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Please be on the lookout for this. Thanks!

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I wanted to give you a heads up that I am drafting a response to this and will come around for surnaming later. This needs to be wrapped up today unfortunately. So will send you a draft to edit first to expedite. Execsec is aware.

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Mr. Williams,

Attached please find a letter from Governor LePage to Secretary Zinke regarding the President's Executive Order for the review of designations under the Antiquities Act. Can you please ensure that the Secretary receives this letter.

Sincerely,

Lance

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GOVERNOR

April 27, 2017

The Hon. Ryan Zinke
Secretary of the Department of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

It was an honor to meet you and to attend the signing by President Trump of the Executive Order for the Review of Designations under The Antiquities Act.

As you know, the order calls for the review of monuments that are 100,000 acres or larger, as well as those the Secretary of the Interior determines were designated "without adequate public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders." Here in Maine, The Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument is 87,563 acres, so it is not listed as one of the 26 national monuments over 100,000 acres that are slated for review.

However, the Katahdin Woods designation was made in the face of significant opposition. In 2015, three local communities impacted by Katahdin Woods voted overwhelmingly against designation as a National Park. The wealthy Quimby family, who owned most of the land that would be used for a National Park, then immediately lobbied Washington, D.C. for the designation of a National Monument instead.

In response, the Maine Legislature in 2016 enacted bipartisan legislation—which I submitted—requiring legislative approval for a National Monument designation in Maine. The people who live in the area, as well as their elected representatives in the Legislature, are certainly relevant stakeholders, but their voices were ignored.

Since the public was not adequately heard, I am writing to confirm that the Department of Interior will indeed review the designation of The Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Please let me know at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul R. LePage
Governor



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