

## **State Of Maine Rail Access Procedure And Contact Information**

To operate on the Mountain Division or Lower Road in the state of Maine, a volunteer work agreement must be filled out, signed, and filed with the state of Maine, and approved by Nathan (Nate) Howard, Director of Rail Transportation. Every person riding in a motorcar on the rails needs to have an approved form on file, no exceptions.

The forms are valid for one calendar year and can be downloaded from our CVRTC web site. Print and complete one form for each person that will be taking part, have them print their name and sign the form as indicated, then scan the completed forms and either email them, or send the printed hard copy via USPS.

When you wish to ride one of the lines, you must request at least one week in advance for access to the rails with the line you want access to, and the date. The request needs to be made to Greg Gay, Transportation Operations Manager, either by phone, or email. You do not have permission to ride the rails unless and until you hear back from Greg Gay with his approval.

Once you have verified that everyone in your "motorcar work party" operating under the approved request has set off the rails, you need to contact Greg Gay and let him know that everyone has set off the rails, and let him know what you found during your "inspection ride" and any work your group performed during the ride. Trash clean up, brush and downed limb clearing of the ROW are the most common types of work you'll provide as a volunteer.

Standard PPE must be worn during set on, while on the rails, and during set off. Exercise care where you park your tow vehicle and trailer as to not create issues for others. Common sense needs to be exercised in this regard, park only where it is legal to do so. Use the same policies and procedures we all use during CVRTC and NARCOA excursions, and ALWAYS err on the side of safety.

If you are a first timer requesting access to these rails, contact CVRTC Safety Chair Scott Fuller for any questions you might have.

### **Contact Information**

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