

## Policy on the Use of Carsonite Signs on State Forests

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**Note: All Carsonite posts should have appropriate decals applied when installed.**

### 1) **Recreational Trails**

Most recreational trails will be marked using dual sided Brown Carsonite posts with decals to identify type of trail ( horse, hiking, etc.) and the individual trail identification (number or color code). If your trails are currently marked with some other system just change to brown carsonite when you next replace markers. I strongly suggest you give trails descriptive names and use traditional routed signs or text signs at the beginning of trails then use carsonite to mark the trail routes. The first carsonite post on each trail should have a decal showing the type of trail and the number or color code of the trail. Subsequent posts need only the number or color identifier until you reach a trail intersection, then again use the type of trail decal. If you feel that using the type of trail decal more frequently is worthwhile on your property you may do so, but it is not required.

### 2) **Marking other Property and Recreational Facilities**

You may use any color of carsonite posts, except Orange or Red, to mark other property facilities.

### 3) **Red is used to identify safety zones or other danger areas.**

### 4) **Orange posts should only be used for boundary marking .**

Used for marking state forest boundary lines with appropriate decals (“Property Boundary”) – these should only be placed on property lines that have been surveyed (surveys approved by Division surveyor ).

### 5) **Yellow** – Used for identifying survey marker locations ( corner stones, etc.) with appropriate decal (“Survey Marker”). Survey markers may be on property lines or off line.

### 6) **Blue** – Used for marking firewood cutting areas.

### 7) **“Slashed” decals**

The use of “slashed” decals indicating that an activity is prohibited on a trail or area will be necessary at the beginning of certain trails. We need to limit the use of slashed decals to those places where trail users may become confused ( i.e. intersections of hiking and horse trails). This will minimize the feeling of over control.

### 8) **Special Horse Trail Marking**

The back of all horse trail marking posts should have a stable decal indicating the return route to the campground or trailhead. Also on loop trails, whenever possible, place the marker posts on the right side of the trail as it leads away from camp and on the left side after the halfway point when the trail is leading back toward camp. I also suggest that an informational/text sign be placed at the halfway point, and perhaps at other points, explaining how far it is to camp or day-use area. These information signs can also be an interpretation opportunity.