

Barrett Lumber Company

Woodland Overview Letter

28 June 2007

Dear Sir/Madam:

We wish to thank all of you who help keep our woods an enjoyable, productive forest, especially those who clean up litter, etc. If it were not for those of you who take the time to inform us about the road problems while they are "hot", we would have to consider closing our roads. If we keep receiving information that helps us control the problems that develop, such as the ones listed below, we should be able to keep on top of the situation and retain our policy of letting responsible neighbours use our wood roads which, except for off-highway vehicles (OHVs), we now have a handle on.

In 1994, Barrett Lumber Company (BLC) was experiencing serious problems and had to change the locks that summer on the Fenerty and Beaver Bank Lake Roads. The problem was that young people with access to their parents' keys were having drinking parties back at Square Lake, etc. With your help, the RCMP and neighbours, we were able to regain control and protect our land from possible fires, litter, broken glass, etc. Except for the short time during the summer of 1994, we had been able to keep the #88 lock on our wood road gates (over 19 years).

Recently, the reckless use of OHVs on our woodlands has increased and is becoming a serious problem that needs to be corrected. Because of dangerous speeds, the lack of respect, going anywhere and everywhere, etc., BLC is forced to react.

WARNING – If, by 31 May 2009, ATVANS or SANS do not have a system in place whereby BLC call either organization to solve problems with OHVs, either by peer pressure or by providing information by which BLC can charge OHV operators with trespass or destruction of property, the BLC woodlands will be closed to all OHVs.

1. There was a tragic accident at Rossley Gate Road with a racing snowmobile and, because of this, we are insisting that no one trespass on our lands without knowing where the gates are and about any other dangers that are present.
2. Snowmobiles, 4-wheel, 3-wheel, and 2-wheel vehicles have been tearing up newly-planted trees, etc.
3. We are not being informed of what is happening in our woods as much as we should be.
4. Some roads are being traveled while the frost was coming out of the ground in the spring. We have had to change the locks from 15 March to 1 May each year; some years, 1 March to 1 May.
5. Some of our new roads, or extensions of old roads, which we have not graveled, are being torn up, especially during hunting and fishing seasons.
6. A lot of vehicles are being driven around gates, especially OHVs.
7. We are getting reports of pedestrians and horseback riders having to leap out of the way of speeding OHVs.
8. People are using our roads for drinking and then leaving bottles in the woods or on the roads.
9. Some are driving on roads when they are too soft, thus causing damage.
10. Some are driving nails into our trees.
11. Fires are being improperly constructed or located (not near water, not encircled with stones, etc.)
12. Deer-jacking or other illegal activity may cause any lock to be changed at any time.
13. A written agreement and keys are given free of charge to all youth groups, schools, etc. that wish to use our roads, providing they come to a BLC Family Forest Stewardship meeting and sign our Stewardship Agreement.

TREE STANDS (WITH NAILS)

Because high-speed saws and nails are a deadly combination (like shrapnel going through our sawmill):

- All existing tree stands with nails must be dismantled and cut into four-foot blocks. Anyone constructing new tree stands with nails as of 1 May 2005 will be charged with destruction of property and any other charges that apply.

As you likely know, it would be much easier for BLC and the various property owners who are granting this permission to simply close off their roads. We hope we never have to do this. Please continue to inform us so that no problems get out of hand. We thank you for your support.

After 19 years, because a number of people possess "bootlegged" keys and on our lawyer's advice, we changed the locks on 1 January 2006. It is now the BL-03 key.

Some of the recreational uses of BLC timberlands under the Barrett Lumber Company Family Stewardship Agreement:

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

There is nothing I like better than to see responsible people enjoying our property. There is nothing that upsets me more than irresponsible use of our property.

Always remember, it's the logs, pulpwood, firewood, fuelwood chips, etc. from our timberlimit that provides over 70 jobs at our plant in Beaver Bank, besides the many other jobs for logging contractors, truckers, etc.

The wood fibre, which is a renewable resource, also provides the money to build and maintain our wood roads and productive forest that so many of you enjoy.

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