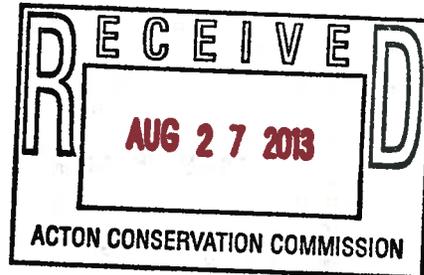




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Dear Rita and Wick:

In response to your email of August 20, 2013, the Conservation Commission agrees, based on inspections on August 23 and 27, that the vegetative ground cover in Area C is established. Therefore, you may now use it for grazing or any other activity allowed by the Hybid license. In response to your question in that email as to whether you needed Conservation Commission permission to use Area C, section 9.1 of the license was specific that "Until the Conservation Commission has determined that such ground cover is established in Area C, that area may not be used by the licensees....".

The Commission would also like to point out section 3.1:

"If the Commission determines in its sole reasonable discretion that the vegetative ground cover in Areas A, B, or C is significantly diminished or destroyed such that significant portions of these areas constitute bare dirt, it shall provide Licensees with notice to cease all activities on those areas until the Commission has determined that a healthy vegetative ground cover has been restored in such areas of concern." Therefore, the Commission strongly urges you to not overuse Area C, so that section 3.1 does not get triggered.

Finally, Hybid is on the Commission agenda for September 18. The discussion will be about proposed language for the kiosk and fence signage, as well as Wick's letter to the Commission on June 12, 2013, concerning section 9.5 of the license.

Sincerely,

Tom Tidman
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Director of Natural Resources