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Dear Lisa,

On behalf of our SAGE Committee and the 106 people in the audience, I want to thank you for presenting "Protecting the Nature of Maine" at SAGE. As I knew it would be, your presentation was clear, interesting, organized, informative, passionate and inspiring. I thought you'd be interested in a sample of comments I heard from Committee members and the audience after your presentation:

"Excellent and very well organized. I learned a lot about key environmental issues in Maine."

"I've been to many fine SAGE talks over the years. I'd say that Lisa's presentation was unique in soliciting great questions and engaging audience interaction. I've never seen it done so well."

"Lisa did a great job at expanding her typical 20 minute presentation to the much longer timeframe at SAGE. Thanks to Lisa's skill in public speaking and involving her audience, everyone remained interested and fully involved for two hours."

"There is much inherent interest in the subject matter itself, but the way Lisa handled it made it exceptionally interesting to all."

"Lisa did a great job of presenting the information in a well-balanced manner. Even though the large majority of her audience was highly sympathetic to environmental concerns, the way that Lisa presented the information could not have offended even those who saw issues from an opposing perspective."

To sum it all up, everyone on the SAGE Committee agreed that "Lisa is extremely experienced as a public speaker – obviously, she's a pro."

What else can I say? You did a great job. My deep thanks for a memorable morning and a fabulous presentation at SAGE. I appreciate the time you spent to plan your presentation, travel to Portland and present your talk to an audience that was obviously engaged and receptive to all you shared. You also did a nice job in finding the balance between describing the work of NRCM without making it an overt sales pitch – while still making your audience appreciate the important and pivotal work that NRCM accomplishes. Your handouts flew off the table, and I hope that you'll see completed membership applications from SAGE participants back at NRCM soon!



Lois Winter
SAGE Committee Member