



# Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument Listening Sessions

Beginning September 15th, the National Park Service (NPS) will hold a series of community listening sessions. These sessions are an opportunity for interested parties in communities surrounding the monument and beyond to work with the NPS and help shape the management planning process for our new public lands.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Each session (see dates and locations below) will be two hours long and will begin with a brief introduction of the goals of the evening, an outline of the immediate steps of the planning process, and a summary of the monument's baseline management commitments (as provided in the proclamation). The majority of each session will be break-out group discussions about overarching management questions.

## WHAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

The break-out sessions will be your best opportunity to share your hopes, ideas, and concerns for the monument. The NPS will pose a series of questions to each group, such as:

*What do you think is special about this place?*

Sample response: The opportunity to experience the quiet beauty and solitude of Maine's North Woods.

*Where do you like to go and what do you like to do?*

Sample response: I like day long loop hiking trails and multi-day paddling trips.

*What would you like to see for the future of the monument?*

Sample response: I would like to see some areas (like the Loop Road) easily accessible by shuttle bus with multiple short trails and larger, more remote areas with hiking trails and back country camping.

*What concerns do you have about the monument and the management planning?*

Sample response: I worry that the whole area will get overused and "loved to death."

*How would you like to stay involved with the future discussions?*

Sample response: I would like to be kept informed through email and have the opportunity to comment again as the process moves forward.

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## WHEN AND WHERE

Schedule as of September 12th:

### **Stacyville**

Katahdin Middle/High School  
Thursday, September 15  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### **Medway/East Millinocket**

Medway Middle School  
Tuesday, September 20  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### **Millinocket**

Stearns High School  
Thursday, September 22  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### **University of Maine, Orono**

DP Corbett Building  
Thursday, September 29  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend any of the meetings, please email NRCM Forests & Wildlife Outreach Coordinator Eliza Donoghue at [eliza@nrcm.org](mailto:eliza@nrcm.org) and we'll keep you updated on any new information.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Anyone interested in how the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument will be managed, including those with recreation and conservation interests, as well as nearby landowners and user groups.

## CONTACT US

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