

From: Williams, Timothy
To: [Bowman, Randal](#)
Subject: Fwd: Governor LePage's Response to Secretary Zinke
Date: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 10:16:23 AM
Attachments: [Constituent Emails.pdf](#)
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From: **Libby, Lance** <Lance.Libby@maine.gov>
Date: Wed, May 24, 2017 at 7:19 PM
Subject: Governor LePage's Response to Secretary Zinke
To: "timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov" <timothy_williams@ios.doi.gov>

Tim,

Attached please find the last of the supporting documents in response to Secretary Zinke's request of Governor LePage.

Please confirm receipt at your convenience.

Thank you,

Lance Libby

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Governor

From: Theresa Fowler <tfowler@centralaroostookchamber.com>
Sent: Monday, November 16, 2015 10:41 AM
To: Governor
Subject: Thank you for opposing National Monument status
Attachments: November 16.docx

November 16, 2015
Governor Paul LePage
Office of the Governor
1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

Dear Governor LePage:

Thank you for opposing the designation of Baxter State Park as a national monument. The development of a national park in Piscataquis County and Aroostook County would destroy the economy of the entire region north of Bangor, in my opinion.

At present we are struggling to maintain the businesses that are located here. The loss of the workforce to the much more attractive south is devastating to every industry in the area.

Add to this the environmental regulations that I am told a national park would impose on our small manufacturing businesses now operating and we may as well close the roads and relocate all the residents to Portland.

Irving Woodlands cannot find equipment operators, NEI in Ashland cannot keep electricians and technicians for their electrical business, restaurants cannot find and keep wait staff, retail stores are pressed to find staff to work in their locations in Aroostook County, the hospitals are constantly searching for staff and due to the remote location and lack of services, lose the staff they are able to hire within 5 years. These are just the highlights of the lack of workforce in the area. Almost every member of the Chamber expresses frustration with finding suitable employees.

I have not even mentioned the potato, broccoli, mixed vegetable and dairy industry struggles here. With more regulations on use of insecticides and herbicides these industries would add the related problems to their distance disadvantage.

The maintenance of rail service to northern Maine has been an advantage to the lumber industry but the length of time required to get product to market still makes it unattractive to those dealing in perishable goods. Obviously the newest Tiger Grant will increase speed of service but I doubt it will ever meet the immediacy that is our present lifestyle.

In a conversation with a value added wood manufacturing business last week, I learned that when the speed limit on Rte 95 is reduced to 45 MPH he is unable to transport his loads. In addition, the permit requires identification of the trailer that the load is on in addition to the vehicle. This identification of the trailer means that what are identical trailers by make and age are not interchangeable.

I know these are all issues that you are aware of and deal with on a daily basis. If we are unable to develop manufacturing and industrial enterprises in this region with high wages I agonize about the future of Aroostook County.

Sincerely,

Theresa M. Fowler
Executive Director

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Governor

From: Condon, Patricia A. on behalf of Governor
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 3:01 PM
To: Mullen, Micki
Subject: FW: Proposed National Park in the North Woods of Maine

Hi Micki – here is another one for the Governor . . .

From: Steve Horne [<mailto:steve.horne1111@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Proposed National Park in the North Woods of Maine

To The Honorable Governor, Mr. Paul LePage,

I am writing to you from my work desk, yes I should be working, however, this topic of a National Park in the North Woods of Maine has my attention.

I see that EPI, Lucas St. Clair and Roxanne Quimby are beginning their biggest push yet. They have hired a high powered promotional firm and organized a multitude of groups, committees, council people, etc, and the push is now on, more intense than ever, to bring this issue of a National Park back to the front and force it to A) either a Vote, or B) President Obama's attention so he will use his pen to make it a National Monument or Forest.

Their strategy appears to lobby the local town leaders, you saw last month what happened in Bangor, You have seen Senator Angus King ask Millinocket for there "Stipulations", etc.. They are strategically targeting markets they believe will garner headlines and create the appearance of major approval of the Park. (and they appear to have the Bangor Daily News in their hip pocket.) they have published and distributed pamphlets, door to door and via US Mail.

I belong to a small group of folks who are doing our best to oppose this Proposed Federal Ownership of land here in Northern Maine, we have a web site ([Preserve Maine Traditions.org](http://PreserveMaineTraditions.org)), I also belong to the Maine Woods Coalition, which is another small group, we post our points, facts and figures on many Face Book pages, representatives in-boxes, etc, we have held public forums to discuss the many negative issues surrounding this proposal, we have many followers, and we do alot,... BUT WE NEED SOME HELP!!!

I know the legislature voted on a resolution, opposing this park, quite a while ago, and I know many of you in Augusta have stated that you are not in favor of Federal Ownership of a huge tract of land in the North Woods. But times change, and we know that thoughts and opinions sometimes change, May we be so bold as to ask you and your supporters to step out and help us in our fight?

We think it is time for the "SILENT MAJORITY", to be heard, the proponents are pumping thousands, if not millions of dollars into this effort, while the opponents are quite fragmented and have no central source of money or personnel to counter the constant barrage.

So our thoughts are to gain opposition voices from Augusta, ideally, these forces would be from both sides of the isle, so this wouldn't necessarily become a political football in any upcoming election cycle?

Bottom line is, the NO PARK for ME campaign has got to stand up and be heard and we would love to be able to say you are on our side in this fight!

Thank You for your consideration,

With much Respect and Trust,

Steven C. Horne, PLS

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Governor

From: Condon, Patricia A.
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 8:16 AM
To: Governor
Subject: FW: New Website For The Maine Woods Coalition (No Park Group)

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From: Drew, Waneta
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 7:53 AM
To: Condon, Patricia A.
Subject: FW: New Website For The Maine Woods Coalition (No Park Group)

Hi Patt,

Response to constituent is below.

Waneta

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From: Whitney, Brian
Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2014 10:48 AM
To: markbigge@qwi.net
Cc: Drew, Waneta; Pelletier, Rosaire
Subject: RE: New Website For The Maine Woods Coalition (No Park Group)

Mr. Bigge:

Thank you for contacting Governor LePage and for forwarding the link to the Maine Woods Coalition's new website. As the Director of Business Development and Innovation for the Maine Department of Economic & Community Development, I have been asked to follow-up on the Governor's behalf.

The Governor and Rosaire Pelletier, Senior Forest Products Advisor to the Governor, have been monitoring the situation in Millinocket closely. While the Number 11 paper machine is currently up for auction, the mill itself is not expected to go on the auction block. That said, we will continue to following the matter closely.

Your insights and comments about the proposed North Woods National Park are also appreciated. As you know, the Governor has been clear in his opposition to the National Park proposal, even going so far as to sponsor legislation this past session to limit the federal government's authority to acquire state lands. The bill, LD 1828, would have amended the "blanket consent that is statutorily given by the State to the Federal Government to acquire lands required for various government purposes." It would have "limited the consent to the acquisition of land not exceeding 5 square miles." While, ultimately, the proposal did not receive approval by the Legislature, the Governor remains resolute in his opposition to a National Park.

Again, thank you for your email to Governor LePage.

Best,
Brian

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From: Mark Bigge [<mailto:markbigge@qwi.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 3:08 PM
To: Mark Bigge
Subject: New Website For The Maine Woods Coalition (No Park Group)

<http://www.mainewoodscoalition.org/>

This is a great website and while I fear the possibility of Quimby purchasing the Millinocket mill at auction, and Quimby's growing support from Obama & Michaud, she hasn't got the will of Maine

voters to make it happen.

Michaud is supporting Quimby's takeover of the Northern Woods, and we have evidence tying him to his involvement, and much more. The Maine Woods Coalition found out that Michaud is supporting Roxanne Quimby's "Plan B" to designate the Thoreau Trail as a National Monument, thereby establishing a foothold for Quimby's final National Park that will decimate the current use of the Maine woods.

Mike and Emily have already made the Quimby National Park a liberal campaign platform issue, but the deeper story is in Mike's past. Since Mike's days of union leadership there has been a progressive relationship with green groups. A very quiet investigation has concluded that there is a well established pattern of Mike's ongoing involvement in a number of backroom deals over the years, and highly questionable connections to known organized "businessmen" that is a much bigger story than his former "friendship" with John Martin.... The information is quite extensive, and it reveals a pattern of Mike's activities that legal sources have told us we need to get it to the right people ASAP.

67% of Mainers are against Roxanne Quimby's National Park

89% of Millinocket, East Millinocket & Medway are against Roxanne Quimby's National Park

89% of Augusta voted against Roxanne Quimby's National Park

But when President Obama sent Ken Salazar, on the taxpayers dime (including secret service) to Millinocket for a town forum to soften the blow of the President's position "*ultimately, it's the President's decision, not area residents*"

In the end, this was started years ago, with a documented expense to the taxpayers of no less than \$3,000,000,000, with a B... And we can tie Mike to it

----- Original Message -----

Subject:New MWC web site

Date:Tue, 27 May 2014 11:00:21 -0400

From:Maine Woods Coalition <mainewoodscoalition@gmail.com>

To:Maine Woods Coalition <pineledge61@gmail.com>

News of interest:

We are pleased to announce the launching of the new Maine Woods Coalition web site with a new look and updated information. There will be ongoing additions and changes and we welcome your comments and suggestions.

Visit <http://www.mainewoodscoalition.org/>

If you use Facebook, please "Like" our Facebook page, too.

Thank you for your support.

Governor

From: Condon, Patricia A. on behalf of Governor
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 12:03 PM
To: chuck_mahalaris@collins.senate.gov
Subject: FW: Billings, Timothy - Website: Share Your Views

Hi Chuck - please respond?

thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: timma.billings@gmail.com [<mailto:timma.billings@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2016 10:57 AM
To: Governor
Subject: Billings, Timothy - Website: Share Your Views

Timothy
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Dear Governor Lepage, I have a concern that I wanted to bring to your attention. I read this morning that Acadia National Park is closing the parking lot to Bubble Pond until October 10 and that it can now only be accessed by bicycle or by bus. This move effectively stops my ability to hand launch a canoe for the purposes of fishing and recreating on a state owned body of water for which the State has paid to stock with fish. I just messaged the Park Director to ask him how he proposes that I hand launch a canoe for the purposes of recreating on state owned water. I realize that there are a lot of more pressing issues in this State, but with all the controversy over the current National Monument proposal I wanted to bring it to your attention at least. We're slowly losing access to what is ours as residents of the great State of Maine.

Thanks for your time -
Tim Billings

Governor

From: rick@lifestylepropertiesme.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 6:17 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Theriault, Richard - Website: Share Your Views

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Dear Governor Lepage,

Earlier this year against the will of the citizens of the Katahdin area as well as the state legislature and yourself, President Obama forced a National Monument upon the people of Maine, and removed 87,000 acres of land from the tax rolls of our state. I am sure you will be attending President elect Trumps inauguration, and perhaps you could encourage him to roll back the National Monument. Since the property now belongs to the federal government they could decide to sell the 87,000 acres of woodlands and riverfront property. I would like to offer my services to market this property for the federal government to find a new owner or owners for the acreage. Normally I charge 10% as a commission rate for raw acreage when listing a property, for this case I would reduce my rate by 1/2 to save the government a bit of money. They could use the proceeds to reduce the deficit, and we would get some productive property back on the tax rolls.

Governor

From: Fred Johnson <fredj7688@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2016 7:23 AM
To: Governor
Subject: Re: FW: Johnson, Fred - Website: Share Your Views

Dear Governor LePage, Thank you for getting back to me about the misuse of the Antiquities act of 1906 which "Our President " seems to think is his ticket to make these huge "LAND" and "Ocean Bottom Grabs " to leave as his legacy ,which leads to my question what recourse do We the citizens have to change or reverse this action legally? any ideas or suggestions would be appreciated .Thanks for your Time Sir,sincerely FRED JOHNSON

On Fri, Oct 14, 2016 at 1:20 PM, Governor <Governor@maine.gov> wrote:
October 14, 2016

Good afternoon!

Thank you for your e-mail to Governor LePage.

Below is the Governor's response:

"Fred, I absolutely agree. This President makes his own rules as he goes forward. Our only hope is to elect a President worthy to represent all Americans, rather than special interest. It's not only discouraging, but absolutely un-American. Regards, Governor LePage"

Sincerely,

Patricia Condon
Director, Constituent Services
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-----Original Message-----

From: fredj7688@gmail.com [<mailto:fredj7688@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Johnson, Fred - Website: Share Your Views

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Dear Governor LePage, I have a serious question about the In my opinion Gross Misuse or Manipulation of The Antiquities Act of 1906 and how our President has used it. Maybe you can explain it to me as Im having a difficult time understanding how it could be used as it was when to my knowledge from reading it there is No

mention of Land ,or Natural resources ! As I read it all that was mentioned was Artifacts ,archeologically significant areas,Primitive Burial sites and Ancient pottery and tools ? None of these things have been mentioned in the News articles of the Woods and Waters National Monument,which leaves me confused about Antiquities Act and how its used .I sent a message to congressman Poloquin the day it was announced but to date have heard Nothing .Any help you could give Me would be very much appreciated .Sincerely ,Fred Johnson

Governor

From: kramefc@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2016 2:10 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Chasse, Mark - Website: Share Your Views

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Want local input on National Monument designation

Mark Chasse
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June 2, 2016

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Dear Governor LePage,

As a member of the American Motorcyclist Association, I oppose any attempts by the administration to unilaterally designate any public lands as national monuments without public support from local stakeholders.

The designation of a national monument may negatively impact recreational opportunities and local economies. While there are cultural and historical landmarks that deserve designation as national monuments, I believe Congress and the public must be consulted before any action is taken.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Mark Chasse

Governor

From: jaybullard@myfairpoint.net
Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 9:55 AM
To: Governor
Subject: Bullard, Edwin - Website: Share Your Views

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Dear Paul:

RE, National Monument

Mrs Quimby and the Sierra Club must believe that the Allagash Waterway and Baxter State Park are being mismanaged by the State of Maine. They both are insulting you, me and every other Mainer that cares about the wilderness.

Even Donn Fendler must be upset over Mrs Quimby and the Sierra Club wanting to ignore Maine's record on how Maine has preserve the Allagash Waterway and Baxter State Park for future generations to enjoy the wilderness adventure.

Over the years I have personally visited and enjoyed both the Allagash Waterway and Baxter State Park as managed by the State of Maine and find the State of Maine provided the type of experience a person expects when out in the wilderness.

Nobody has said or implied what is special about her land. Why, there is nothing extra special about it. It is wilderness with out a unique waterway and/or a unique mountain.

The view from her property of Mt. Katahdin/Baxter State Park is probably no more special then the view from Rt 11 going north into Patten.

Please speak up and tell the nation how insulted Mainers are by Mrs Quimby and the Sierra Club in her offer to turn her land over to the nation to be subdivided with paved roads on her too small piece of nothing special land for the thousands that they think will visit. After their first visit, they probably will not return because there is nothing special about like you get when you visit Sugarloaf or the White Mountains or Baxter Park or Allagash Waterway.

Governor

From: Mark Bigge <markbigge@ghi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 9:46 AM
To: Governor
Subject: Fwd: Invitation from Congressman Poliquin to Congressional Field Hearing and Local Input Session on Proposed National Monument Designation
Attachments: CongressionalFieldHearingInvite.pdf

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Subject: Invitation from Congressman Poliquin to Congressional Field Hearing and Local Input Session on Proposed National Monument Designation

Date: Wed, 25 May 2016 09:38:09 -0400

From: Maine Woods Coalition <mainewoodscoalition@gmail.com>

To: Maine Woods Coalition <mainewoodscoalition@gmail.com>

To all Maine Woods Coalition members and No Park allies:

This is our last chance to get our message to Washington. Plan to be in East Millinocket June 1 if you can.

(See attachment)

Subject: Invitation from Congressman Poliquin to Congressional Field Hearing and Local Input Session on Proposed National Monument Designation

At the request of our own Congressman Poliquin, the US House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources will hold a Congressional Field Hearing next week in the Katahdin Region specifically to hear the perspective of local residents on a potential national monument designation of 87,500 acres by President Obama as proposed by Roxanne Quimby and EPI. The field hearing, which will be presided over by the Chairman of that Committee, the Honorable Rob Bishop of Utah, will bring several members of Congress to Maine and be held at the East Millinocket Municipal Meeting starting at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1. While there has been much focus out West about the local impacts of unilateral monument designation by the White House, this is the first Congressional conversation about this emerging and important issue here in the Northeast.

While the Committee invites the handful of witnesses who will formally testify per House hearing rules, in an effort to ensure as many local voices as possible are heard by the Committee and Congressman Poliquin, we will include extended time immediately following the formal hearing to hear input from area residents and stakeholders, starting at 3:30 p.m. and going until at least 6 p.m. so those who have to work can still participate.

So we can prioritize local voices and be responsive to individual schedules, we kindly ask that you let me know by this Friday at noon via email or by calling 784-0768 if you plan to attend and would like to

speak, your town of residence and if you need to be scheduled after 5 p.m., which we will work to do our best to accommodate. To allow all voices, comments should be kept under three minutes.

Hope to see you next Wednesday and thank you for your efforts on behalf of northern Maine and our iconic forest economy.

sam.warren@mail.house.gov or 784-0768.

Governor

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To: Governor
Subject: Connelly, Lucia - Website: Share Your Views

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dear Gov. Lepage;

Thank-you also for protecting the state from a National Park and Monument designation. Either way once the Federal Government has control Maine loses. I was very suspicious of an artillery range from the national guard episode, but again you protected us the engineering division was saved.

Nice job all around, but please remain vigilant. Hopefully LMF will see the light and be against the 'National Park, AKA shooting range, toxic waste dump, survivalist training ground.

Lucia

Governor

From: timma.billings@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 9:47 AM
To: Governor
Subject: Billings, Timothy - Website: Share Your Views

Timothy
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, Maine

For Governor Paul Lepage -

Thank you sir for standing up for the state of Maine and it's citizens and attempting to right the wrong that was done to us with the Presidential overreach that created the National Monument here. I sincerely hope that it is either rescinded outright, or given to the State. I wanted to share with you what I just emailed to Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke;

Secretary of Interior Ryan Zinke,

I am writing to urge you to review and rescind the Katahdin Woods and Waters national monument.

This monument was embroiled in controversy from the beginning. For nearly 20 years there have been a select few individuals who have been "hell bent" on creating a National Park here in Maine. The properties they have been interested in are mostly owned by timber companies and have a long history of allowing public access for all types of recreation including hunting, and managed by The North Maine Woods Inc. This type of allowed recreational access model is unique to Maine, and in my opinion should be lauded and used as an example for the rest of the country. One of the individuals (not local to Maine) whose mission it was to create a National Park here became wealthy and started buying up large tracts of land here known as kingdom lots with the sole intent of donating it to the Federal Government for a National Park. This individual and her ilk repeated described it as a "seed" from which to grow a much larger park. It was a symbiotic relationship between her and a particular timber company -- they would clear cut the land, she would pay them an amount that was equal to the value of the land as if it had not been cut, and then she would have wonderful pictures of all this land that needed to be "saved". Once her intentions of a National Park became public, our state legislature voted against it, the impacted towns voted against it, our senators and representatives were (at the time) against it, and the state of Maine as a whole was against it. Realizing she had no hope of ever getting her way with the people of the State of Maine she used her wealth and influence to get the President at the time to use the Antiquities Act to declare it a Monument. An act which in my opinion is effectively cheating as the majority of Mainers did not want this. And an act from which the State of Maine has no recourse other than through you, the President and Congress.

I respectfully urge you to please review this overreach of Presidential power, and if possible rescind this travesty on the State of Maine and it's residents.

Governor

From: tomburgess@hotmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 11:04 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Burgess, Thomas - Website: Share Your Views

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Dear Governor LePage:

Thank you for your significant input resulting in President Trump's order today that the National Monument designations be reviewed. I hope ultimately to learn that the Quimby-Katahdin "monument" will be returned to productive private possession.

Thank you again, Tom Burgess

Governor

From: laneharolda@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 6:28 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Lane, Harold - Website: Share Your Views

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Sherman, Maine 04776

Dear sir: I would like to commend you on a great job, and wish you all the luck in getting the National Monument reversed. I live in Sherman and agree with a lot of people that the land should be put back into trational use. Sir if there is anything you can do to help get rid of obamacare and come up with some affordabile health care it would be a great thing. Thank you for your time. Harold

Governor

From: Jimmy Busque <jimbusque@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 8:10 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Katahdin Monument

Dear Governor Lepage want to wish you well on your trip to Washington DC to address the National Monument one of the greatest scam and disaster that will have a negative impact on Northern Maine. We thank You for standing with the people who live work and play here.

Thank You Jim Busque

Governor

From: pebco@myfairpoint.net
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Governor
Subject: peabody, jim - Website: Share Your Views

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APPRECIATE EFFORTS TO "AX NORTH WOODS
NATIONAL MONUMENT". WHAT A JOKE THIS HAS BEEN, ALMOST AS GOOD AS SOME OF THE RIP OFFS THAT "THE
CONSERVATION FUND"
HAS PUT FORTH. "NON PROFIT" ? JUST LOOK AT THE SALARIES. LOTS OF PROFITS THERE.

AGAIN THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS
JIM PEABODY

Governor

From: badgirlbodyartstudio@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 9:06 PM
To: Governor
Subject: stanley, peggy - Website: Share Your Views

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Dear Govenor LaPage,

Please encourage and support President Trump in reversing Obama's executive order which forced an unwanted national monument designation in the Katahdin Region.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Peggy

Governor

From: derice@fairpoint.net
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 1:50 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Rice, David - Website: Share Your Views

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Do you support rescinding the National Monument order from President Obama. If so when do think our President Trump will act on it. We strongly support the elimination of this monument and reverting back to the jobs it will create with the Forest Industry.

Governor

From: jimbusque@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 7:21 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Busque, Jimmy - Website: Share Your Views

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Dear Governor Lepage

The people of the Katahdin region and all of Northern Maine ask for your support to use your influence and ask President Trump to do as he said he would do and abolish Maine's two recent National Monuments. As we move forward and rebuild our economy the last thing we need is the Federal Government rules and regulations getting in the way. Thank You Jim

Governor

From: tomburgess@hotmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 9:08 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Burgess, Thomas - Website: Share Your Views

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Georgetown, ME 04548

Dear Governor LePage:

After President Trump is inaugurated and ready to listen to you, please ask him to reverse the Obama, land grab when he decreed "Katahdin National Monument".

He has injured Maine by denying wood products, hunting, fishing, trapping and isolating 87,500 previously private, productive acres from the tax rolls!

Please reverse this arrogant seizure. I hope you know how.

Thank you, Tom Burgess of Georgetown

Governor

From: fredj7688@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Johnson, Fred - Website: Share Your Views

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Governor

From: Paul Bradeen <pjbradeen@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 9:49 AM
To: Governor
Subject: "National Park"

Dear Governor LePage

How much tax revenue has the state lost by the transfer of 87,000 acres from private ownership to a national monument?

I totally despise how this whole process was handled. It is very obvious that the federal government had everything in place even without an official decree. The despicable BDN had their presses inked, articles written, self back-padding celebrations in place, thank you notes sent to Angus King while the Park Service had all of their bases manned, the deeds transferred on Tuesday, the executive order given on Wednesday and on Thursday the place was open for business, signs, office space, Park Service personnel posted in place. All of this without regard to the local residents dislike of the federal government taking over their part of the state.

I am pissed but am still one of your supporters who will applaud you for your candid opinions of right from wrong in government matters.

Paul Bradeen, Milo

Governor

From: malfunction44@yahoo.com
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2016 9:01 AM
To: Governor
Subject: Roberts, Malcolm Roberts - Website: Share Your Views

Malcolm Roberts
malfunction44@yahoo.com

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Governor LePage,

I was extremely disappointed by the unilateral designation of a national monument by President Obama. It will NOT result in any real benefit to the State of Maine but only feeds the ego of this administration and Roxanne Quimby. However, it appears we Mainers have no recourse as the deed is done. Since the land now belongs to the federal government, I suggest/demand that no Maine tax dollars be spent in support of any part of its operation. If a crime occurs within its borders, call the feds; a fire starts, place OUR fighters on its borders to prevent spreading to Maine; let the feds build any and all roads leading to and within the "monument"; any requests, forward to the feds. Provide NO support whatsoever, however small!

We have lost access to this area forever and have gained absolutely nothing. I predict that tourism and jobs will not increase one iota and, in fact, jobs will decline as a result of loss of timber operations.

Very Respectfully,
Malcolm Roberts

Governor

From: jreisman@maine.edu
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Reisman, Jon - Website: Share Your Views

Jon
jreisman@maine.edu
2072551242
9 O'Brien Ave
Machias, Maine 04657
Governor LePage-

As you know, I believe President Obama will sign an executive order shortly after the November elections declaring the Quimby holdings a national monument. I thank you for your efforts to fight this and those in Washington and Maine who have made it happen.

I ask that you consider making a public offer to Quimby to accept the lands on behalf of the State to be used as a climate change mitigation policy laboratory and preserve rather than put them under federal and special interest control. Make Quimby turn that offer down before giving the land to the Feds and environmental interest group control.

Governor

From: Condon, Patricia A. on behalf of Governor
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2016 1:21 PM
To: 'fredj7688@gmail.com'
Subject: FW: Johnson, Fred - Website: Share Your Views

October 14, 2016

Good afternoon!

Thank you for your e-mail to Governor LePage.

Below is the Governor's response:

"Fred, I absolutely agree. This President makes his own rules as he goes forward. Our only hope is to elect a President worthy to represent all Americans, rather than special interest. It's not only discouraging, but absolutely un-American. Regards, Governor LePage"

Sincerely,

Patricia Condon
Director, Constituent Services
Office of the Governor

-----Original Message-----

From: fredj7688@gmail.com [<mailto:fredj7688@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Johnson, Fred - Website: Share Your Views

Fred
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2075985791
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Steuben, maine 04680

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Governor

From: Condon, Patricia A. on behalf of Governor
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 9:26 AM
To: 'malfunction44@yahoo.com'
Subject: FW: Roberts, Malcolm Roberts - Website: Share Your Views

September 13, 2016

Good morning!

Thank you for your e-mail to Governor LePage.

Below is the Governor's response:

"Malcolm, I hear you loud and clear. I agree 100% with you. Governor LePage"

Sincerely,

Patricia Condon
Director, Constituent Services
Office of the Governor

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Malcolm Roberts

Governor

From: brucegriffiths@roadrunner.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2016 5:09 PM
To: Governor
Subject: Griffiths, Bruce - Website: Share Your Views

Bruce
brucegriffiths@roadrunner.com
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178 DAVIS RD
EDDINGTON, ME 044283251
Honorable Gov. Paul LePage,

I plead to you to not even consider resigning as Governor of this state is crisis.
Continuing doing your job and to hell with others may think or say! My wife and I are fully behind you.
I worked for the US government for 30+ years 8 in the Air Force and 22 with the FAA and was not liked at all as I like you spoke up and told it as it was. But, I can hang my head head high as I did my job and kissed no one's butt!
You have a job to finish and one to start and that is find out what happened when the citizens of the area around Millinocket clearly voted against the National Monument and yet it was thrown down their throats, something clearly smells rotten with this and needs to be investigated fully!!! You are the only one capable within our state government who would dare check it out. Do it and do not hold anything back as we have your back! And I sincerely believe the vast majority of citizens do.

Sincerely,

Bruce Griffiths

Governor

From: LBaniszeski@myfairpoint.net
Sent: Saturday, April 09, 2016 9:19 AM
To: Governor
Subject: Baniszeski, Barry & Linda - Website: Share Your Views

Barry & Linda
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207-454-3719
64 Lite Lane
Meddybemps, ME 04657

Bravo! - on bill denying National Monument in northern Maine. Thank you for protecting the property rights of Maine citizens and sustaining the tax base. Today the powers that be demand a North Woods National Park and/or Monument. Tomorrow they will be coming after our waterfront properties allegedly "to preserve them." It will never stop until our private property rights are completely nullified. We suspect you too understand what is going on with the "bigger picture."

Thank you for standing firm. We admire, applaud and pray for you.
Sincerely, Barry & Linda Baniszeski

June 6, 2016

Governor Paul LePage
Office of the Governor
#1 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0001

Dear Governor LePage:

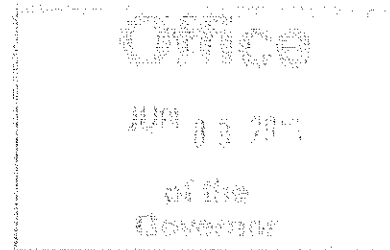
Included with this note is a copy of a letter I sent to the Director of the National Park Service. It raises some questions as to the legitimacy of a new national monument or park in upstate Maine. It seems few have considered the issue based on the writing of the U.S. Constitution, but merely on the economics of the matter.

Please give it some thought. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Brian Dobbs
67 Sheep Pont Lane
Cushing, Maine 04563



May 29, 2016

Mr. Jon Jarvis – Director
National Park Service
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Jarvis:

When I was thirteen years old, my folks decided it was past time to visit extended family living in Alaska. Dad and Mom were also of the opinion that their children should see as much of our country as possible during the trip. We took a more southerly route by car to Seattle and then traveled by plane to Anchorage. On the return leg, we took a northerly route back to our home in Connecticut.

We camped along the way, staying a total of only three nights in motels. Our travel was planned that we could visit as many national parks as possible. It was a wonderful experience and opportunity to see and learn first-hand about many aspects of our country. What a varied land! The tracts that were set aside for future generations to enjoy are incredible.

I presently have concerns regarding the designation of lands as national parks and monuments. There has been much talk and many newspaper articles written about a proposed national park in northern Maine. Indeed, you traveled to Maine to listen to comments by citizens about the matter, to bring more information to the table and provide answers to questions. One proposed stepping stone to having the land become a national park is to have the acreage declared a national monument by an executive order by the President.

American citizens are used to the place that national parks hold in our country. They have existed in the U.S. for many generations. However, there have come to mind some questions that involve the U.S. Constitution. They are as follows:

1. Where in the U.S. Constitution is it written that the federal government is authorized to hold lands under its control?
2. Where in the U.S. Constitution is the President authorized to designate a national monument under an executive order? According the American College Dictionary, a monument does not include land, rivers or lakes. Does the broadly interpreted Antiquities Act allow such action by the executive branch? Is there a

conflict between the Constitution/Bill of Rights and the Act? If so, should not the Constitution prevail?

3. Where in the U.S. Constitution is the authorization for the federal government to hand over control of our parks and monuments to another power?

Taking the questions in order:

1. The Tenth amendment to the Constitution states that, "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." It seems clear that the federal government does not have the authority to designate a land area as a national park under the "law of the land". It is for the individual states to designate those lands to be preserved as state parks.
2. The powers of the Executive Branch do not include the issuance of executive orders having the authority of law. According to the Constitution, only Congress is allowed that authority.
3. In 1972 the World Heritage Treaty was signed. In July of 2001 it was reported by The National Center for Public Policy Research that since the signing, 68% of all National Parks, monuments and preserves have been designated World Heritage Sites and fall under the authority of the United Nations. The protection of our treasured lands by Constitutional means is a worthy undertaking. However, the treaty cedes control of U.S. territory to another authority and thereby threatens the sovereignty of our country. In turn, that threatens some of our individual rights and freedoms.

I hope you will be able to provide clear answers to the questions posed. Thank you in advance for your time and response.

Sincerely,

Brian Dobbs
67 Sheep Point Lane
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December 1, 2016

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Governor Paul R. LePage
Office of the Governor
#1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

Dear Governor Lepage,

The new administration of President-Elect Trump will soon be coming in to office. You are aware of our concerns with the woods & waters of the State of Maine and what means to this area.

We would like you to meet and/or talk with President-Elect Trump as soon as you are able to and encourage him to rescind the Executive action of President Obama in creating the North Woods National Monument.

We understand in the near future there will be many issues he will be dealing with, but this is extremely important to the residents of this area and the State of Maine.

We have appreciate your continued support on this issue.

Sincerely,

Bryant Davis

Bryant Davis
President
Fin & Feather Club of Maine

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CC:U.S. Representative Poliquin

U.S. Senator Collins

U.S. Senator King



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Dear Governor Lepage,

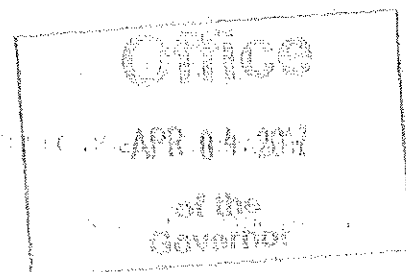
March 30, 2017

I am concerned about the Katahdin-area National Monument and how it will affect us as a state. I do not believe that we should make the katahdin-area a national monument.

The national monument will seriously affect the recreation in the area. The new monument will put partial and complete restrictions on different forms of recreation in the area. In the winter, snowmobilers are only allowed access to a part of the land. If the national monument is created, snowmobilers may lose trails that go through the area. In Yellowstone National Park, snowmobile rules and regulations are now very extensive, including an age requirement. In Yellowstone, snowmobile drivers must have a driver's license. I am fifteen years old, do not have a driver's license and enjoy snowmobiling almost every weekend in the area that the national monument is being proposed. I believe that the regulations in Yellowstone National Park could possibly have an influence on the national monument in Maine and would restrict many young riders from snowmobiling and participating in other types of recreation in the area. Though the monument could attract more tourism, the surrounding area will become more populated. Mainers enjoy going to this area to get away from other people, and enjoy the outdoors. With the increased tourism, the area would become busier and would not be as desirable a place to get away and experience the outdoors.

Thank you,
Jarrett Jones
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Jarrett Jones
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Hampden, ME 04444



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Incorporated January 4, 2001

February 27, 2017

The Honorable Paul R. LePage
#1 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0001

Dear Governor LePage,

It was with great relief and deep appreciation that we read your recent letter to President Trump urging him to abolish the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Your input on this issue is vital to the people and businesses of northern Maine, especially now, with the lack of support we have from the members of our Congressional delegation. Despite the efforts of the Maine press to discourage elimination of this monument, the people of the Katahdin region remain strongly opposed to it, as evidenced in recent polls and social media.

The President must be made aware that we are not being represented by our delegation. Your voice must carry our message to make him realize his intentions to abolish the monument are truly in our best interests.

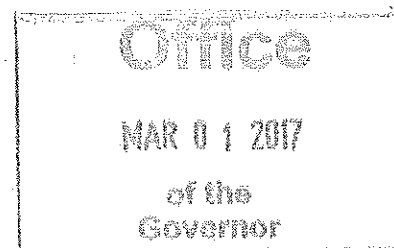
Our organization has been the voice of thousands of people who work in the forest industry and we want to do all that we can in this effort. The interests of our allies in the Maine Snowmobile Association and the Maine Forest Products are also better served with the monument gone or managed by the State of Maine.

Thank you again for sending this critical letter to President Trump. We deeply appreciate your work to eliminate the federal intrusion in the Maine woods.

Sincerely,



Stuart Kallgren, President
Maine Woods Coalition





Maine Professional Guides Association

55 Morrison Hill Road
Wilton, ME 04294

www.maineguides.org

Governor Paul LePage
State House Station 1
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor LePage,

Monday, May 22, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Maine Professional Guides Association asked that I write you to encourage you to continue work on improving the process by which National Monuments are declared. As you know we are an organization of 1100 members each a small or indeed micro business. We are the folks who convert the academic discussion of economic value of recreation on remote lands into real cash that spreads through our local communities.

The Association has been opposed to the idea of a national park in Maine's North Woods since 2001. We have been supportive of other land conservation efforts in the state and I expect will support those efforts in the future. Indeed conserved land is a stable platform for our members to build and operate their businesses on.

Our reasons for opposing are simple. The Park system is not "guide friendly" this is not just hearsay from our peers around the country, although there is plenty of that. Rather from firsthand exchanges with our own Acadia National Park. Those concerns were raised at the listening session last spring but were quickly dismissed by the Park Service as not founded.

Time has proven that our concerns were not misplaced at all. As of this morning permits that would allow guides to offer their services in the new National Monument have still not available. At the very least some of our members have lost a summer season and perhaps a fall as well. Or as many of our members have feared there is a "preferred list" of individuals and organizations that will be given permits to operate in the new Monument.

At the very least the promised economic benefit from the new Monument will not be accruing to our member's businesses in the short term even after the issue was brought up in an open public meeting. We encourage you to do what you can to ensure that other states and regions do not cut out the small businesses that represent the foundation of the local economy in future designations.

Thank you very much for taking a minute to hear our concerns about this important topic.

Best regards,

Executive Director

An organization of professional guides dedicated to promoting a quality, ethical outdoor experience.

STATE OF MAINE

**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN**

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF
THE INTERIOR AND THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
OPPOSE THE CREATION OF A NATIONAL PARK IN MAINE'S
NORTH WOODS**

WE, your Memorialists, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Maine now assembled in the First Regular Session, most respectfully present and petition the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Interior and the United States Congress as follows:

WHEREAS, Maine residents and visitors enjoy the privilege of using large tracts of private land in the north woods for recreational uses such as snowmobiling, hunting, hiking, fishing, bird watching and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the future of that private land is of great importance to the people of Maine and their outdoor heritage; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and many of the large landowners have entered or are entering into cooperative wildlife management agreements that ensure the future of deer yards and other critical wildlife habitat in the north woods; and

WHEREAS, state agencies, private landowners and nonprofit organizations are cooperating in an unprecedented effort to secure permanent rights of access to the north woods and keep valuable recreational property and natural habitat undeveloped through conservation easements; and

WHEREAS, federal ownership or control of the north woods would create many problems including limitations on timber supply to the forest products industry, reduced recreational access and loss of local and state control of these areas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, your Memorialists, oppose the creation of a national park in Maine's north woods and request that the President of the United States and Secretary of the Interior Kenneth Salazar deny requests to conduct a feasibility study concerning establishing a national park in Maine's north woods; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Honorable Barack H. Obama, President of the United States, to the Secretary of the Interior, Kenneth Salazar, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and to each Member of the Maine Congressional Delegation.

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
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H.P. 1091 - L.D. 1600

An Act Regarding Consent to Land Transfers to the Federal Government

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §15 is amended to read:

§15. Consent of Legislature to acquisition of land by United States for public buildings; record of conveyances

In accordance with the Constitution of the United States, Article 1, Section VIII, Clause 17, and Acts of Congress in such cases provided, the consent of the Legislature is given to the acquisition by the United States, or under its authority, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, of any land in this State required for the erection of lighthouses or for sites for customhouses, courthouses, post offices, arsenals or other public buildings, or for any other purposes of the government, except for the designation of property as a national monument pursuant to 54 United States Code, Section 320301 (2015). Deeds and conveyances or title papers for the same ~~shall~~ must be recorded upon the land records of the county or registry district in which the land so conveyed may lie; and in like manner may be recorded a sufficient description by metes and bounds, courses and distances, of any tracts and legal divisions of any public lands belonging to the United States set apart by the general government for either of the purposes before mentioned, by an order, patent or other official paper so describing such land.



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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

February 14, 2017

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

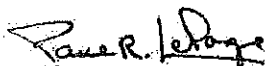
I am writing to ask for your assistance in rectifying a grave injustice that has been done to the people of Maine and our forest economy. Former President Obama designated the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in Northern Maine shortly before he left office, despite repeated objections by residents of the affected area through local referendums and in spite of state legislative action. I have attached a copy of my April 22, 2016 letter to President Obama expressing clear opposition to the establishment of a national park, as well as supporting documentation. On behalf of the Maine people, I am going on record once again as opposed to the creation of a national park or monument in Northern Maine.

Regarding the national monument designation, "those cold timid souls who neither know victory or defeat" argue that you, as President, cannot undo a national monument designation because it has never been done before. They also never envisioned President Trump. I strongly urge you to undo the designation and return the land to private ownership before economic damage occurs and traditional recreational pursuits are diminished.

In the alternative, assuming the land remains in federal ownership, I believe the land should be managed by the State of Maine to ensure it can benefit all Maine people and accommodate the region's economic and recreational needs. Who better to manage a public resource in Maine than the people who live in Maine? One of the many arguments made against creation of a national park or monument is that new federal land abuts Maine's extraordinary and unique Baxter State Park. State management of the land would complement and ensure the "forever wild" status of that park without doing harm to the region and the Maine economy.

I remain hopeful and optimistic that the overwhelming support you received from voters in this region, especially those in our Second Congressional District, will result in bold policies that create jobs, restore our national identity, ensure our place in the world and make the Maine woods great again.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor



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Enclosure

CC: Senator Susan Collins
Senator Angus King
Congressman Bruce Poliquin
Congresswoman Chellie Pingree



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Paul R. LePage
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February 14, 2017

The Honorable Susan Collins
United States Senate
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The Honorable Angus King
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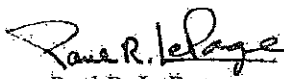
The Honorable Bruce Poliquin
U.S. House of Representatives
1208 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chellie Pingree
U.S. House of Representatives
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senators Collins and King and Representatives Poliquin and Pingree:

I am writing to once again clearly state my opposition to the creation of a Northern Maine national park. I have enclosed a copy of a letter I have sent to President Trump on the matter. It contains my suggestions for what should happen next regarding the national monument designated by former President Obama over the objections of the region's citizens and the Maine Legislature.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

Enclosure



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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

April 22, 2016

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

A year ago today, I wrote you to express my strong opposition to the creation of a National Park in the Katahdin region. I am, again, writing you to reaffirm my concerns regarding increased federal ownership of land in Maine and to inform you and your Office of how this issue has transformed over the past year.

As you know, there has been a multi-year discussion regarding the creation of a National Park in Northern Maine. This conversation heated up heading into 2016, the year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. In Maine, that conversation, however, has not gone particularly well for proponents of a National Park.

Since I wrote you a year ago today, three local communities have held municipal referenda regarding the creation of a National Park or National Monument – all three communities voted against this plan by wide margins. On June 23, 2015, the town of Medway held a local referendum, where over 70 percent of those voters rejected the creation of a National Park in Northern Maine. On June 29, 2015, the town of East Millinocket held a local referendum, where over 60 percent of those voters rejected the creation of a National Park in Northern Maine. Most recently, on April 19, 2016, the town of Patten held a local referendum, where almost 70 percent of those voters rejected the creation of a National Park or National Monument in Northern Maine. The concept simply is not catching on locally.

While local residents have been expressing their opposition to more federal ownership of land in Maine, members of Maine's Congressional delegation has responded with various reactions, from qualified support to outright opposition. I understand you received some correspondence from members of the State's Congressional delegation outlining their list of conditions that must be met before they would explore Congressional authorization to create a National Park in Maine.

Given the lack of local support for this proposal and the less than enthusiastic support by members of Maine's Congressional delegation, proponents of a National Park abruptly changed their plans in the fall of 2015. As you and your Office well know, supporters have now begun advocating for the creation of a National Monument, as opposed to a National Park. At first, I



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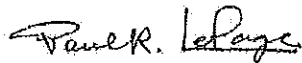
was surprised by this change because proponents of a National Park were so strongly convinced of the economic benefits that would flow from tapping into the National Park "brand" that I assumed they would never settle for National Monument status. Politics, however, is "the art of the possible" and proponents must have realized that a National Park was impossible.

In any event, this proposal has transformed, yet again, and the discussion now has shifted to the creation of a National Monument in Northern Maine. Regardless of the title, I remain steadfastly opposed to this project and to increased federal ownership of land in Maine. I am simply not convinced that a National Park or a National Monument is needed in Maine, as we already have a strong conservation ethos in this State. From the creation of Baxter State Park to current day efforts to conserve land, Mainers have worked to protect what makes our State unique. This includes close to 4 million acres of conserved land held in fee or easement by public and private entities. We are already doing this work, without the help of the federal government.

Of course, I am not the only person in Maine government strongly opposed to the creation of a National Monument in Northern Maine. This year, a majority of the Maine Legislature also saw fit to act in opposition to a National Monument - this includes the Democratically controlled Maine House. Just this month, I signed LD 1600 into law after receiving this bill from the Legislature. A copy of this bill, which revokes Maine's consent for the federal government to exercise exclusive jurisdiction over a National Monument in this State, is attached.

While I appreciate that under the Antiquities Act, you are the sole decision maker regarding the designation of National Monuments, I did want to provide you and your Office with these developments regarding this matter in Maine. As you can see, support at the local, state and even federal level, through Maine's Congressional delegation, is minimal at best. Please consider this information and my strong opposition to the creation of a National Monument as your Office continues to be lobbied on this issue.

Sincerely,



Paul R. LePage
Governor

Enclosure

cc: Senator Susan M. Collins
Senator Angus S. King
Congressman Bruce L. Poliquin
Congresswoman Rochelle M. Pingree
Christy Goldfuss, Managing Director, CEQ

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APRIL 12, 2016

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H.P. 1091 - L.D. 1600

An Act Regarding Consent to Land Transfers to the Federal Government

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 1 MRSA §15 is amended to read:

§15. Consent of Legislature to acquisition of land by United States for public buildings; record of conveyances

In accordance with the Constitution of the United States, Article I, Section VIII, Clause 17, and Acts of Congress in such cases provided, the consent of the Legislature is given to the acquisition by the United States, or under its authority, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, of any land in this State required for the erection of lighthouses or for sites for customhouses, courthouses, post offices, arsenals or other public buildings, or for any other purposes of the government, except for the designation of property as a national monument pursuant to 54 United States Code, Section 320301 (2015). Deeds and conveyances or title papers for the same shall must be recorded upon the land records of the county or registry district in which the land so conveyed may lie; and in like manner may be recorded a sufficient description by metes and bounds, courses and distances, of any tracts and legal divisions of any public lands belonging to the United States set apart by the general government for either of the purposes before mentioned, by an order, patent or other official paper so describing such land.



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August 28, 2015

Senator Susan M. Collins
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Senator Angus S. King
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Congressman Bruce L. Poliquin
426 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Congresswoman Rochelle M. Pingree
2162 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Collins, Senator King, Congressman Poliquin and Congresswoman Pingree:

I am writing to you due to my concerns about a growing threat to Maine's workers who rely on the State's natural resources economy. It has just come to my attention that the White House is actively exploring designating areas within the Gulf of Maine as a National Marine Monument under the Antiquities Act. Additionally, I am hearing more and more that National Park proponents are considering seeking a National Monument designation after their proposal was defeated at the polls in Medway and East Millinocket.

As you know, Congress has given the President broad powers under the Antiquities Act to designate federal land a National Monument. Fundamentally, I oppose this power because it is so sweeping and it provides few procedural protections to those who are likely to be most affected – those who rely on the natural resources-based economy. Under this power, the President has absolute discretion regarding how comments are solicited and which interests are taken into consideration before land is put off limits to commercial uses.

In addition to my general concerns, I am also opposed to the specific projects in question. A National Marine Monument putting Cashes Ledge and undersea canyons and seamounts in the Gulf of Maine off-limits to commercial fishing activity will affect Maine's offshore lobstermen, tuna fishermen, herring fishermen and groundfish fishermen. Moreover, this comes on the heels of a roughly ten-year habitat amendment process at the New England Fishery Management Council. It looks like environmental interest groups that are unhappy with that process are now going to a higher authority to upend the result achieved by the Council. Procedurally, this type of end-run is a terrible precedent.

I have been following closely the effort to create a new National Park in the Millinocket area. This is not the first time a federal takeover of the Baxter Park Area has been proposed. Unfortunately, this time we do not have Governor Baxter himself leading the charge against this maneuver as we did in the 1930s. I have been somewhat dismayed members of the Maine congressional delegation have yet to take a position on this matter, particularly in light of this summer's lopsided votes against this proposal in the towns of Medway and East Millinocket. Now, I am hearing even more troubling rumblings coming out of Washington that park



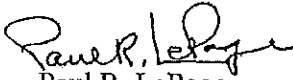
proponents are trying an end-run by seeking a National Monument designation by President Obama under the Antiquities Act.

Frankly, the more I come to learn about the National Monument process the more astounded I am. This law and the power it gives to the President is a complete abdication of Congressional authority by allowing the President unilaterally to declare land off limits. The potential for misuse of this power is concerning. In fact, this authority can create a situation like we are now facing in Maine where park proponents are considering asking the President to intercede despite the will of the Maine voters who rejected this proposal this year. Of course, this would not be the first time the liberal elite thought they knew what was best for rural Mainers.

As you all know, so much of Maine's economy relies on access to our natural resources. The President's authority under the Antiquities Act puts Mainers at risk by making these natural resources off limits. In the Millinocket area, a National Monument designation makes Maine timber off limits to the forest products industry. The National Maritime Monument designation that has just been threatened in the Gulf of Maine will harm Maine's commercial fishermen by excluding commercial fishing from certain areas of the ocean. I want to ask you to do everything in your power as our representatives in Washington to resist these efforts and to reform the Antiquities Act. Maine's natural resource-based economy cannot afford to allow the President to continue to retain this unfettered power.

Thank you for your attention to this letter.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

cc: Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
House Committee on Natural Resources



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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

July 14, 2015

Chairman Robert W. Bishop
Ranking Member Raul M. Grijalva
Committee on Natural Resources
United States House of Representatives
1324 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Bishop and Ranking Member Grijalva:

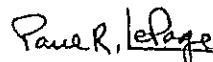
I am writing to you, again, regarding a proposal to create a National Park in the Katahdin region. As you may recall, I recently contacted your Committee to express my strong opposition to this proposal that would involve transferring roughly 150,000 acres of land abutting Baxter State Park to the federal government for management by the National Park Service.

Opposition to this proposal continues to grow in Maine. One of the primary concerns now being expressed about this proposal is the fact that the landowner involved continues to discuss a 150,000 acre transfer to the federal government, but owns less than 60 percent of this land. Serious questions about ownership of this land remain unanswered. Most concerning are questions regarding the potential use of eminent domain by the federal government, should the National Park Service get a foothold in this area.

Given the specter of loss of property rights in the region, opposition to this proposal has coalesced. Enclosed is a list of over 200 Maine businesses, most in the forest products industry, that have expressed their opposition to this proposal. More importantly, two communities in close proximity to the proposed park area recently held municipal votes and resoundingly rejected this concept. On June 23rd, over 70 percent of those who voted in a local referendum regarding this proposal in the town of Medway voted in opposition to this concept. On June 29th, over 60 percent of those who voted in a similar local referendum in the town of East Millinocket also voted against this proposal. Voter participation was over 35 percent in both communities.

I want to remain perfectly clear, I, as Maine's Chief Executive, oppose the establishment of a second National Park in Maine. While I remain Governor, the State of Maine will not welcome a National Park to this State.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

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224 Maine businesses with more than 3,900 jobs oppose the proposed national park

4 Girlz Truckin', Mars Hill	C.T. Sides LLC, Patten	Farley & Son Inc., Rockport	Jackman Powersports, Jackman
4 Seasons Disposal, Sanford	Caron Sign Co., Hermon	Fernalds Tree Farm, Troy	Jamie Hardwood, New Portland
A-1 Paving Co., Sanford	Castonguay Sand & Gravel, Livermore Falls	Fike's Custom Cutting, Readfield	Jarvis Forest Management, Jackman
Allens Logging, Carmel	Central Maine Fire Pros, Belgrade	Folsom's Gunsmithing, Mapleton	Jean Castonguay Logging, Livermore Falls
American Forest Management, Milford	Charles McLaughlin Guide Service, Patten	Ford Enterprise, Hope	Jeffrey Cross Logger, Dover-Foxcroft
Anderson Family Tree Farms, Inc., Crystal	Cheryl's Tax Service, Patten	Forest Diversity Services, Cross Lake	Jerry Harriman Farrier Service, Stetson
Andrews Timber, Atkinson	Chops Ahoy Farm, Woodland	Franklin Forest Products, Inc., Canaan	Jerry's Market, Sanford
Andy's Auto Detailing, Sanford	Clint Cote Forestry, Bowdoin	Freightliner of Maine, Bangor	John A Gray Consulting, Bethel
Armstrong Family Industries, Hermon	Colton Property Maintenance, Sanford	G & C Trucking LLC, Oakfield	Johnny Castonguay Logging & Trucking, Livermore
ATL Tree Service, Readfield	Crockett Contractors, Farmingdale	G. E. Strout Heating, Charleston	Katahdin Cedar Log Homes, Oakfield
B & C Logging & Excavation, Greenville Junction	D N Watson, Denmark	G.A. Clark Construction, Holden	Katahdin Gardens, Patten
Balanced Engineering, Hampden	Dale Choate Construction, Farmingdale	Gander Hill Woodworks, Sidney	Katahdin Welding, Patten
Bald Rock Property Management, Lincolnville	Daniel Sadowski, Monticello	Gateway Inn, Medway	Kennebec Electric, Fayette
Bamford's Garage, Fayette	Dave & Denise Aggregate, Sanford	Gerald Poulin & Sons, Readfield	Kenricks Logging, Rumford
Bangor Truck & Trailer, Hermon	Dave's Curbside Pickup, East Millinocket	Gilpatrick & Sons, Richmond	Keystone Management, Sanford
Beans & Sons Custom Sawing, Sidney	Dickison & London, Houlton	Good Measure Custom Sawing, Dixfield	Kokadjo Trading Post, Frenchtown Twp.
Bernard Ginn & Sons, Winterport	Diesel Fuel Systems, Bangor	Gray Marketing, Bethel	L. E. Taylor & Sons, Porter
Best-Way Wood Heat Inc., Readfield	Dineen Logging, Meddybemps	Grignon Logging, Pittsfield	L.J. Jandreau Trucking, Fort Kent
Big Boy's Toy Box, Springvale	Dirigo Waste Oil, Waterville	Guillemette Plumbing & Heating, Sanford	Land & Sea Storage, Hampden
Bigge Defense, Millinocket	DOC's Logging, Clinton	Heavy Machines Inc., Skowhegan	Laverta Bros. Property Maintenance, Sanford
Bill Bougie Flatworks, Springvale	Dysarts Srevice, Bangor	Hilton Timberlands, Jackman	Lee Jay Mac Logging, Medway
Bill Taylor Logging, Gray	E. D. Bessey & Son, Hinckley	Hotel Terrace, Millinocket	Levesque Excavation, Sanford
Black Bear Automotive, Springvale	E. J. Carrier Inc., Jackman	Huber Resources Corp., Old Town	Linkletter & Sons, Inc., Athens
Boelsma Logging, Gilead	East Coast Mini Classics, Sanford	J P Larrabee Forest Products, Jackson	Little Oak Farm, Wesley
Bowden's Tree Care, Penobscot	East Road Electric, Greenville	J. E. Shelley Jr. Trucking, Jackman	Lumbra Hardwoods, Inc., Milo
Brett Morse Trucking, Patten	Eco-Analysts, Inc., Bath	J.V. Hurd Logging, Morrill	Lynox Welding Supply, Hermon
Bull Brock Enterprises, Windsor	Edgar Clark & Son, Readfield	J.W. Low Impact Logging, Wells	M. H. Seavey Trucking, Porter
	Engstroms Logging, Dover-Foxcroft		
	Eyeball Engineering, Skowhegan		

M.L. Pelletier Trucking, Inc., St. John Plt.	Northeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association, Cumberland	Rotta's & Son Logging, Brewer	The Leen Corp., Bangor
M.W. Davenport Treework & Excavation, Livermore	O'Connor Auto Group, Augusta	S. Richer Concrete, Sanford	The Northern Maine Land Man, Lee
Madison Paper Industries, Madison	Orion Timberlands LLC, Ashland	Safe Arbor Tree Service, Penobscot	Thomas Firewood, Ripley
Magic Falls Rafting Co., West Forks	Palmer Lane Upholstery, Springvale	Salt Pond LLC, Bangor	Thorndike & Sons Inc., Strong
Maine Antler Art, Frankfort	Pampered & Polished Nail Salon, Millinocket	Sawyers Custom Sawing, Stockton Springs	Tide Mill Enterprises, Edmunds
Maine Grilling Woods, Searsmont	Parker Lumber Co. Inc., Bradford	Sawyer's Maple Farm, Jackman	Timber Meadow Forestry, Dixfield
Maine Woods Company, Portage Lake	Parkview Salon, Porter	Scotty's Flying Service, Mt. Chase	Timber Resource Group, Stratton
Mainely Logging, New Portland	Paul Bean & Sons Logging & Firewood, Levant	Seven Islands Land Company, Bangor	Tired Iron Trucking, Guilford
Mainely Trees Inc., Strong	Paul N. Foulkes Inc., Williamsburg Twp.	Shackley Hill Orchard, Livermore Falls	Tom Bourgoin Logging, St. John Plt.
Marcel Payeur Inc., Sanford	Pelletier & Pelletier, Fort Kent	Sheridan D. Smith Inc., Chester	Tony Nightingale Logger, Garland
Mark Beaudoin Logging, Hanover	Penobscot Pyrographics, Lincoln	Smith & Sons Logging & Firewood, Newfield	Top Notch Logging, Levant
Maurice Labreque Construction, Alfred	Pepin Precast, Sanford	Soules Auto Supply, Chelsea	Tourcotte's Carpentry, Presque Isle
McKenna Logging, Rumford	Percy Crawford Trucking, West Enfield	Southern Maine Forestry Services, Windham	Trees For Tomorrow, Minot
Memories By Nancy, Sanford	Pine Lumber, Corinth	Spencer Clan Construction, Rome	Troy Rideout Logging, Winn
Midcoast Custom Repairs, Hope	Pine Tree Pest Solutions, New Gloucester	Steel Magnolias Hair Nail Skincare Salon, Millinocket	Varney Agency, Bangor
Mike Halacy Logging, Lovell	Pingree Associates, Bangor	Steve D'Arrigo, Lebanon	Verso Corp., Bucksport
Milner Trucking, Lincoln	Pleasant River Lumber, Dover- Foxcroft	Steve Grady Forest Products, Whitefield	Village Cut & Style Shop, Lincoln
Moonshine Transport, Hancock	Portable Welding & Repair, Sebec	Steven C. Horne LLC, Sanford	Vitale Forestry, Albion
Moose Wood Millworks, Ashland	Portage Wood Products, Portage	Stevens Construction & Landscaping, Whitneyville	W.T. Gardner & Sons, Inc., Lincoln
Moosehead LLC, Greenville	Premium Choice Broadband, Brewer	Stevens Logging, Edmunds	W.W. Davenport Treework, Livermore
Moosehead Motor Sports, Greenville Junction	Qualey Logging, Inc., Benedicta	Stratton Lumber Inc., Stratton	Wade Rideout Logging, Winn
Morton's Landscaping, Wells	R. Pepin & Sons, Sanford	Sullivan Enterprises, Hermon	Walter Hinchs, Orrington
Motor Medic, Newport	R.C. McLucas Trucking, Porter	T & D Equipment Repair, Glenburn	WC Tripp Forest Products, Frankfort
Nathan Northrop Forest Products, Jefferson	RCNO Logging, Mexico	T C Hafford Basement Systems, Wells	West Mount Inc., Farmington
New England Steel Fabricators, Alfred	Richard Emerson Construction, Kennebunk	T. Raymond Forest Products, Lee	Whited Ford, Bangor
Nickerson Construction, Ludlow	Robbins Lumber Inc., Searsmont	T. W. Clark, Newport	Wilderness Variety Store, Mt. Chase
Niles Hay Co. of Central Maine, Edinburg	Roger Berube Builders, Shapleigh	T.Condon Timber Harvesting, Portage	Wiles Brook Logging, Inc., Allagash
North Ridge Logging, Greenbush		T.J. Glidden Logging, Millinocket	Willard Hannington & Son, Wytotitlock
		T.S. Timber, Hancock	Yoder's Sawmill, Corinna
			Zuk Construction, Sanford



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Paul R. LePage
GOVERNOR

April 22, 2015

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to convey to you and your Administration my strong opposition to creating a National Park in the Katahdin region.

There is currently a proposal under discussion that would involve establishing both a National Park and a National Recreation Area in Northern Maine. While this "proposal" is constantly shifting as new objections to this concept arise, recent discussions involve transferring roughly 150,000 acres of land to the federal government for management by the National Park Service. While I appreciate the interest in land conservation, I cannot support ceding control of this land to the federal government and I will do everything within our power to ensure that this ill-conceived scheme is unsuccessful. I am joined by the Maine Legislature, which last spoke on this issue by adopting the enclosed Joint Resolution in opposition to the creation of a National Park, a Joint Resolution that received only 3 dissenting votes from the 186 members of the Maine Legislature.

Mainers have a long tradition of outdoor recreation, including hunting, trapping, fishing, snowmobiling and using ATVs. Unfortunately, the National Park Service largely deems these land uses incompatible with a National Park. The creation of another National Park in Maine will only diminish the ability of Mainers to access land and Great Ponds in Northern Maine for traditional activities. Of particular concern are the potential effects of a National Park on the continuity of the snowmobile trail system in Maine, a system that the State and private individuals have invested heavily in for years.

Proponents of another National Park in Maine have tried touting the economic benefits of this scheme by discussing studies performed by a pro-National Park consultancy. These economic promises, based on loose comparisons to other regions of the United States, provide only false hope to those who live in this region. The Katahdin region is certainly in need of economic development, but it will not be achieved through a National Park. This region's assets include access to important private infrastructure and Maine's forestry resources. These strengths, which will lead to economic recovery, are exactly what are put in danger by a National Park that seeks to prevent the use of Maine's natural resources. This proposal would have negative



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ramifications for the immediate area and the rest of the State by placing additional limits on Maine's wood supply.

I also have strong concerns regarding the loss of local and state control of this area. This land is successfully and actively managed now under existing state and local regulation. It will only be more susceptible to the dangers of forest fire than it is at present due to the National Park Service's prohibition on timber harvesting. Subjecting this land to federal oversight has the potential not only to take this land off of the tax rolls but also to shift the center of decision-making for this property out of Maine and to Washington D.C. When there are problems with Maine's State Parks, Mainers know whom to call to get these issues resolved. Federal oversight, however, means Mainers would be dependent on a largely unaccountable and faceless bureaucracy hundreds of miles away to resolve their problems. Is the federal government the best steward and best manager of this land? Is the National Park Service that is dependent on annual appropriations and is the subject of occasional government shutdowns the proper entity to oversee more land in Maine? Clearly, this is not government closest to the people.

I am also gravely concerned about this proposal's impact on what would be neighboring Baxter State Park. This Park, which was established in the 1930s, is one of Maine's greatest achievements and was a gift of former Governor Percival Baxter to the people of Maine. Proponents of this proposal, which would border Baxter State Park, have been silent as to the impact on our existing Park. If the proposed National Park would really result in the number of visitors projected, how could this proposal not forever change the face of Baxter State Park, which contains the only land of true significance in this area? Governor Baxter himself in 1936 recognized that the State Park land was the only land of significance, stating "All the land outside is just more wild land, such land as can be found in countless places within our state."

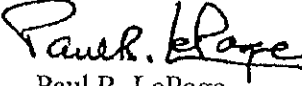
You see, Mr. President, this is not the first time a National Park has been proposed in this area. In the mid-1930's, there was serious thought given to making the Katahdin region a National Park. Legislation to this effect was even introduced in Congress. At that point, then former Governor Baxter recognized the folly in this idea and he successfully waged a personal battle for years to stop a National Park from being established in this exact area of Maine. In a letter to Dr. Earle A. Pritchard, who worked for the National Park Service, Governor Baxter stated "I certainly hope the Federal Government will not come into this region and as to the second suggestion that Baxter State Park be merged into a National Park it just cannot be done" Governor Baxter, during the height of the Great Depression, did not think that the benefits of a National Park in the Katahdin region outweighed what would be lost by the people of Maine. I'm afraid that same calculus still holds true.

Maine is no stranger to the cause of conservation, with Baxter State Park being the prime example of this ethic. Currently, more than 3.5 million acres of our State are protected by conservation easements. This includes over 2.1 million acres of productive, working forestland. If additional land needs to be protected in the Katahdin region to spur economic development, I welcome that discussion with proponents of a National Park, and I would gladly consider expanding Baxter State Park to make that a reality. Federal control of this area, however, is completely unnecessary and counterproductive to growing the economy of this region.

President Obama
April 22, 2015
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I want to be perfectly clear, I, as Maine's Chief Executive, oppose the establishment of a second National Park in Maine. While I remain Governor, a National Park is not welcome in this State.

Sincerely,


Paul R. LePage
Governor

Enclosure

cc: Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell
Senator Susan M. Collins
Senator Angus S. King
Senator Lisa A. Murkowski
Congresswoman Rochelle M. Pingree
Congressman Bruce L. Poliquin
Congressman Robert W. Bishop



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Governor Paul LePage
State House Station 1
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Governor LePage,

Monday, May 22, 2017

The Board of Directors of the Maine Professional Guides Association asked that I write you to encourage you to continue work on improving the process by which National Monuments are declared. As you know we are an organization of 1100 members each a small or indeed micro business. We are the folks who convert the academic discussion of economic value of recreation on remote lands into real cash that spreads through our local communities.

The Association has been opposed to the idea of a national park in Maine's North Woods since 2001. We have been supportive of other land conservation efforts in the state and I expect will support those efforts in the future. Indeed conserved land is a stable platform for our members to build and operate their businesses on.

Our reasons for opposing are simple. The Park system is not "guide friendly" this is not just hearsay from our peers around the country, although there is plenty of that. Rather from firsthand exchanges with our own Acadia National Park. Those concerns were raised at the listening session last spring but were quickly dismissed by the Park Service as not founded.

Time has proven that our concerns were not misplaced at all. As of this morning permits that would allow guides to offer their services in the new National Monument have still not been available. At the very least some of our members have lost a summer season and perhaps a fall as well. Or as many of our members have feared there is a "preferred list" of individuals and organizations that will be given permits to operate in the new Monument.

At the very least the promised economic benefit from the new Monument will not be accruing to our member's businesses in the short term even after the issue was brought up in an open public meeting. We encourage you to do what you can to ensure that other states and regions do not cut out the small businesses that represent the foundation of the local economy in future designations.

Thank you very much for taking a minute to hear our concerns about this important topic.

Best regards,

Executive Director

An organization of professional guides dedicated to promoting a quality, ethical outdoor experience.



BY THE NUMBERS

- Tourism is one of Maine's largest industries, supporting a total of 105,957 jobs, about 16% of employment in the state (1 out of every 6 jobs). That's greater than the populations of Portland and Bangor combined.
- Travel contributed more than \$2.5 billion to Maine households.
- If traveler spending in Maine dropped by 15%, the average Maine household would see an increase of approximately \$160 in taxes to maintain government services at current levels.
- A 10% increase in overnight visitation to Maine in the next year would provide \$453 million in direct expenditures.
- Total direct expenditures for tourism in 2016 equaled nearly \$6 billion, which equates to \$16 million per day, \$683,731 per hour, \$11,396 per minute, and \$190 per second.



MAINE OVERNIGHT VISITORS

- Direct spending on tourism-related trips by overnight visitors to Maine totaled over \$4.5 billion in 2016.
- Overnight spending on tourism generated over \$450 million in tax revenue.
- Nearly 19 million visitors spent one or more nights in Maine on tourism-related trips in 2016.



MAINE DAY VISITORS

- Non-resident, tourism-related day travelers to Maine accounted for more than \$1.4 billion in direct expenditures during 2016.
- Non-resident day visitor spending generated \$145 million in tax revenue for Maine.
- Maine hosted nearly 17 million non-resident day visitors in 2016.



MAINE CANADIAN VISITORS

- In 2016, Canadian visitors spent more than \$975 million in Maine.
- Canadian visitors were responsible for one-fifth of all tourism-related retail expenditures in the state, spending \$337 million.
- Canadian day and overnight visitation to Maine in 2016 accounted for nearly 4.5 million visitors.



MAINE FIRST-TIME VISITORS

- Overnight first-time visitors spend, on average, nearly \$165 more on their trips to Maine than do repeat overnight visitors.
- First-time visitor spending generated more than \$117 million in tax revenue for Maine.
- Maine hosted more than 5 million first-time visitors in 2016.

TOTAL VISITATION

	2015	2016	Pct. Change
Visitation	33,853,851	35,810,568	5.8%

Source: Davidson-Peterson Associates

DIRECT TOURISM EXPENDITURES

	2015	2016	Pct. Change
Retail Sales	\$1,478,307,803	\$1,527,493,109	3.3%
Restaurant/Food	\$1,505,910,031	\$1,567,874,621	4.1%
Transportation	\$ 46,593,287	\$ 48,832,750	4.8%
Gasoline	\$ 463,985,391	\$ 459,877,857	-0.9%
Lodging	\$1,645,071,621	\$1,817,710,496	10.5%
Recreation	\$ 505,656,269	\$ 567,692,496	12.3%
Total	\$5,645,524,402	\$5,989,481,329	6.1%

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TOURISM

	2015	2016	Pct. Change
Total Sales	\$8,294,177,528	\$8,865,540,806	6.9%
Jobs Supported	98,932	105,957	7.1%
Total Earnings	\$2,389,270,199	\$2,557,072,114	7.0%
Total Taxes*	\$ 554,701,633	\$ 596,441,775	7.5%

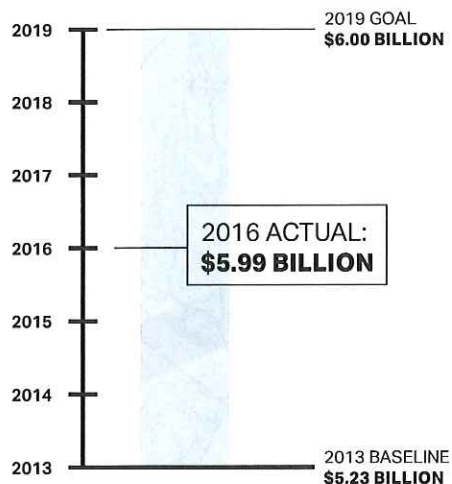
*Source: Davidson-Peterson Associates using RIMS II Model.

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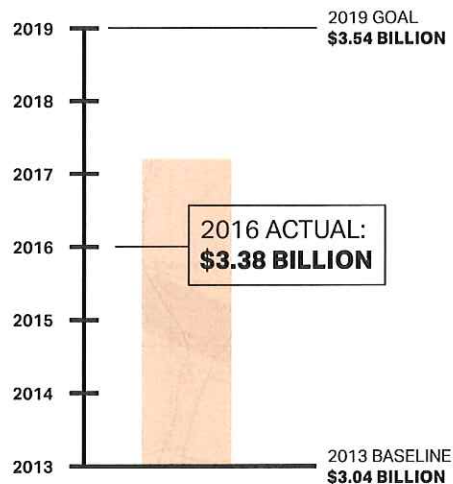
- Out-of-state day visitors on tourism-related trips
- Overnight visitors on tourism-related trips (including in-state and out-of-state)



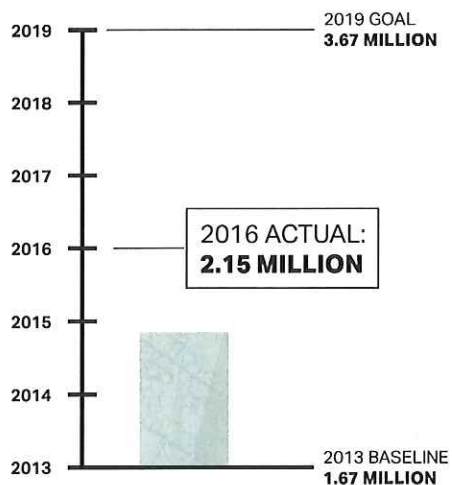
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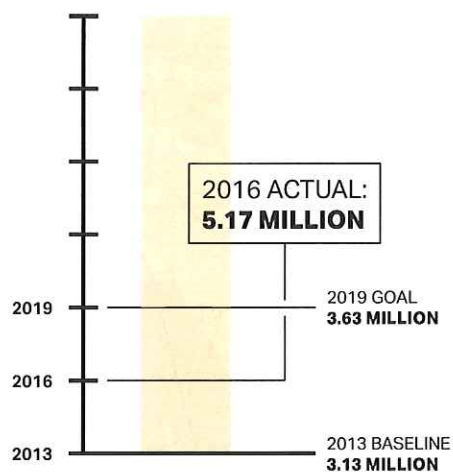
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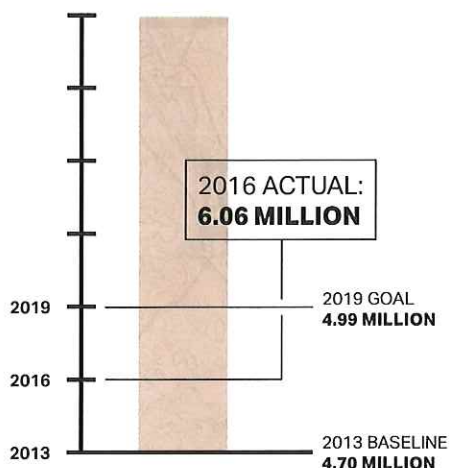
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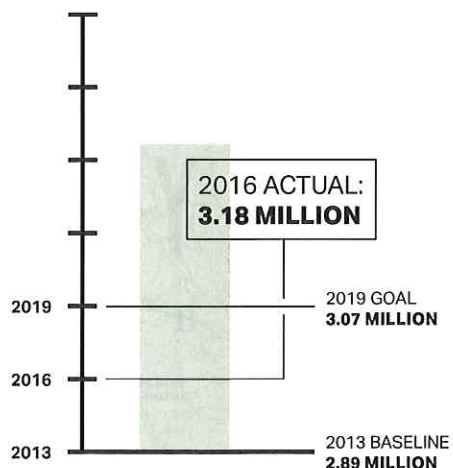
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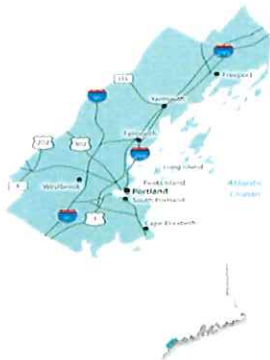
FIRST-TIME VISITATION



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Greater Portland & Casco Bay

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



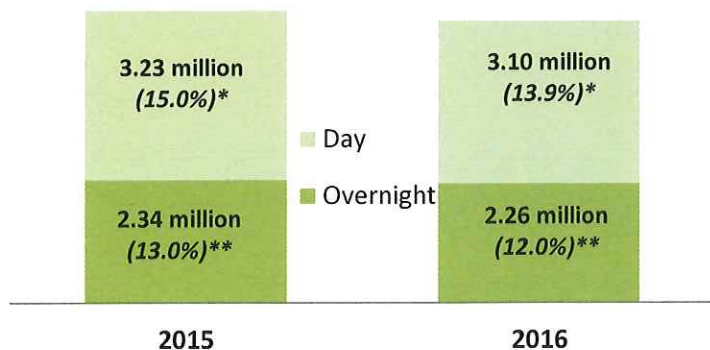
An estimated 5.4 million visitors came to the Greater Portland & Casco Bay region in 2016, a 3.7% decrease from 2015 estimates.

2015 Total

5.57 million
(14.1% of All Maine Visitors)

2016 Total

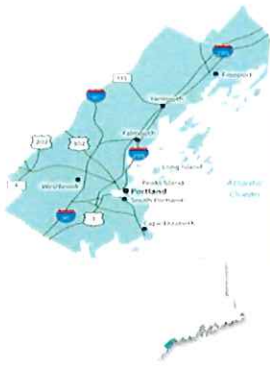
5.36 million
(13.0% of All Maine Visitors)



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** Percent of estimated total Maine overnight visitors

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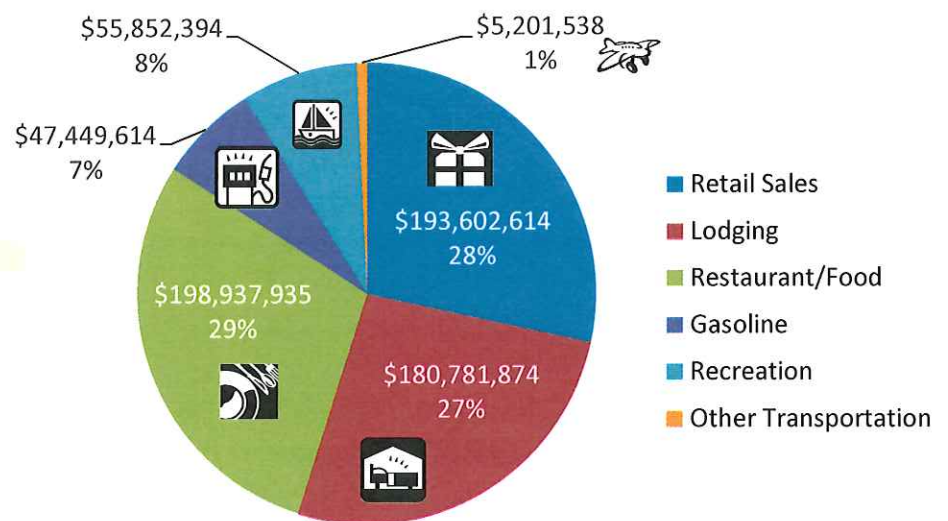
Greater Portland & Casco Bay

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates

In 2016, Greater Portland & Casco Bay visitors spent **\$682 million**, down 1% from 2015.

2016 Total

\$682 million



The \$682 million spent by visitors in Greater Portland supported...

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11,457 jobs

\$ 220,965,283 in total earnings

\$ 67,314,271 in total taxes

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Downeast & Acadia

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



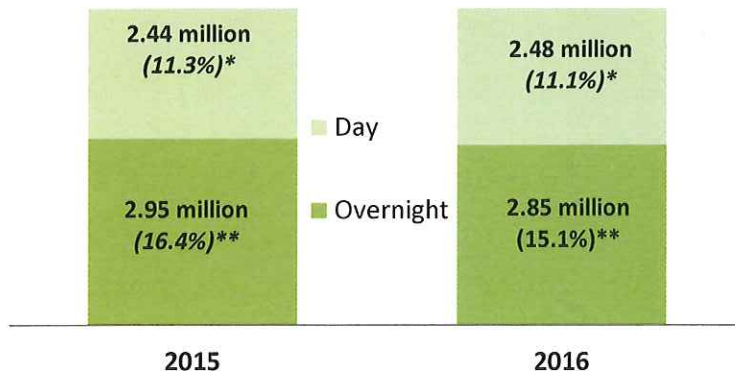
An estimated 5.3 million visitors came to the Downeast & Acadia region in 2016, a 1.1% decrease from 2015 estimates.

2015 Total

5.38 million
(13.6% of All Maine Visitors)

2016 Total

5.34 million
(12.9% of All Maine Visitors)



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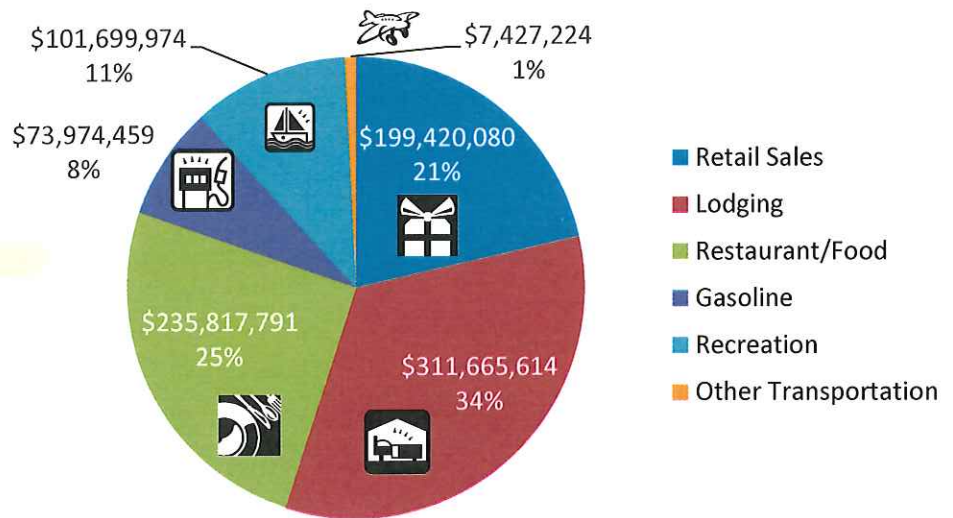
Downeast & Acadia

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates

In 2016, Downeast & Acadia visitors spent **\$930 million**, down 3.6% from 2015.

2016 Total

\$930 million



The \$930 million spent by visitors in Downeast & Acadia supported...

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16,019 jobs

\$302,195,936 in total earnings

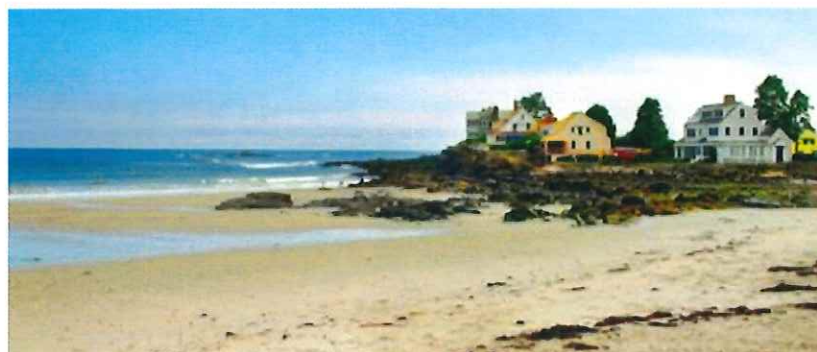
\$88,580,371 in total taxes

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The Maine Beaches

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



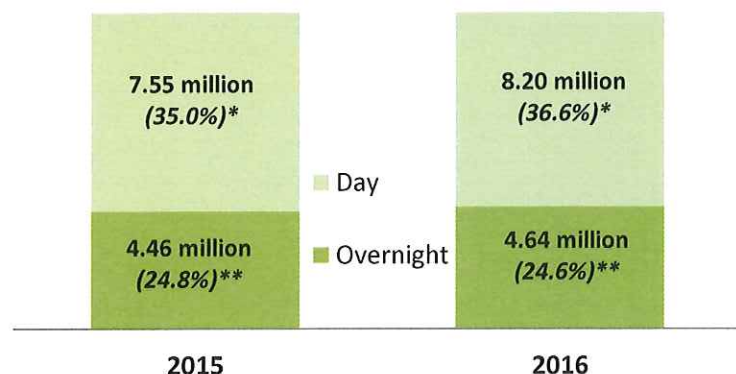
An estimated 12.8 million visitors came to the Maine Beaches region in 2016, a 6.7% increase over 2015 estimates.

2015 Total

12.00 million
(30.4% of All Maine Visitors)

2016 Total

12.81 million
(31.1% of All Maine Visitors)



* Percent of estimated total Maine day visitors

** Percent of estimated total Maine overnight visitors

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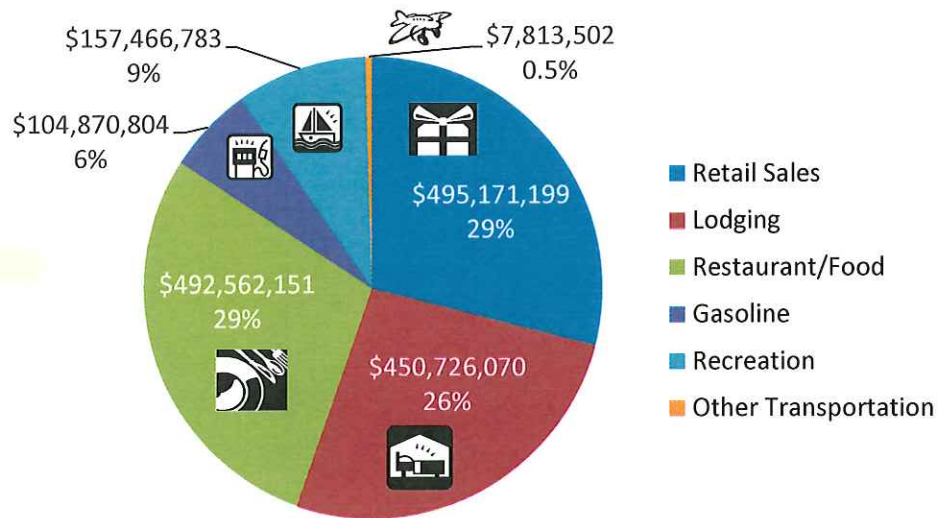
The Maine Beaches

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates

In 2016, Maine Beaches visitors spent more than **\$1.7 billion**, up 6.3% over 2015.

2016 Total

\$1.71 billion



The \$1.7 billion spent by visitors in the Maine Beaches supported...

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29,057 jobs

\$ 534,768,170 in total earnings

\$ 167,211,628 in total taxes

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Mid-Coast

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



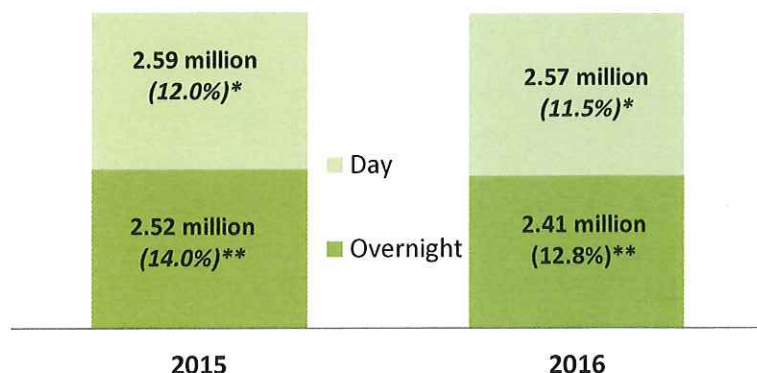
An estimated 5 million visitors came to the Mid-Coast region in 2016, a 2.4% decrease from 2015 estimates.

2015 Total

5.10 million
(12.9% of All Maine Visitors)

2016 Total

4.98 million
(12.1% of All Maine Visitors)



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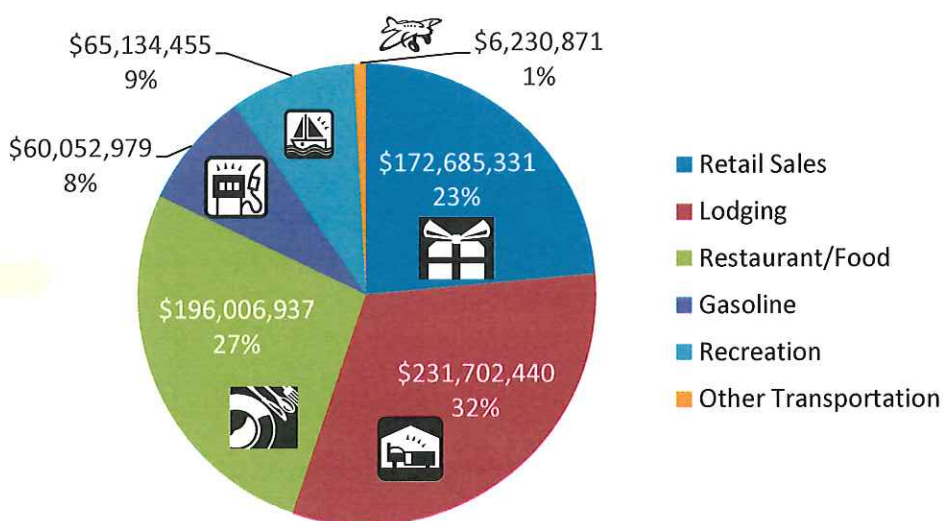
Mid-Coast

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates

In 2016, Mid-Coast visitors spent nearly **\$732 million**, about the same as 2015.

2016 Total

\$732 million



The \$732 million spent by visitors in the Mid-Coast region supported...

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11,946 jobs

\$ 224,666,920 in total earnings

\$ 70,573,246 in total taxes

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Aroostook County

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



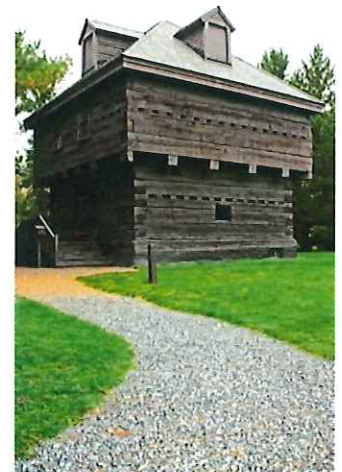
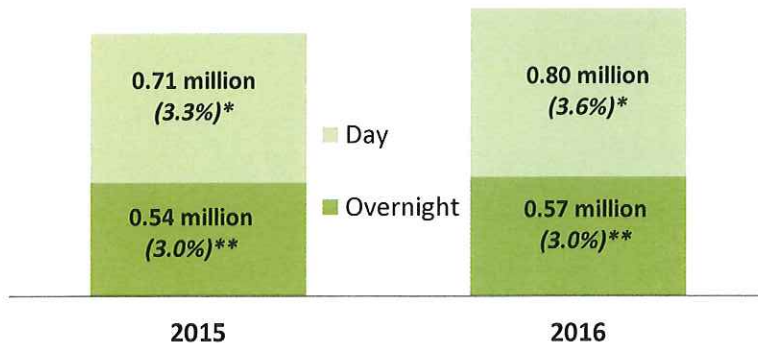
An estimated 1.4 million visitors came to Aroostook County in 2016, a 9.5% increase from 2015 estimates.

2015 Total

1.25 million
(3.2% of All Maine Visitors)

2016 Total

1.37 million
(3.3% of All Maine Visitors)



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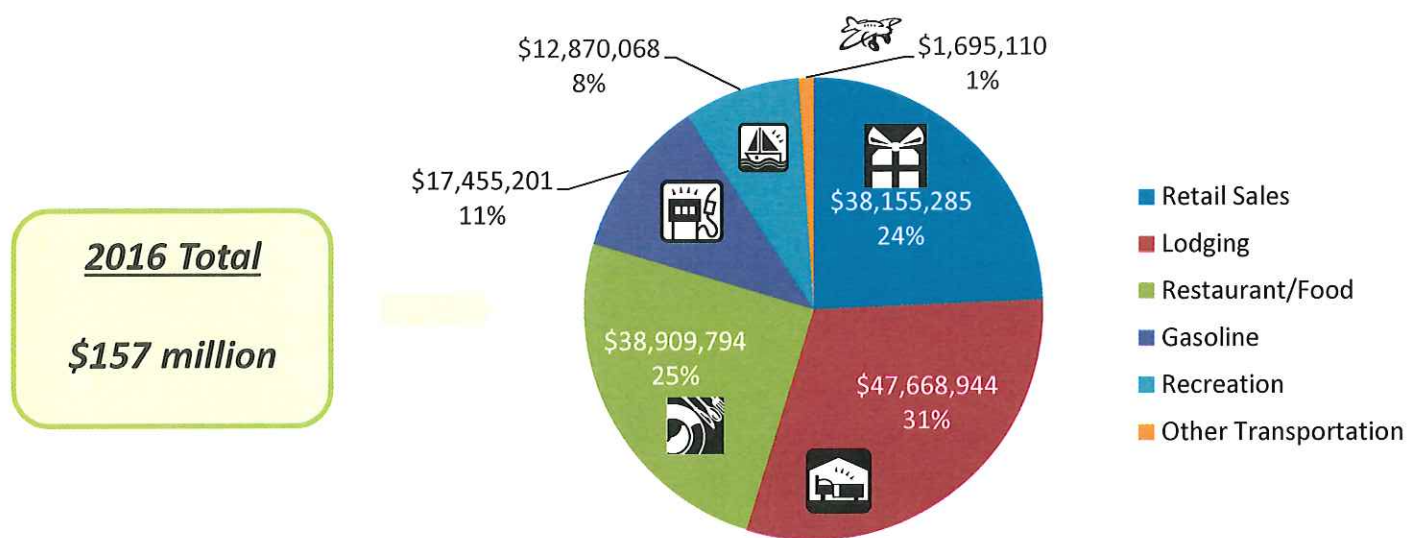
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Aroostook County

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates

In 2016, Aroostook County visitors spent **\$157 million**, up 13.1% from 2015.



The \$157 million spent by visitors in Aroostook County supported...

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2,784 jobs

\$ 53,242,069 in total earnings

\$ 14,755,772 in total taxes

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Kennebec Valley

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



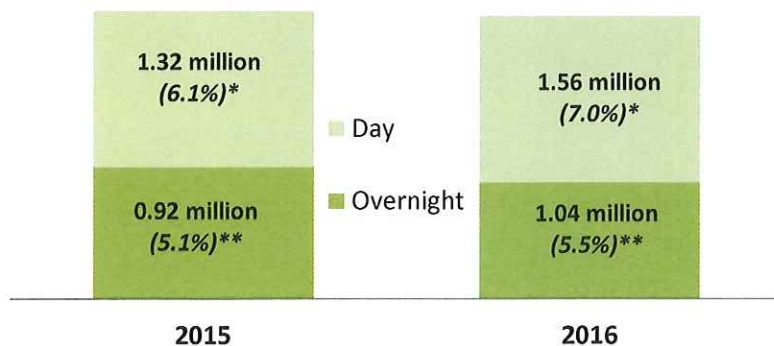
An estimated 2.6 million visitors came to the Kennebec Valley region in 2016, a 16.5% increase over 2015 estimates.

2015 Total

2.23 million
(5.6% of All Maine Visitors)

2016 Total

2.60 million
(6.3% of All Maine Visitors)



* Percent of estimated total Maine day visitors

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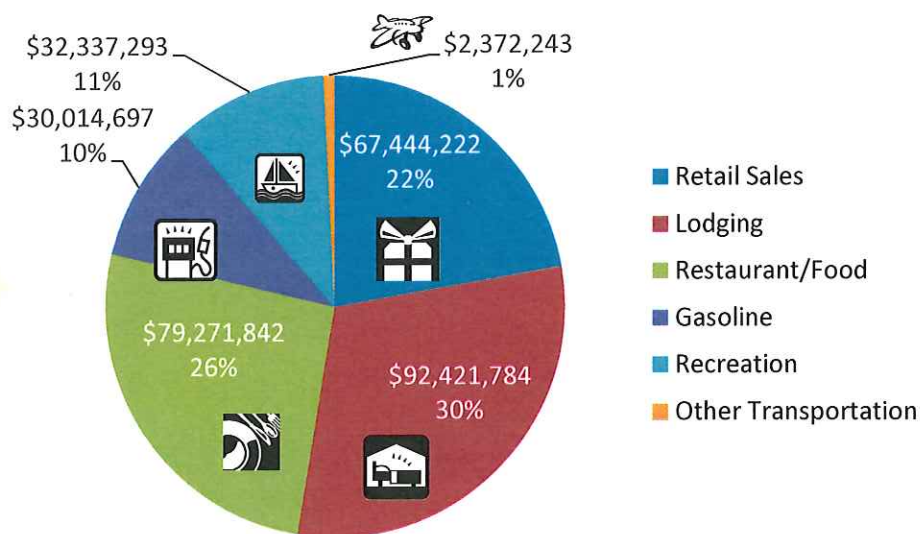
Kennebec Valley

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates

In 2016, Kennebec Valley visitors spent nearly **\$304 million**, up 13.8% from 2015.

2016 Total

\$304 million



The \$304 million spent by visitors in the region supported...

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5,004 jobs

\$ 97,404,406 in total earnings

\$ 28,603,901 in total taxes

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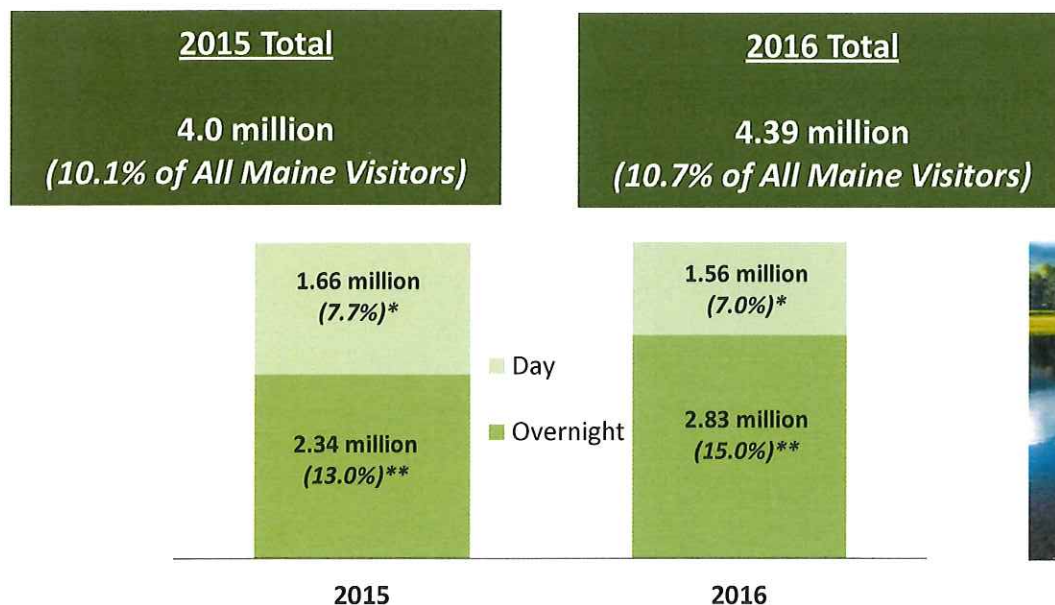


Maine Highlands

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



An estimated 4.4 million visitors came to the Maine Highlands region in 2016, a 9.9% increase over 2015 estimates.



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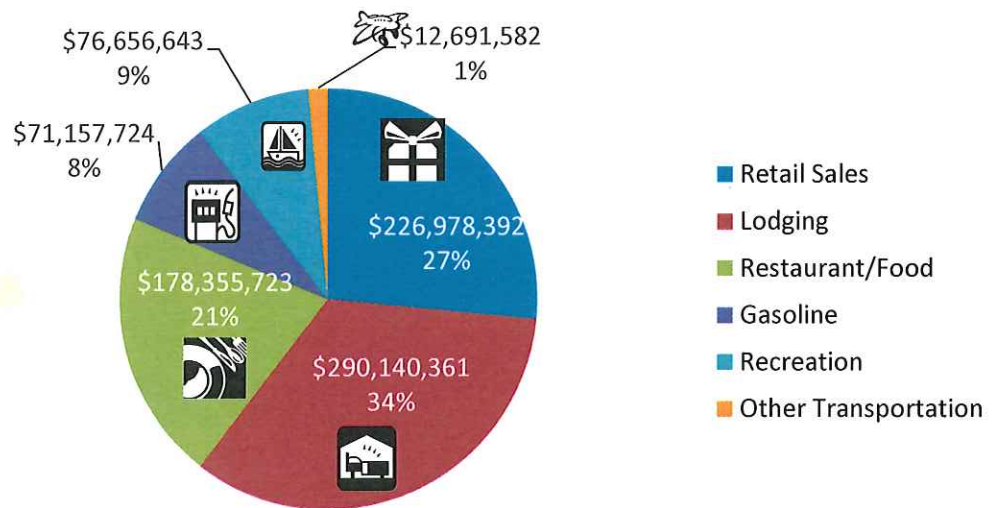
Maine Highlands

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates

In 2016, Maine Highlands visitors spent **\$856 million**, up 20.1% over 2015.

2016 Total

\$856 million



The \$856 million spent by visitors in the Highlands region supported...

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14,714 jobs

\$ 280,128,838 in total earnings

\$ 78,134,192 in total taxes

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Maine Lakes & Mountains

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates



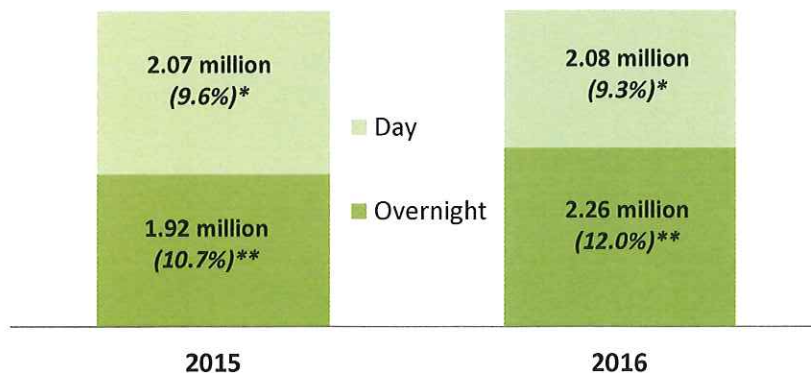
An estimated 4.3 million visitors came to the Lakes & Mountains region in 2016, an 8.6% increase over 2015 estimates.

2015 Total

3.99 million
(10.1% of All Maine Visitors)

2016 Total

4.34 million
(10.5% of All Maine Visitors)



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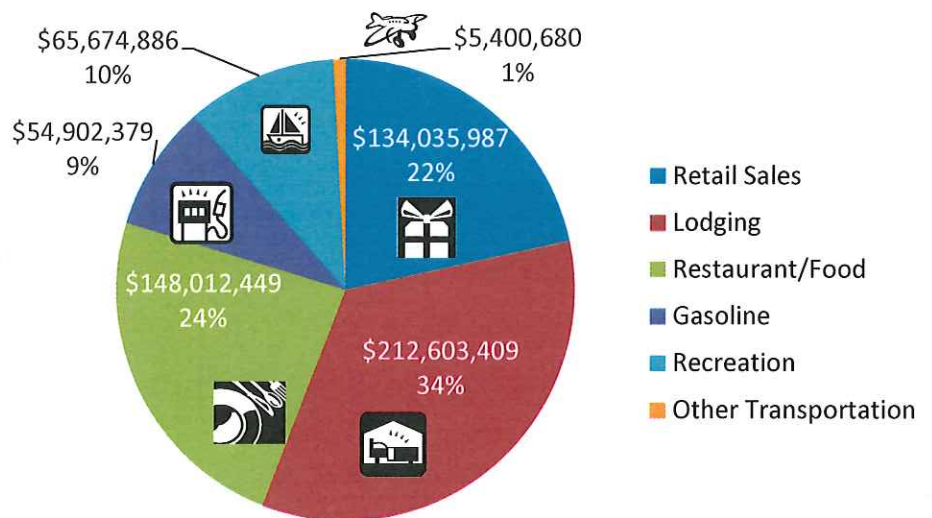
Maine Lakes & Mountains

2016 Regional Tourism Impact Estimates

In 2016, Lakes & Mountains visitors spent **\$621 million**, up 16.8% over 2015.

2016 Total

\$621 million



The \$621 million spent by visitors in the Lakes & Mountains supported...

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12,138 jobs

\$ 234,317,320 in total earnings

\$ 64,184,240 in total taxes

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