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Subject:	North Street Parking related signs proposal
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Hi Bruce,
Sorry I didn't get this to you earlier! I hope it is in time.
Let me know if pictures or any other information would be helpful!

I have been working with a number of volunteers to establish, maintain and improve a winter trail network in East Montpelier utilizing some on the original Morse Farm trails and a number of new trails. I would like to propose some parking signage towards enabling that effort.

Goals of signage
1. Provide safety for trail users and others parking along North Street
2. Protect trail access by managing parking and related use by addressing landowners and neighbors concerns.

Line of sight concerns. Parking near intersections on North Street has caused understandable concerns. This is a place that many people historically come to park to walk, at least in part, in order to enjoy the views and open area. Neighbor's concerns are that the new winter trails will aggravate that problem.. Reducing the number of people who block the line of site, as people come to intersections and are making turns will increase safety and reduce concerns of some neighbors.

How safety would be addressed.
The request, for the intersection of Sparrow Farm Road and North Street:
Signs restricting parking within approximately 200 feet of the intersection. This start at of near the speed limit sign on North Street on one side, to the first driveway in the other direction. This would protect the line of sight at the key intersection.

The other location that would benefit from some kind of solution is where the trail crosses between the sparrow farm field and Petra and Ben Lange's property (see attached map). People parking near this trail crossing, to access it, could cause two types of problems.
1. Line of sight.
The road is narrows here, and additionally, there is a hump in the road. Reduction in line of sight and the additional distraction of parked cars will reduce safety.
2. The area is a key entry point for a farmer and his equipment (see map, also I can see a pic if that helps). Parking that blocks or restricts that access would be a huge negative impact. Even if parking occurred nearby it could make navigating tractors and trailers and other farm equipment difficult for the farmer and hazardous for others traveling the road as the farmer tries to get around parked vehicles.

FYI
We have arranged parking in two, plowed locations. 1. In a spot off country road and in a field off Cummings Road. We are actively encouraging parking at these locations. We expect 75% of winter trail users, especially trail regulars, to use these resources. We still want to

encourage access and reduce confusion, conflicts and accidents.
We are wide open to suggestions in helping this volunteer effort to improve trail access for our community.

Thanks much for your time and consideration!
Geoff

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