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Town of Freedom Select Board 71 Pleasant St Freedom ME, 04941

To whom it may concern,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my thoughts and concerns regarding the Beaver Hill Road in Freedom, Maine.

Over the years, my family and I have had many meaningful experiences on this road, which has become an essential part of our lives. We have enjoyed various outdoor activities here, including hunting, snowshoeing, skiing, and spending time together as a family. These moments have been fundamental in creating lasting memories with my family and close friends.

One of the things that has stood out to me over time is the lack of other people using the Beaver Hill Road. Over the years, I have not encountered others when I've been using the road or when I've been on our land near the road. The only other people I have encountered have been family or people who have requested permission to be on our property and have come to us and asked. This absence of traffic has allowed us to maintain the peace and solitude that are critical to our experiences.

However, as of the last few weeks, public use and misuse has increased and that makes it harder to enjoy the activities that we have historically used our land for. The increase in traffic, especially from those who may not understand the nuances of using the road responsibly, has led to concerns about safety and the potential for more disturbances and damage. This road is overgrown and it would be impossible for a vehicle to navigate the Sibley Road end of the road. It is, at best, very difficult to even walk on. Given its current state, declaring it private is the best answer.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Beaver Hill Road be a private road. Preserving it as a private road would help keep the safety of the landowners who live and abut it, and protect the solitude and privacy that have always been so important to my family's activities.

Best regards, Brennen S Wade