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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
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The Honorable Paul R. LePage  
Governor of Maine  
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Dear Governor LePage:

It was a pleasure to see you at the President's signing ceremony here at the Department of the Interior (Department) last week. I also want to thank you for your letter dated April 27, 2017, concerning the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument (Monument). I appreciate your thoughts.

President Trump's "Review of Designations under the Antiquities Act" Executive Order (E.O.) directs me to conduct a review of all designations or expansions of designations made under the Antiquities Act since 1996 where the designation or expansion covers more than 100,000 acres. The E.O. also directs me to examine all designations made without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders. As such, the review may extend to monuments smaller than 100,000 acres.

The E.O. makes clear that monuments should only be designated in accordance with the law and with adequate public consultation. Monuments can result in burdensome restrictions that limit traditional multiple-use purposes and public access on Federal lands. It is therefore critical that state, tribal, and local leaders and communities have a meaningful say in designations so that these burdens can be mitigated.

Your letter seeks to have the Department review the Monument in Maine. I invite you to provide the Department with a detailed description of the Monument, the unique values to be protected, and the process used to designate the Monument. In particular we would value your assessment regarding the degree of public support or opposition for the Monument.

I appreciate receiving your views and look forward to continued communication throughout this process. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ms. Downey Magallanes at (202) 208-4105 or [Downey\\_Magallanes@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Downey_Magallanes@ios.doi.gov).

Sincerely,

Ryan K. Zinke  
Secretary of the Interior