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**Subject:** Re: Please forward directly to Secretary Zinke - Katahdin Monument  
**Date:** Monday, July 10, 2017 7:59:43 AM

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Thanks - will add to public comments

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 8:55 AM, Williams, Timothy <[timothy\\_williams@ios.doi.gov](mailto:timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Jeanne Drechsel <(b)(6)>  
**Date:** Sun, Jul 9, 2017 at 4:39 PM  
**Subject:** Please forward directly to Secretary Zinke - Katahdin Monument  
**To:** [timothy\\_williams@ios.doi.gov](mailto:timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov)

Dear Secretary Zinke,

I am writing in absolute opposition to the KWW national monument. I have very strong feelings about this issue as it has dire implications for my family. You met my sister Anne Mitchell who represented our family and the East Branch Land Company which own the bridge that the federal government has commandeered in a manner *never* intended by my family when easements between landowners allowed access for logging purposes only.

Our woodlands which are a working forest, about this "monument" and because of the inaction to reverse this designation our heritage and our lands will be taken from us. For 100 years we have been responsible caretakers of these woods employing local residents in good paying forest product industry jobs. But now it is only a matter of time before the NPS decides that our lands, roads and bridge are essential for government ownership and control. You, Mr Zinke, can promise that no such thing will happen, but we both know that you have no control over what future administrations do and the NPS has proven itself to be an arrogant, overly intrusive bureaucracy with an insatiable appetite for control of as much of this country as possible.

Personally, I believe that the NPS is bad for the country in general and if left to state's control, every area under control by the federal government could and would be managed as well if not better. The whole KWW area has historically been open for use by the public, except when Ms Quimby shut off her lands.

This is truly a no-win situation for all the abutting stakeholders (60+). The Quimby PR campaign touting all these new high paying jobs really has no basis in fact. Seasonal waitresses and shopkeepers do not constitute high paying jobs to seriously impact an area's economy. A sad day for Maine.

Respectfully,  
Jeanne Drechsel

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