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To: "Chambers, Micah" <micah_chambers@ios.doi.gov>, "Kaster, Amanda" <amanda_kaster@ios.doi.gov>
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Good morning Micah and Amanda – I hope you were both able to enjoy the long weekend!

I'm forwarding the attached letter our office received from a land management company in the Katahdin region regarding the KWW Monument review. He said he had mailed it, but in the interest of time I thought your team would like to see it sooner rather than later as it goes through the snail mail system.

Thanks a lot,
Morgan

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May 30, 2017

Monument Review
MS-1530
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: DOI-2017-0002, Review of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument

Dear Secretary Zinke:

Please accept the attached letter sent in 2014 to Senator Angus King as evidence of the robust public outreach that occurred prior to the designation of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Designation of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument came after many years of consultations, community meetings, and for the most part, the kind of thoughtful local and regional discussions that are frequently absent in this day and age. Of course there were opponents to the designation but in my opinion, that does not warrant a "do over" review. I believe more strongly today than I did when I wrote Senator King three years ago that this project will help the local economy and have little to no effect on the timber industry.

I urge your Department of the Interior to cease its review of the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument, as it is a product of public input from a variety of stakeholders, including members of the forest products industry.

Sincerely,

Tom Colgan
President and CEO

CC: Senator Angus King
Senator Susan Collins
Representative Bruce Poliquin
Representative Chellie Pingree



Senator Angus King
359 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator King,

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Lucas St. Clair, the President of Elliotsville Plantation Inc (EPI). My presumption is either you or your staff have met with him and discussed his vision of creating a national park and recreational area of around 180,000 acres east of Baxter State Park, anchored by about 100,000 acres he owns and would like to donate to the US National Park service. In his presentation, Lucas was both a good speaker and a good listener. He seems to have rebooted this long debated and contentious idea of a national park into a more concise, thoughtful, and pragmatic package.

During the 37 years I have been involved with the forest products industry in Maine, I have always been a strong supporter of private property rights. Landowners should be able to do what they want with their land, so long as they do not negatively affect legitimate public resources. If EPI wants to donate land to the National Park Service, and if they want to accept it, then I think he should be able to do so.

There is a concern often expressed that a new national park in Maine would have a detrimental effect on the forest industry. Wagner manages 1.1 million acres of land in Maine; we depend on strong, vibrant, and dependable mills to buy our wood. It is my opinion, a 180,000 acre national park where wood is no longer harvested, would not have a noticeable impact on the wood using facilities in the region.

I believe this area of Maine could use the economic diversity of a national park, and the existence of a new park would not have a deleterious effect on the forest product industry. The devil is always in the details but I think the plan Lucas is putting together is thoughtful and realistic. I support his plan and I hope you too can support the idea of a national park and help it come to pass.

Sincerely,

Tom Colgan
President and CEO