

CURRENT USE CRITERIA BOOKLET

Posting of Current Use Land

1. Land assessed under current use may be posted "No Trespassing" or other signs, unless landowner applies for the 20% recreational adjustment. Receiving current use assessment does not require a landowner to open the property to public use, unless landowner also receives the 20% recreational adjustment.

NH FISH & GAME SIGN PROGRAM
Landowners who keep part of their lands open for hunting, may qualify for free access management signs through NH Fish and Game's Landowner Relations Program. More information can be found at www.wildnh.com/landshare .

20% Recreational Adjustment

1. If a landowner decides not to post "No Trespassing" and opens the property to public use without an entrance fee for 12 months a year, the land is entitled to a 20% reduction in the current use assessment of the acres opened to public recreational use. To receive the 20% recreation adjustment, the landowner must allow all of the following activities:
 - a. Hunting,
 - b. Skiing,
 - c. Fishing,
 - d. Snowshoeing,
 - e. Hiking, and
 - f. Nature Observation.
2. If any of these activities are detrimental to a specific agricultural or forest crop, that activity may be prohibited. If the 20% recreational adjustment has been granted, posting to prohibit any activity listed above requires approval of the local assessing officials. See Cub 304.02 for further explanation.
3. The landowner may prohibit trespass upon his property for all other activities, including use of mechanized and off-highway vehicles (such as snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles-ATV), camping, cutting down trees, etc. Posting land to prohibit these activities will not affect the 20% recreation adjustment.

EXCEPTIONS
The municipal assessing officials may make an exception to the 20% recreational adjustment for landowners who have a temporary safety concern. Examples of these exceptions include, but are not limited to, a pesticide application or large timber harvest. Landowners who repeatedly need to request exceptions should consider removing the land from the recreational category.

Zoning Requirements

1. For all classifications of current use land, the dimensions of a building lot shall not be governed by any local or planning ordinances. For example, an 11-acre parcel of forest land in a municipality that requires a minimum of 2 acres for a building lot, may still qualify for current use assessment. If the building lot, as defined under Cub 303.02, occupies 1/2 an acre, then 10 1/2 acres would qualify for current use assessment regardless of the 2-acre zoning requirement.