my father, 2 sisters (not me) and one friend (1979). Through time of about 15 years, all were eventually sold to me and the corporation was dissolved. A few years later current use value was created (not sure which year precisely).

V105: [Individual ownership] but with a conservation covenant with neighbors and shared responsibility for maintenance of approximately 100 acres.

V189: Partnership

V342: Perpetual lease with right to transfer to heirs

V342 (2): I am the secretary of a small, private 501(c)(3) foundation established to preserve woodlands. I am answering for the foundation head.

V385: This land has been in Rebecca's family since 1906

V439: Life Estate

V450: [The land has] been in family since 1940!

### Question 6 (Important reasons for owning land) Other:

N15: Privacy (4)

N39: Farming

N42: Insulation from other people – sanctuary (4)

N43: History (4)

N63: Considering generating electricity from water source (2)

N103: Personal privacy (bought 58 more acres in 2010) (4)

N117: Firewood (4)

N134: Permanently NON development (4); Income from pasture and hay fields (4)

N142: Both of our home sites are on family land, although not in the woods, as such.

N168: Grow timber (4)

N213: Location of second home (4)

N214: Sugaring (4)

N252: Privacy (4)

N260: Tranquility of surroundings (4)

N272: I greatly enjoy wildlife and the environment but this was not the main reason to purchase.

N275: Privacy

N278: Prevent development (4)

N295: Protect my land from RV – ATV use (3)

N310: Trails for all to enjoy (4)

N314: Privacy (4)

N320: Vacation (3)

N322: Timber, blueberries (4)

N339: Privacy (4)

N340: Limit development (4)

N362: Potential 2<sup>nd</sup> home or retirement home (3)

N364: Potential site for future summer home (4)

N392: Clean water and air, heat home with wood (4)

N408: Nurtured growth (4)

N417: Keep it from being destroyed, cut down (4)

N419: Proper future use (4)

N479: Fuel [With arrow drawn to “Income from land”] (3)

N481: in memory of my late son (4)

N489: Provide privacy (4)

V23: Making and maintaining trails (3)

V41: Psychological security/peace of mind (4)

V53: Improve and maintain to achieve a sustainable forest. (4) (It is very important to us to leave this land as a legacy for our family, however we are not sure if any of our three sons is interested or will be able to manage it.)

V61: Enjoying working on the land (4)

V70: Privacy (4)

V93: Investment (3)

V129: Hunting (4)

V134: Harvest fire wood (4)

V164: This land has been owned by our family since the days of the Indians.

V176: Privacy and space (4)

V191: Sustainable lifestyle (4)

V206: Privacy (4)

V217: Keep VT green (4)

V222: Privacy (4)

V232: Private ownership of personal property (4)

V265: Because of health reasons I do not go in the woods because of inability to walk far. Went several times a year in the past.

V272: Firewood and other resources for personal use (4)

V302: Stop development (4)

V314: Gardening and animals (4)

V317: Privacy from other landowners (4)

V331: Privacy and freedom (4)

V342 (2): Education (4)  
V350: Privacy  
V361: Retire (4)  
V388: Being able to grow our own firewood (4)  
V392: Second home (4)  
V401: Possible future development (3)  
V404: Privacy (4)  
V408: Fuel (3)  
V433: Heat the home with firewood  
V447: Ownership, growing food, controlling environment (4)  
V471: Woodlot for firewood  
V482: Privacy (4)

## **Question 7: How often visit land?**

V132: Sporadically depending on time, mood, season, etc. Sometimes often, sometimes I'm away. I never like to do things in any of the ways listed above.

## **Question 8S/9L: Have you done the following on your land...?**

N24: About every 10 years we harvest some logs, after the forester surveys them.  
N39: Clearing land for farming  
N51: A portion of our property has been in current use for many years.  
N117: Haying and made fire road and wood roads  
N130: Trails  
N148: Haven't discuss property with anyone. No reason to.  
N151: Cleared up deadfall  
N181: Mowed land covered with grass  
N214: Run new sugaring lines  
N239: [Sale of some land]: offered to property owners adjacent to our property – no one was ready to buy it at the time, so we still own it  
N247: Made improvements – trails and improved pasture  
N249: Develop it – haven't because need financing  
N333: Picking up trash left by inconsiderate people (every year!)  
N343: 9 acres will be used as a home site for my son  
N362: Brush hog clearing on my land – haven't done it but should have!  
N419: Allowed a landing for adjacent woodcutting project  
N488: [Satisfied with conservation easement on land] until local (Keene, NH) ordinance limiting and prohibiting logging on steep slopes was passed then amended. Soured me on conservation easements!!!!  
N489: Cut trees to maintain view  
V4: Maintained trails and bridges  
V23: Cut trees to make trails

V30: I cut some [wood] damaged by ice and/or wind for firewood.  
V41: Developed a sugar bush, leased to local. I considered buying an abutter's house that came up for sale. Farmer might pasture cows in open field.  
V53: We were not satisfied with the cost of the first forester but have since found someone who formerly worked with this land) who has done a good job for us at a reasonable price.  
V160: Management plan prepared by George [husband in husband and wife joint ownership who both work in forestry and land conservation]  
V192: Cleared apple trees from being overgrown for winter feed.  
V176: Cleared trees, planted trees  
V224: Established food plots  
V241: The timber may have resulted from the land management plan  
V272: Work on a walking trail  
V310: Implementing wildlife habitat suggestions  
V314: Cleared for gardens and meat animals  
V321: Surveyed  
V342: Planted native wildflowers, planted sugar maple, maple sugaring, cut trees for view, marked to conserve indigenous wildflowers  
V345: Removed trees around house for safety  
V382: Brush hog field  
V394: Construction of home  
V401: Soil sampling, septic system, engineering  
V433: Forest management to maximize hardwood

### Question 8S/9L Extras:

N12: May still do a conservation easement  
N14: Already enrolled in current use  
N15: 7.5 acres came with current use  
N19: [Land] has been in current use for many years  
    [Land] has been in will for many years  
N24: Timber sale in past years  
    Hired someone to develop a management plan in past years  
N29: Hired someone to develop management plan 20+ years ago (and satisfied)  
    Current use for a long time (and satisfied)  
N32: Purchased in current use  
N43: No timber sale so far  
    No current use because not enough acreage  
N49: Somewhat satisfied with timber sale  
N52: conservation easement in 2002  
    Continued current use enrollment already existing for property  
    Included land in will in 2000  
N54: [Did not cut trees for personal use, but] cut up ice storm damage, gave wood to son  
    [Land] was in current use when purchased

N58: Current use enrollment was done years ago

N61: Timber sale currently pending  
Am still considering conservation easement

N80: Not sure about satisfaction of including land in will yet

N92: Hired someone to develop management plan 2+ years ago  
Enrolled in current use 2+ years ago

N103: Undecided about conservation easement  
Undecided about including land in will

N104: Created conservation easement earlier [2+ years ago] (and satisfied)  
Hired someone to develop management plan earlier (and satisfied)  
Enrolled in current use earlier (and satisfied)

N111: In current use when purchased (and satisfied)

N117: Have done commercial timber sale in past

N127: I believe some of the land is in current use

N136: In current use since 1986

N139: Still considering conservation easement

N142: Timber sale five years ago (and satisfied)  
Hired someone for management plan for our mother nine years ago (and satisfied)  
Continued current use: our parents did it years ago (and satisfied)

N168: No timber sale – stump price too high  
Trust [not will]

N188: May do timber sale  
Will include land in a will

N211: Timber sale in the future

N216: Will do conservation easement at some point  
Always been in current use

N240: Will include land in a will

N241: 15 acres [out of 20] in current use for years

N245: Sold house and 40 acres; minimal timber sale and minimal cutting of trees for personal use

N255: Already in current use  
Already included land in a will

N260: Unfortunately ½ acre short of qualifying for current use

N279: Already in current use when purchased [land] (and satisfied)

N288: Conservation easement prior to my purchase

N290: Considering current use

N306: Not done conservation easement yet

N310: Did a commercial timber sale in the past through a forester  
Hired someone to develop a management plan more than two years ago

N311: Not sold land – thinking  
Timber sale five years ago (and satisfied)  
Not done conservation easement – thinking  
Current use already in place

N312: Conservation easement already in place (and satisfied)

Current use already in place  
N322: Hired someone for management plan in 2005  
Enrolled in current use in 1976  
N328: Maybe do conservation easement in the future  
In process of hiring someone to develop a management plan  
N333: Thinking about conservation easement  
Thinking about current use  
N338: Conservation easement in future  
Hire someone for management plan in future  
Include land in will in future  
N355: Hired someone for management plan 13 years ago (and satisfied)  
N417: Current use since we bought it (and satisfied)  
N429: Hired someone for management plan approximately 4 years ago (and satisfied)  
N489: Already enrolled in current use  
N495: Currently considering sale of land  
Currently considering conservation easement  
Currently considering current use  
N?S: Previously did conservation easement  
Previously enrolled in current use  
Previously included land in will  
V58: Will probably do commercial timber sale in future  
Will probably hire someone to develop a management plan in the future  
V64: Already in current use  
V89: Still considering timber sale  
V132: Management plan was done years ago  
Am in current use plan  
V160: No conservation easement at this time  
V189: Property has been in current use program for years  
V191: Future consideration of timber sale  
V243: [Cut trees for personal use] and [did] storm clean up  
V261: Will was done years ago  
V335: Not entirely satisfied with current use – VT state is a little difficult  
V338: Am considering hiring someone to develop management plan  
V359: Maybe will include land in a will  
V360: Management plan completed for last 40 years  
V366: I am still considering including land in a will  
V369: Conservation easement – maybe  
Current use – maybe  
V375: No sale of land for time being  
Timber too young for timber sale  
May sell some land for conservation easement in future  
V385: Timber sale pending  
V388: We don't qualify for current use due to not enough acreage – our property taxes have tripled because we are not surrounded by billionaires with their 2<sup>nd</sup> homes

V401: It was already in current use  
V407: Several timber sales in past  
Current use in past  
V421: 44 acres for sale  
V440: My land is for sale (unsatisfied)  
No current use enrollment (unsatisfied)  
V457: No outcome on will yet – we haven't died yet  
V465: Commercial timber sale 25 years ago (and satisfied)  
V466: No will yet but will make one  
V482: Already in current use – couldn't own it otherwise (and satisfied)  
V484: No timber sale in past two years  
Current use since 1984 (and satisfied)

### **Question 9S (Type of info obtained from the following sources) Other:**

N39: USDA Farm Bureau  
N43: University of New Hampshire  
N63: Service Provider  
N103: Woodland management plan  
N129: Arborist  
N241: Hiking group  
N267: SPACE  
N295: Chairman of Conservation Commission; land management company hired by town  
N333: NH Dept's  
N389: University of New Hampshire  
N419: Advertising  
N495: State and Town websites  
V61: Material from county forester  
V172: Letters  
V175: Caretaker  
V331: We've had info from environmentalists but emphatically ignored it.  
V407: This is an ongoing process since we got the land. What is so magic about 2 years – this is a long-term, ongoing process.  
V433: Personal experience  
V481: State/County

### **Question 10S (Helpfulness of the sources in 9S) Other:**

N19: The Fed  
N255: Haven't made any decisions in past 2 years.

N489: County Extension Agent – Forester (1); Arnold Arboretum staff, publications and sale days (4)

V433: Personal experience (4)

## Question 8L (two-page table):

N58: All would be either ‘family member’, ‘neighbor’ or ‘friend’. This survey is really not applicable for our small amount of land [25 acres].

N142: About 10 Monadnock Conservancy trustees and staff. Add about 30 to the initial list: we often take visitors to the hilltop. Plus: an unknown number of hunters and snowmobilers. There’s a class 6 road running through it.

N168: My responses are not typical as I was an officer of Medium Size Lumber Co for many years.

N216: Too many visitors to list – often host gatherings of co-workers, Cons. Com. members etc. Often do low-level tours of reclaimed fields, cleared openings, etc. The two people listed are the only two with whom I have had contracts. I mow fields, cut brush, cut cordwood etc. myself.

N252: We talk with our neighbors occasionally about the land. We have worked with professional foresters in the past but do not currently. We have donated a conservation restriction to SPNF.

N352: Too many to list. We farm a portion of our land. Many visitors include hikers and hunters. Purchase of 2001 from a logger who cut all marketable timber.

N408: Really, almost daily visitors of all sorts

V30: We only consult with those who have sufficient knowledge and experience who we trust. A forest is a garden in which plants (trees) are raised and harvested when ripe (mature). It is not a museum. We worship God the Creator not the created.

V46: No one visits except for parties at the house.

V132: A bunch of people from the state came by with the forester. If I put initials this survey is no longer confidential. You can certainly surmise the forester. [On 2<sup>nd</sup> page of table] Did not ask for advice or receive any

V134: My sons and I manage it by ourselves

V236: Far too many people and I don’t remember most

V326: Not many visitors to use the land specifically or help manage it. We do that ourselves.

V342: Many neighbors, friends and friends of friends connect to trails on other family land via my land; they are too many to list.

V342 (2): Many other family members of board members, many neighbors and friends and community members visit this land often. Every year about 50 people participate in a work day on Foundation land. There are miles of trails used by skiers, walkers, runners and bicyclists. We estimate over 650 visits/year.

V350: I fail to see the relevance of this information

V366: [respondent created another column for ‘heavy equipment expert’ and checked that column for one person, who was also a local community member.]

V398: Sorry, impossible for me to answer this

V404: This is virtually impossible to answer... we may discuss our land with so many people, from casual conversation with friends and neighbors to the person cleaning the septic system. Over the course of 2 years, impossible to enumerate

V482: I don't post my land. I don't know who uses it, how many, how often. But it's more than your table allows – probably twice as many.

V494: Part of our land has attracted visitors for The Short Mountain climb and outstanding view. We abut nature Conservancy land. I would guess that as many as 100 people visit our land every week from April to November. Needless to say we have problems as a result.

## **Question 11L/12S – What kind of information [about woodlands] do you provide?**

N2: Biology of woodlands

N6: Recommend a forester or logger

N9: Cordwood selection, wildlife habitat

N24: Weeding, thinning, road building, anything necessary to keep up to date for harvesting. Refer others to county forester.

N27: Experience I have had living with and on my land for over thirty years.

N43: It rarely happens.

N49: General, non-specific

N54: Wildlife habitat, birds, tree species, wildflowers, wetlands

N61: Explain what we are doing and what several generations of our family before us have done on their land

N92: Management plans, timber sales

N103: I am not a source of information, other than to recommend my forest (and logger)

N104: Details of conservation easements (tax etc.), wildlife habitat, botany local codes and restrictions (class VI, roads, hunting restrictions)

N111: Uses for wood on my land, methods of harvest, types of trees, animal habitat, current use info

N113: Contacts

N117: General knowledge

N139: 1. Info on nesting birds and wild mushrooms, 2. Whitetail deer herd health and population, 3. Wildflowers and tree health, 4. Current timber prices

N142: We have both been asked about our experience arranging an easement with Monadnock Conservancy.

N157: What are your plans for this property (frequently asked question). My answer is an investment maybe it could be profitable somewhere down the road.

N158: One [person] hays the field every year, one bush-hogs the field. No discussion. They come and do it and leave. We don't have too much that's woodland.

N163: Anything

N168: Experience of forty years in industry.

N181: Personal experience about tree care and lawn care

N188: Conservation easements as chair of Winchester Conversation Commission

N193: tree identification

N210: Forests are like gardens – they need thinning in order to prosper/grow

N213: Current use, timbering

N214: Tree ID, sugaring technologies

N216: I've been an NH Park Ranger (past manager of Pisgah S. P. 1993-2003) for nearly 30 years. Neighbors, friends ask me all types of "natural" questions. Also member of local conservation committee – have semi-deserved rep as very minor authority.

N225: Information about tree health and species, about different wildlife, about maple sugaring

N231: Tactics for keeping away motorized vehicles, where the trails go, occasional bird or mushroom ID, etc.

N235: Tree clearing, type of tree to cut and "How To" cut and at what length.

N240: Current use, tree cutting and thinning, insect control, gardening, wildlife – control habits and habitats

N241: Experience of approximately 20 years

N248: Yield from trees, which tree best source of heat

N249: Name of forester and info regarding tree species, frequency of cutting, types of cutting

N278: Types of trees – hardwood/leaf/evergreen. Explain wetlands. Tell landowners when they have a nice stand of oak – pine – etc.

N289: More about wildlife in the woodlands

N290: How much acreage do you own, are you cutting own firewood

N295: Information about the conservation easement on my land

N302: I attend woodland/wildlife management courses when possible and talk about what I've learned.

N306: Logging

N310: Land managers

N312: Some of the building rights were previously sold to the state of NH for conservation in the late 1980s.

N322: Invest elsewhere!

N331: Ex-Logger of 25 years – what should be cut, how to cut, price of timber

N333: Why I love owning land and the satisfaction it provides.

N338: I can talk about my experiences and projects, and the general state of things in my forest.

N339: I tell people about the wildlife I see.

N340: Shrub/tree identification – pruning information – tree health, i.e. insects/disease – proper chain saw use – vernal pool information

N341: My positive experience in thinning out saplings

N355: SIP program info, how to become registered tree farm, woodcutting/logging

N356: Drainage, erosion control, current use info, general conservation

N373: I tell people to use downed woods for fuel, to cut up firewood that, say, came down from the ice storm, or some other storm. To cut down dying trees, and let new growth come in and not clear cut. Keep brush piled up in a place where small animals can live in it and it will rot there. This allows us to wander around without tripping over a mess.

N376: Involved in local historical societies and teach about historical land usage and development to students

N378: Personal experience with family ownership of woodlands in CT, MA and NH.

N383: We explain what we are doing on our land.

N389: General info

N392: How to cut and process firewood for home heating, how many acres are needed to provide firewood for heating

N399: Wildlife habitat

N409: Thinning trees, what to cut for cordwood and logs. What to leave for hardwood.

N417: It depends on what they ask.

N418: The benefit of current use. I do not like all the new houses in rural areas. This is pushing the wild animals out of their habitat.

N429: We explain that we are a Tree Farm, we have a written plan and engage a private forester for advice.

N430: What trees to cut for income now. What trees to cull or save. What wood is now bringing in improved price at the mills.

N436: Watching the wildlife

N452: I have not answered questions 8-11 [long version], they are inappropriate

N453: Discuss conservation efforts, review foresters

N460: Type of trees and PCT (pre-commercial thinning). If to log or not, ratio of land to species of trees.

N468: Talk about trails and recreations

N469: common sense observation reporting

N472: General: type of trees, forest management, etc.

N477: only what is necessary

N479: Mostly regarding cord wood production and personal use. Some natural history and wildlife management.

N481: Basic ideas about planning to build a home in the future somewhere on the land

N488: Wildlife, primarily

N489: Types of trees grown

N496: Keep my land for wildlife. I cut and clean my land for sugaring.

V8: Methods used for successful timber sale, operation, finances, and restoration of land at completion of operations.

V15: I grew up in the woods and have basic working knowledge.

V21: Timber harvest and wildlife management

V34: Flora and fauna identification

V39: General[ly] most of my issues are boundary line issues

V41: Sorry, I am quite in the dark. I do not tell anyone I own a forest. I am a performing musician, and most of my friends are struggling financially. I keep very quiet about this – I wish I could meet more forest owners. My Dad was an excellent conservationist. Now he has Alzheimer's. He used to be very helpful.

V42: Land use program experience, experience of obtaining land from family trust.

V52: Current use regulations. Forester and land management. Operation of maple sugar facilities. Rental of open fields.

V53: Information about the current use program and loggers/foresters

V61: Informal referrals

V62: ...From readings and experience.

V70: Diseases of trees, tree cutting selection  
V71: Tell them how I'm managing my woodland.  
V74: Conservation, land use  
V80: We like (but are not involved with) the Vermont Land trust. Our land is enrolled in Vermont Current Use Assessment.  
V92: Crop tree selection, harvesting techniques, forester and logger recommendations  
V99: That I am a Use Value participant  
V105: Information on the relationship between forest species and the underlying geology.  
V107: Technical and emotional  
V117: Historical and geographical  
V119: Basic knowledge of area  
V127: General word-of-mouth info about flora and fauna, invasive species.  
V130: Aesthetic experience, conservation  
V135: Wildlife access, who to call  
V142: Botany, ecology, woodworking/crafts from local forest products  
V143: Source of info  
V146: Price of timber, type of trees  
V169: Current Use Program  
V173: Species of trees, tree growth  
V177: I grew up in a forest environment. What to cut, what wildlife needs, and recreation control.  
V186: Property value 'guess'  
V190: Naturalist lore, some ideas about conservation/wildlife  
V191: I am a forest ecologist and advise woodland owners on the full range of woodland management  
V206: Land use, tax advantage  
V213: Logging and land improvement, i.e. crop free release etc.  
V214: Firewood harvest; ID of flora; history – stone walls, former pasturing, old house as base for farming.  
V218: Tree usage for firewood, tree usage for framing  
V224: Wildlife food plots  
V233: Wildlife habitat improvement  
V245: Vague – I don't know much  
V271: Depends on what they ask  
V272: Information about trees and other plants and animals in the woodlands.  
V276: Experience with land ownership and maintenance  
V277: What and how to cut  
V309: Environmental education information – plant and animal ID stuff  
V312: Speak to people inquiring about the property  
V314: General info on ecology, flowers and farms  
V321: Tree types, other wild plants, habits of animals, historical information. I guide hikers.  
V331: Land has been in a constant state of change throughout geologic and human history. Many changes are the result of human arrogance and stupidity. The wisest course of action is to leave it alone as much as possible.

V340: Forester's name

V342: Not much. I usually refer them to others who are more knowledgeable.

V344: Give my own experience about ownership and how the current use program works.

V351: Knowledge about how we manage our tree farm

V352: Cutting wood/clearing

V355: Practical knowledge and direct them to written resources

V360: Details on what I am doing – logger, forester, hunting, fishing – past experience

V361: General[ly] limit[ed] to my knowledge

V364: Impartial and accurate

V366: I share my experience as “steward” of our woodlands during the past 40 years with friends and neighbors who have management or practice questions.

V367: Whatever I know

V382: I am a Korean vet and my land is mine and it's not mined.

V385: I am an RI-licensed arborist.

V388: How to live with what you've got – my husband is very ingenious, skilled, creative and strong – info: logging, culverts, grazing

V391: Woodland pests, animal and bird ID

V393: Types of trees, planting, food for wildlife

V398: How I developed a plan to log the land for the health of the woodlot

V399: Tree identification

V404: Knowledge of some tree diseases, effects of runoff, environmental factors acid rain, etc., general knowledge

V408: Personal use – how to cut tree, types of trees

V418: Advice, show around property

V427: Conservation easements, harvesting, development, wildlife

V429: Knowledge about tree types and soil types

V433: My preference is to encourage hardwood growth (maple, oak, cherry, black locust, beech). Through selective cutting and to discourage softwoods/also plan for firewood and a high canopy with meadows and grass below.

V441: Woodland clearing. Not to do any unless absolutely necessary!

V447: We hosted Game of Logging chainsaw classes. We teach friends how to split wood with a maul.

V450: Enjoyment of owning land, current use information, history, area information, firewood

V459: Wildlife VT Land Trust

V466: What type of animals I've seen, what types of trees are on the land

V470: I am a wildlife biologist – management – so I provide that info

V475: Tree types, cord wood

V482: Recommend forester, explain current use law, discuss posting issues, advocate current use law to legislators

V483: Portions of the land are in easement held by VLT (Vermont Land Trust)  
Land already in current use  
Management plan in place

V484: Inquiries about our experiences with current use, forest management

## Comments or questions:

N7: Dear David, I had 25 acres of white pine. I sold the pine off in 1997-98. The land is now returning to hardwood. [Landowner's name]

N12: Although my family (my father's mother and then he and my mother) have owned this land for generations, ownership is now to me. Dad put the 57 acre parcel in current use. I would like to consider something stronger for the 7 acre parcel on the lake shore, but it's not enough for a conservation program.

N13: In the years we have owned the land it has been cut twice by a responsible group. However the 3<sup>rd</sup> time was a very bad experience. The trees were cut, all of the trash was left, all of the brush left, and we were not paid for all of the timber. New Hampshire must regulate the woodsmen. We are absentee owners and have to rely on local sources who should be regulated and reliable.

N15: My husband and I bought 7.5 acres about 40 years ago we built a house on it for our use. Subsequently my ????. Four years ago my husband died and I live on here. I am in mountain zone with 8a zoning. I also have MS – hope you can read my writing.

N19: I am currently enrolled in a federal inventory/management program.

N24: Right now legally blind – not very active in woods.

N27: Please accept my tardiness regarding your survey. Good luck. I have visited your Dioramas and found them to be superb.

N38: I never talk about others.

N39: I am cutting trees to restore an 1805 farm back to a working farm, they are mostly cordwood. Anything bigger has already been cut years ago.

N42: Thanks for sending me a second survey form. I misplaced the first. This property is where [we] plan to build a home. A few acres will be converted to pasture. Some managed as food plots for wildlife and the remainder left as is. It was timbered before we bought it. We expect to cut firewood for personal use throughout our lives.

N43: The future of New England woods depends on a lot of things, not the least of which are timber-cutting programs on government land – state and federal – and attitudes of little towns. I think a lot of small towns are quite opposed to cutting timber and would like to get more tax money out of the land, if they could... [Landowner also wrote:] [land] in family for 100 years

N55: I plan to build my own home here at some point in the future.

N73: Protecting New Hampshire and its woodlands is of paramount importance.

N80: [Written with question 7, regarding time spent on land] At present time [visit land 1-2 times/month], has been more in the past and expect to spend more time there – I go there in my imagination several times a day.

N104: You have a wonderful facility that I recommend often

N113: I am only the caretaker for my land for my generation. That is the way I feel.

N117: If it weren't for the current use program, we would not be able to keep the land. It has fields, swamps and woodland. We have done periodic selective cutting in the past using a good forester. We may again in the future.

N120: Family purchased it [the land] in 1890

N127: At this point in our ownership we have not considered other uses for our land. We enjoy it as a setting for our home.

N129: We changed the minimum lot size in town to limit development in rural, wooded areas; created an open space committee to identify areas that should be protected.

N134: Sorry about the mess – I'm not very good at questionnaires = I have found the USDA office on route 12 (Walpole) VERY helpful – I wish I had the finances to buy the woods to the east, north, and west of me to save them from development. They are part of a wild life corridor that goes from east of Hancock almost to the CT river – woods that have MANY kinds of trees are so very beautiful. I have been in areas where landowners were encouraged to plant one species of tree, and it is a very sad gloomy result, and feels sterile and empty (although I am sure that is not true) of wildlife and wider growth, especially of wildflowers. The vitality of woods where they border open fields also fascinates me. I have been told that the loss of farmland to development and to commercial woodland is another aspect of woodland management that needs more study. Attempts to abolish current use tax program to help struggling towns has an immediate appeal but spells a definite disaster as more and more agricultural [lands] or woodlands will disappear. City people want to move to the country and these turn it into suburbs – not understanding the need for open spaces and for woodlands, for streams with live banks rather than sterilely cleared “lawn to stream” vistas etc, etc, etc. (Soap box!)

N141: I live more than 1000 miles from my inherited woodland, so travel, planning, scheduling, accommodations, etc. become important. On two separate occasions (years apart) I scheduled meetings with public foresters. On both occasions two different public foresters were no-shows.

N144: I have owned this land for almost 40 years. When I first purchased it, I was very active, i.e. a forester made some assessments – we heavily used the land for recreation. However, we are fairly passive now.

N148: Our daughter owns a home on this parcel of land that is mostly ledge, a swamp, a home site and steep hill and ledge cliff

N155: My property includes a public owned (but not used as such) water area. Resources are needed to sort through the local, state, and federal restrictions and permitted uses of land and water. Thank you.

N157: My father and I purchased this parcel during an energy crisis late 70s/early 1980s mainly for use of wood for fuel in our home in Mass and possible build a small recreation site. But mainly for an investment down the road.

N158: There are about 4-5 apple trees, very old, which still stand on the hill, old fashioned apples. Trees are minimally maintained. This, for me, is home and a peaceful place to live. Hope to keep it that way. Years ago someone wanted to cut oak trees, but that's not going to happen.

N161: 20 acres of our land is primarily marsh and wetlands. There is no timber really to be harvested.

N188: Just completed management plans for two lots – 143 acres and 100 acres.

N210: My land is close to a showplace/part and on Dublin Road towards Monadnock State Park. Most of the forest land around here is either poorly managed or unmanaged land, what a shame for future generations. I am self taught in many ways.

N214: It may have been useful to ask for the types of use. In my case it is sugaring, firewood, occasional lumber, and environmental education. (As well as recreation/horse riding.) Good luck, [landowner's name]

N216: Land in family since 1940

N217: My brother-in-law and I have established an extensive mountain bike network of trails on our land. I would like to see trails expanded on other people's land and town property maintained by clubs or land stewards, with a tax incentive to landowners who allow trails to be built. They have done this in other parts of New England (Kingdom trails, Burke, VT) and it has been a huge economic boost to the area. People travel from the whole Northeast to ride these trails. Thanks.

N223: Dear Mr. Kittredge, Information regarding woodlands abounds in a wide variety of sources. I do not need you, Harvard University or any other well-meaning entity to help me make decisions in the future! Best regards.

N225: I have purchased this land in pieces as they become available as long as it abuts current property. I am a certified Tree Farm, I manage the land for time and wildlife and some recreation. The land will be left to my four children to do the same, not to be sold for development!

N231: Thank you – and thanks for the follow us as it would have been easy to forget this survey – you weren't going to let that happen!

N235: I would like a copy of this survey, however the log house that I just built has no internet yet.

N249: Current use laws should be addressed in the report (pros and cons for example) and how local laws can affect tax rates with regard to 'posting' of land. Report should discuss the benefits of selling land to towns for conservation/protection.

N251: Contacted VT forester several years ago (i.e. 2003 or so) – he visited and walked property with us – evaluating for logging, told us about land use, property tax program, etc. We are currently satisfied with use of land as is (recreation)

N252: We keep a 25 acre field clear and otherwise leave things alone. We have no interest in more active management.

N260: We selectively cut for cordwood for primary heat source of wood stove. We have black bear, deer, fox, turkey, and many birds therefore we want to maintain the woods for the wildlife.

N295: Most of all my information was obtained from the town of Jaffrey and the private land use company they hired to oversee the use of the property (Moose Lake Ecological). The chairman of the conservation commission was VERY helpful, both before and after the sale.

N311: We do not make decisions on our woods every year. In 2002 we hired David Kent of Keene, a private forest with NEFCO, who developed a ten-year plan, hired a logging contractor, and supervised the cutting. We were very satisfied with every of the operation. We probably should think about the plan soon (10 years). If David Kent is available we would hire him again.

N312: Our family owns a dairy farm and has numerous visitors daily to the farm. It is difficult to determine people we speak with about the land and farm, since occurs daily.

N320: I am not an "average" owner. Our family spent many vacations in New Hampshire. Originally we intended to go to our land and camp, instead of renting. However, my husband died in 1988 so never did, also the owner of the cottage we rented died (1986) so we didn't go

back there. I love New Hampshire, the beauty, the mountains, lakes and the wonderful air. I hope these forests can be preserved for our children and grandchildren. [Continued on enclosed letter] Dear Mr. Kittredge, Enclose my survey. I wrote in the 'notes' how much I love New Hampshire – so won't repeat. I hope that forests can be preserved (where I live, every inch is built upon – and I have neighbors who HATE trees, so I am happy to know my trees in New Hampshire are there!) My children and families vacation in New Hampshire and visit our "land" so far none have camped there. I'm too old to travel much now – but still happy that there still is beauty in New Hampshire.

N321: I do not have enough land for current use nor conservation as eventually I would sell all my land with my house in the event I move.

N325: The land is owned by myself and my sister. My sister lives in Indiana and hasn't been to the land in over ten years.

N332: The 'initial' question [Question 8L] is not user-friendly. Who would sit and think back two years?

N333: I plan to retire to NH or MA and at that time will decide to keep or sell my land. I will not build on it. I would like to see more info regarding the current use and easement programs. The info from the state is not helpful in making a decision.

N338: It seems this survey is the creation of someone a bit too "in his head." The reality here at my farm cannot be related completely, or even very well, based on these (sometimes too narrow) questions. I felt the need to change the last option on page six [9 long column "Not applicable"]. There are lots more questions that I wonder about that were not touched on.

N339: When you are surrounded by something day in and day out I think most people take it for granted. I bet most woodland owners would be in that boat.

N341: I would like to place an easement on some of my land to prohibit development or sale by my heirs. [Also enclosed was the following letter:] Dear Dr. Kittredge, I am indeed sorry to have taken so long in returning your survey. As I'm in the process of recuperating from open heart surgery, much time has been spent traveling back and forth to labs and hospitals, to make sure all is well within. The operation has been deemed a success, thanks to the care I have received both in Boston and here in Keene. My Dublin property totals 33 acres and is listed on the National Historic Register. Featuring a 1795 Center Chimney Cape Cod style house, a 28'x30' barn, Forge, woodshed, the buildings sit on 2.5 acres surrounded by fields, stonewalls and woods, which are in Current Use. The property also is on the aquifer which serves one of our major wetlands. My goal is to put easements on all but the house lot, with the goal to keep the setting undeveloped for future generations. Please keep me informed of your work through any bulletins or reports that you may circulate. Many thanks. With all my best wishes, [landowner's name]

N351: This land is not to be developed but rather left in a natural state. The only exception is the cutting of trails for recreational use open to the public and hiking, cross-country skiing, horse riding, etc.

N360: Thank you for the five Euros – but I'm returning it! We have been away for some time and feel badly about getting your survey filled out and sent! You will see that we have not done much with our beautiful land... yet perhaps someday. Right now we live too far away to enjoy it! I hope your survey yields some interesting results. [Landowner's name]

N362: I would welcome advice from a trained professional (i.e. forester) on the maintenance of my land. Because I live so far away, I tend to put off doing anything with it. I know my "clearing" is probably gone, and I know I need to visit my land but it never makes in onto my priority list unfortunately. But I don't plan to sell it anytime soon.

N365: Dear Dave – Sorry for the delay in returning this survey, but I don't think my particular information is going to be very helpful to you. The only woods I 'have' rim the 17 acres which his open field: my current use is for agriculture, not woodlot. As a Jaffrey Conservation Commission Member and long time concerned environmentalist I'm well aware of the need to protect our open spaces. I do hope the results of your survey will help in some way with that protection. Sincerely, [landowner name]

N373: I try to use most of the tree – cut limb wood up for my cook stove, large pieces can go into my chuck stove. I still have stuff to clean up from 2008 ice storm.

N378: I would like to know with whom I could speak to determine a fair, qualified, trustable logger to cull our woods. It scares us that old trees might disappear in the process.

N386: Our land is recovering from aggressive logging – heavy rutting, erosion and skidder trails, some trees left hanging caught by other trees.

N399: Good luck!

N405: I don't have a computer. Why must everyone have a computer? I do have a telephone. Retired 28 years.

N408: Our planning board is keenly aware of the pressures on open space, which includes woodlands. Such pressures include in-migration to NH, development and changes in demographics. Although generally knowledgeable, we also avail ourselves of technical and professional help.

N409: I try to thin my forest to get the most growth out of it. I took some forestry courses in college.

N418: My husband purchased this land when he was 17. Wanted to put a mobile home on it but never did. Purchased house that abuts the 16 acres he bought. Have our family room for adventure on our own property. Has been used as a salvage yard. No longer has any old vehicles on it. Had blueberries on it. We keep the land because our five children grew up on it.

N419: I would be interested in buying land abutting to my land! Can you guide me as to how I can accomplish this mission

N436: Had some trouble understanding how to answer some of these questions. Hope this is helpful to you.

N464: Thank you for your survey. I found it interesting and enjoyed being considered the owner of a woodland. I found it quite difficult to fill in section 8 [long] as it seems almost grandiose to call the small piece of land we own a woodland, although it is wooded and has a wetland and meadows. We have had many, many local friends and acquaintances who have walked the land with us and talked to use about this specific piece of land from personal anecdotal experience. Others from the area have passed on experience based on received advice and some who have just appreciated the beauty and peace of it. We trim and manage the trees ourselves and have further support with mowing, clearing and landscaping efforts from a professional with whom we do not have a contract. Most of our woodland management is intimate and responsive to present needs. Good luck with the survey. [Landowner name]

N465: Have a management plan for Jaffrey and Dublin. May sell land in Rindge sometime. Have approximately 5 acres turned into fields for agriculture in Jaffrey, to grow organic nutrient-dense produce! Member of NOFA [Northeast Organic Farming Association] Mass!

N472: Contemplating timber cutting to pay for increase property tax.

N478: The woodland was attached to a house that I owned from 1968-1997. I sold the house and 15 acres and kept the remaining woodland. I have logged it since and keep it as conservation land.

N479: David and folks – If we can help in any other way, please contact us. Thanks and good luck.

N481: I am always happy to talk about my land! Thank you.

N482: Have tapped maples for sap, and cut dead trees for wood.

N488: My sources of woodland info: Northern Woodland Magazine, Working with Your Woodland, A Landowner Guide, and otherwise books, publications, articles

N489: I find it now very difficult to get information from the Cheshire County Extension Service. Unlike in the past they are unable to provide information on any but the most common trees and shrubs. Like to plant different types of trees and shrubs and in the past staff was very knowledgeable and helpful.

N493: 12 acres, wooded, mostly pine, mostly wet, in current use (except for 1 acre house lot), unwalkable, never touched

N495: Currently considering: developing woods, clean up of downed trees, for hiking trails

N?S: Good for you for doing this

V5: Only about 3 acres of our 17 are woodland. A farmer grazes horses on the meadow and we keep the woods safe for the animals. We mostly cut trees only if they are storm-damaged [?]. We also have a beaver pond and a manmade pond.

V23: We enjoy making trails and building bridges and boardwalks through both our property and neighbor's property. We love hiking, cross-country skiing and sight-seeing.

V26: I thought the 'table' questions were rather confusing – hence why the first received got tossed! (Sorry) I'm still not sure what you were asking.

V37: I actually would like information about my property and woodlands and was unsure how to go about it. Now I will endeavor to see if there is someone I can contact – I will begin with the internet.

V41: I would like to consult with an interested 3<sup>rd</sup> party about my woodlot. I am caring for my mentally ill Mom, 2 kids, and trying to keep my career afloat. I feel bad that my forest does not get much attention from me. Luckily, it does okay with little maintenance. But I have questions regarding my forester and logger goals. But I LOVE trees and nature. So any workshop or class you can suggest, please do so. [Landowner also wrote in Question 1:] I bought the land from my two sisters and Dad

V43: My woodland is the location of my summer home and that is its primary purpose. It has been logged but the last time was eight years ago.

V53: Land in my family since 1943

V57: All the "experts" want to manage the woodlands – selective cutting, thinning, etc. I would like to see some of Vermont allowed to grow into old woods naturally!

V58: On question 9[long], an additional column might ask whether respondent would consider doing XX given that s/he was now aware of it. For instance, 1 had not thought about 3 items, but might consider doing one or more of them. Good luck!

V62: I consulted a forester (local, public) when I first purchased. Read many books and periodicals – made many mistakes – endured – have a decent site. Good luck to you. Keep us informed.

V63: Property is 140 acres of woodland, poorly logged in the early 1950s. No plans to log now. Extensive hiking/skiing trails on property that connect to extensive trails on abutting properties. Was one of conservation buyers in successfully completed preservation of the 600 acres – nearby Hogback Mountain, VT property. [Landowner also wrote in Question 1:] Family purchased land in 1954

V66: My apologies for the delay. I'm not sure how helpful the information is. Please feel free to call if you have questions. 781-641-1501

V80: Thanks for your efforts – we always support efforts to conserve open lands.

V88: This land has been in our family for more than 50 years. It had to be subdivided to provide land for me. Have we received competent info many years ago when we reached out to land management officials this whole parcel would have been put into current use and it would have remained in one ownership. Due to incorrect info supplied to us we had to subdivide and eventually sell the main parcel. NOT GOOD.

V93: We are very passive landowners. Three or four years ago we enrolled in current use but have not done anything since.

V97: I am extremely disappointed in the way Vermont has handled wildlife management, specifically deer. My property (and area) went from great hunting to just about “0.” I am seriously thinking of selling due to the amount of posting, which is ridiculous, and lack of game. Coupled with that, I believe that out of state landowners who manage their land should be given free or at least resident status on hunting. It costs me \$130 to hunt nothing.

V105: Some things we have considered doing and not done are still options we may consider in the future.

V117: We were the first (in 1970) lot owners in a plan of 40ish 1, 2, and 3-acre lots which, when filled, left 200+ acres which the lot owners – or those interested – purchased from the developer and finally (5-7 years ago) conveyed to a nonprofit conservation organization owned by those interested who pay the very modest property tax, create trails and engage in minimal management for preservation as a forest wilderness.

V132: I get my information by reading. Unfortunately most of the professionals I've spoken to in the past, loggers, foresters, etc, seem to have an agenda not compatible with mine.

V134: We have had problems [with] ash trees dying and beech bark disease – destroys trees. These become winter's firewood.

V141: I just pay the taxes and let it go at that. As my dad used to say: “Hang on to the land, they're not making any more.”

V142: 1. Originally acquired in 1936, 3. Originally 100 acres, 6. Currently absentee, but intended primary home!

V144: I'd be delighted to support this. My contacts are so extensive as to make it too time consuming to list. There was no category for me to acknowledge land use more than two years ago and anticipated in the future, like commercial timber.

V160: George [husband]: I have visited dozens of woodlands within the past two years, too many to enumerate. I work as a private forester. The land is enrolled in UVA, has been for over 10 years. Joan [wife]: I work for the VT Land Trust and provide land conservation assistance with conservation easements for individuals, towns, and other community groups.

V161: If the questionnaire had not been limited to the last two years, the questions would have been answered differently. #8[S] Commercial timber sale – yes, Cut trees for personal use – yes, Hired someone for management plan – yes, Included land in estate plan – yes, and satisfied; #9[S] Over the years, many books, magazines, factsheets, and publications have been read. Further commercial sales are anticipated.

V169: Thank you – you may call if you need or email [contact information provided]

V177: Vermont native taxes on land are HIGH compared to their income. Families increasingly sell pieces of their lots.

V197: Only lived here in Vermont since June 2010. House 1 year old. Land cannot be subdivided. Zone for 1 house, 1 garage and 1 barn. Before I sell I would offer house and land to spiritual retreats but at this point I would need market value not donation.

V204: about 10 years ago we had a state forester cruise this forest. His opinion was marginal timber at that time.

V220: Have not seen land in many years. We bought it as part of a ski report which has since been sold. No more info.

V222: Purchased property strictly for privacy.

V232: David: I am writing to you regarding the conversation last week concerning the “2010 Vermont Landowner’s Survey” you are conducting. It perturbs me that we as a nation are obsessed or even inquisitive about whom are neighbor consults regarding the decisions made on usage of private holdings. As long as my neighbors, near or far, are following the guidelines and current laws (of which there are too many), I find it none of my business nor am I concerned of whom he consults regarding the usage of his property. If my neighbor is conducting himself in a manner that falls outside these guidelines and laws, it then becomes a matter of public concern, but not until then.

David, regarding your explanation of the study outline in the second to last paragraph on page 8 [long survey], “the collective future of New England woods depends on the decisions made by thousands of private woodland owners like you.” Do we not already have an army of Federal and State financed scientists and enforcement agents? Are we not already spending large sums of money for studies and enforcement of current laws? Do we not already have Community Colleges and workshops for those who are truly concerned and inquisitive enough to pursue further education? Land ownership is not a collective right, it is an individual right. The more studies we conduct and laws that we pass, the more individual freedom we lose.

It is not my intention to belittle or besmirch you or the survey. My sole intention is to answer your questions as honestly as possible. As long as I am conducting myself within the guidelines and laws of the land, it is not anyone else’s concern but my own.

I would invite you to read from the second paragraph of our Declaration of Independence, adopted by Congress on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty,

and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights **Governments are instituted among men, deriving their powers from the consent of the governed.**”

If we, as the governed, continue to consent to our individual rights – God-given rights – being continually eroded, we will awaken one day only to realize that we are no longer free, but enslaved to the government that we created.

Sincerely, [landowner’s name]

V261: Thanks for the largely anonymous nature of this questionnaire. And no money questions either, that is nice. And, an envelope I did not need to lick.

V263: Two acres are considered homestead. Balance is basically just woods. I personally would not consider 10.8 acres a woodland of any significance.

V265: I have done nothing in the past two years in my woodlots as my property is up for sale. In previous years I have sold logs, and had a forester mark the woodlot. I have another good section to log but have held off because of hopes of selling the property which is in the hands of realtor Berkley and Veller in Brattleboro. If I do decide to log (if not sold – due much to the economy) I will first have a forester mark the woodlot. It is a beautiful piece of property.

[Landowner also wrote in Question 1:] Have lived here nearly all my life

V271: After I retired I moved from Long Island, NY to Asheville, NC. The land is for sale for the last 5 years.

V292: I have filled this out to the best of my ability for my mother the landowner, who is 96.

V293: 1. I want to keep most of this land for our families. 2. High taxes make it necessary to get some income from this land. 3. Your suggestions?

V312: We enjoy living in Vermont. Best of luck with the survey! If you need to contact me, my email is [email address]. All best, [landowner name]

V314: What an opportunity you missed by not asking about use of land, I would expect more depth coming from Harvard.

V317: Please limit building and clear-cutting of land. Selective cutting is healthy and we need to preserve our wildlife.

V321: I would like more info on conservation easements, forestry management, utilization of water sources, building an “off the grid” house.

V326: We have two home businesses (a guitar (custom building) shop and a recording studio) on our 14 acres and hundreds of people visit us here each year, but not primarily to enjoy the land – rather to enjoy our house and yard which is in a stunningly beautiful setting.

V329: From what I am hearing, Dummerston Zoning Committee wants to place more restrictions on what I can and cannot do with my land and I’m not pleased with their ideas such as allowing public access for I fear liability issues if someone gets hurt on my land.

V331: Please do not attempt to impose on us what passes for wisdom today. What passes for wisdom today is very likely to be proven to be stupidity in the future. The nature of the woodlands will probably change over time, due to both foreseeable and unforeseeable events. If we tread as lightly as possible, then maybe we can help our woodlands to survive. If we make lots of plans the plans will probably fail. Leave it alone.

V341: I don’t think my land is any of your business!

V342 (2): Please keep in mind that, where applicable, the answers reflect the broad policies of the Foundation.

V349: The property has been in the family over 100 years and probably due to taxes it will be sold probably within ten years.

V355: I am Harvard '76 and one of my favorite courses was a Harvard forestry course – one weekend out at the Harvard Forest! Good luck.

V360: We have been members of the Woodland Owners' Association for more than 40 years. We get a lot of information from them and the County Forester. Property has been logged 2 times – 1974, 1995. We will log this year and next for 3<sup>rd</sup> time. [Landowner wrote in Question 1:] Family purchased land in 1953

V361: Fall of '09 I harvested timber on my lot. I had a very enjoyable experience with a small business logger, Longview Forest Cont. Westminster, VT. They made good use of a forwarder, feller buncher and heft man. Property as good as you could imagine. [Landowner wrote in Question 1:] Family owned land since 1902

V363: We are upset the prior owner of property clear cut approximately 5 acres. Except for some paths we are letting it grow back. We have lost quite a number of trees to wind as they are on ledge and less protected because of former owner's cutting. The other issue that is disturbing is we own property that the power lines go through and I'm not happy about the chemicals they spray to inhibit plant/tree growth under them.

V375: The current education taxes are killing us. I know that I could reduce them by choosing 'current use,' but then what happens if we want to sell some of the land bulk or some building lots?

V381: Apparently we could use some help – would welcome information

V385: The original land consisted of approximately 200 acres and was Rebecca's grandparents' dairy farm, consisting of house, barn, out-buildings, fields and forest land. Over the years the property has been divided and some of the original 200 acres has been sold and developed. My wife and I purchased the remaining 42.4 acres from her four siblings and intend to cherish and preserve what remains of her family farm. This property was enrolled in the current use program when we acquired it and we continue to have it enrolled today. It is under a forest management plan and work will be done managing the woodland in the near future. We are working with a county forester and a consulting forester. We intend to preserve what remains of this farm! We do not want to see any more of it sold or developed. The fields and forest are a treasure to be preserved.

V388: My husband has explored ways to use the land to help us not get so kicked with such high property taxes... to no avail. Vermont is NOT as green as people think. (Thank you for listening.)

V405: The property I own in Vermont is strictly for recreational use. This is our second home in the country, not our primary residence.

V406: Less than 1 acre would be considered woodland. Sorry, it seems impossible to fill out survey.

V415: Fifty years ago, I met a Vermont farmer. We became friends. He gave me 11.5 acres and helped me build the house I have lived in ever since. The house and land will go to my son who feels as strongly about protecting land as I do. The farmer, Peter Wimmelman, even though deceased, remains my best friend.

V427: Survey seems to focus in last 2 years. Since 1978 and before I have focused on these issues and consider myself well-informed on woodland issues in southern Vermont.

V428: I would like a property owners' guide to managing our own forest.

V431: Our land is investment property for vacation/camping now and eventual peace to build retirement home.

V433: If there are any land management programs you are aware of please let me know. I have 20 acres in VT. Thanks.

V447: In addition to enjoying our woodland, we are reclaiming and improving our open land as we use it to raise lambs, chickens, rabbits, a vegetable garden and also offer edge to wildlife.

V450: I enjoy my woodlot/camp for hunting, and as a wildlife preservation. I have kept it open for others to enjoy as well. [Landowner also wrote in Question 1:] This land has been in family since 1940!

V460: Sorry not to be of help – my involvement with the property is basically about zero even though I am the primary decision-maker among us three brother owners.

V466: My father bought the land in the early sixties, to build a hunting camp, which he did. When he passed away in the late 80's, my mom told us, her six sons, to take over the land. Over the years, my parents sold pieces of the land to help pay taxes etc.

V470: I am a foreign services officer stationed in Baghdad, Iraq. Visit Vermont every summer for four weeks.

V474: VT taxes out of state landowners unfairly. Property values are over-inflated in my case and cause hardship. I am willing to sell but cannot get even half the assessed value.

V475: I enjoy both woods and stream

V477: I harvested pine and poplar in 1985 nothing since then.

V481: My experience (and of friends) suggests the economics of open space preservation via commercial logging is a loser – for small owners like me (100+ acres). The costs of professional forester, cutting and hauling logs, plus taxes (even reduced) eat up revenue. Owners need to be dedicated to the idea of preservation!

V482: Good survey but it doesn't reflect much about current use law and how essential it is to private ownership.

V484: Buying 62 more acres at this moment

V494: As you can tell we have a public access problem which has some benefits but lots of headaches.

VL?: In my general area there is a bit of a class, old-time residents tend to be anti-regulation, new arrivals tend to be the opposite. Seems to be a common trend across the country.

Personally, I don't mind some restrictions and regulations like minimum acreage and frontage per house site, but beyond that it can be a bit invasive.