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If you fish Donegal Creek and used to park at the red horse barn, life has changed for you. The previous owner passed away a year or two ago and the property was sold. A new owner has come in and is living in camper trailer on-site while renovating the horse barn (presumably for living quarters). I met him last spring when I parked in front of the barn (he wasn't home at the time) and he stated that he wasn't going to allow parking in front of the barn. I understood and went on my way after fishing.

I parked on the opposite side of the driveway this morning and fished the creek with TimB. He also parked just down the lane, on the same side. When I returned and was dressing down, the owner came out and told me that no parking was allowed where I was. I asked him how I was to know that given it wasn't posted. We had a civil discussion for five minutes or so in which he stated he owned that land. He has goats and he didn't want them jumping up on people's cars. He said his water had been poisoned in his trailer (he thinks from a disgruntled fisherman) and he almost died from it...

That being said, it looks like the best two options for parking to access the FFO stretch are along 772 (busy road), or just up Donegal Creek Road off of Route 23.

FWIW, a stretch of previously open water upstream of Long Lane has also been posted, although this stretch never really fished that well IMO.

So if you fish Donegal, beware that if you used to park at the red horse barn, you're going to have to find another place to park.