

Newport Forest

March 4 2002

2:15 - xxx pm

(**Note:** this report is reconstructed from field notes six years after the event.)

Weather: overcast; gusting winds from W; LM - 2° C; FCF -7° C

Purpose: to clean up property

Participants: Kee, Nic

Open areas on the property have about 10% snow cover, the forest has 10-20% snow cover. We filled the deer feeder and both bird feeders and cleared branch debris near the camp. We walked the BCT to the deer feeder, filling it and continuing on to the HB where we checked to see if Lotor was home, leaving DBs despite his absence. Descending into the RSF, we discovered a large piece of rusty sheet metal off trail. We brought it back to the trail for later pickup. Nic also found an old paint bucket on the floodplain. We also came upon what appears to be a very large HB with a 1m dbh. The tree is located at 50 m S of the RST at metre 1100.

The river is high, up to the foot of the bluffs and it has backed up FC, coming just under the bridge pipes.

Birds:

2 American Crows (BCF); 2 Black-capped Chickadees (Tr); 2 Canada Geese (TR); 1 Downy Woodpecker (Tr); 1 Red-bellied Woodpecker (Tr); 2 White-breasted Nuthatches (Tr);