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Comments of the Natural Resources Council of Maine on DOI-2017-0002 Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument May 23, 2017

The Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) is a statewide, member-supported conservation organization established in 1959 and located in Augusta, Maine. We have 20,000 members and supporters located in all sixteen counties of Maine, including Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Aroostook counties, all of which include portions of the Katahdin region.

NRCM was instrumental in the establishment of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, the restoration of fisheries in the Penobscot River through the removal of three major dams, the adoption of the state's Forest Practices Law, Liquidation Harvesting Law, Land For Maine's Future program, Billboard Law, and Bottle Bill, all of which directly affect the Katahdin region, and a wide variety of other statewide policies affecting forests and wildlife, healthy waters, climate and clean energy, and sustainable communities. Information on all of our work can be found at <u>www.nrcm.org.</u>

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument was the product of a large-scale, statewide, multi-year dialogue with key stakeholders who shaped the ultimate outcome.

For the past decade, Maine people have been discussing, learning about, and debating various proposals related to lands purchased by Elliotsville Plantation, Inc. (EPI), which EPI wanted to donate to the American people to be enjoyed in perpetuity. This very public and inclusive process can be measured through literally thousands of news articles, editorials, letters to the editor, meetings, presentations, and public and private events.

During the five years leading up to the August 24, 2016 establishment of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument (the Monument), NRCM staff were involved in hundreds of presentations, meetings, debates, hearings, listening sessions, and one-on-one conversations with residents of the Katahdin region, interest groups, and local, state, and federal elected officials about the initially proposed national park, and eventually about the Monument. To suggest that this Monument had insufficient public input prior to its designation is patently absurd. This has been one of the most discussed and debated land conservation-related topics in Maine over the past 10 years.

The proposal for a national park made in 2011 evolved significantly as a result of those hundreds of discussions. Areas where hunting and snowmobiling would be permanently guaranteed were added. The proposal increased in size when it evolved to include both a national park and national recreation area (during 2014-15 discussions), but then was significantly decreased in size when it was designated a Monument in 2016, although the areas open to snowmobiling and hunting remained.

Although there was significant opposition to the original proposal for a national park in 2011, over the years of discussions and changes to the proposal based on input received, the Monument now has very broad support in the Katahdin region and across the state of Maine. Already, just nine months after designation, businesses have seen an increase in economic activity and are expanding, reservations are up, new businesses are opening, visitation is increased, and real estate prices (which had been significantly depressed over years of economic downturn) have begun to rise. The people in the region have a sense of hope and opportunity that they have not experienced in decades.

Former opponents are now some of the most outspoken supporters of the Monument. Elected officials, grocery store owners, and snowmobile rental and lodge owners are just some of the former opponents who are now speaking up in support. They are joined in support by the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce, the Houlton Chamber of Commerce, the Maine Innkeepers Association, and hundreds of businesses statewide, all of whom recognize that the Monument will benefit the entire state. The most recent poll shows 72% support for the Monument statewide, including 66% support in the 2nd Congressional District.

Demonstrating the extent to which Maine people have been following this issue, a May 2015 poll by Moore Research, a year prior to designation, found 67% support vs. 25% opposed to establishment of a national park, *with only 8% choosing a "Don't Know" response*. In the October 2016 Critical Insights poll mentioned above conducted two months after designation, *only 6% responded "Don't Know"* to a question that found 72% support and 22% opposition to the new Monument. Clearly, Maine people had a good understanding of and well established positions on this matter well in advance of designation. To suggest that there has not been sufficient awareness, engagement, involvement, and dialogue on this subject statewide and among key stakeholders is not accurate. (Copies of these poll questions are attached as Exhibit C.)

The Monument is also supported by recreational users of all types from hunters and snowmobilers to hikers, anglers, wildlife watchers, and bicyclists. Because the land was previously private, there was no guarantee that it would be open for recreational uses prior to the establishment of the Monument. The Monument permanently guarantees snowmobile corridors and the opportunity to hunt on the eastern portion. It also provides the opportunity for scenic drives, fishing, hiking, camping, cross-country skiing, and other recreational activities.

There were hundreds of public outreach events over five years.

Since early 2011, NRCM staff have been involved in a multi-year, statewide effort to connect with members of the public to discuss and promote dialogue about EPI's proposal to protect their privately-owned lands by transferring them to the federal government. We participated in literally hundreds of public outreach events and meetings to foster conversation, gather reactions and input, and provide that information to EPI to reflect in modifications to their proposal.

Meetings ranged from informal one-on-one meetings with residents of the Katahdin region to official meetings hosted by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis, Senator Angus King, Congressman Rob Bishop (Utah), and Congressman Bruce Poliquin. At the official event in Orono in May 2016 hosted by Director Jarvis and Senator King, almost 1400 people attended, of whom 1200 were supporters of the proposed Monument. We believe this is the largest number of people to attend a public hearing on a conservation issue in Maine history. At the field hearing two

weeks later hosted by Rep. Bishop, and the public meeting immediately thereafter hosted by Rep. Bruce Poliquin in East Millinocket, about 200 people attended. Supporters outnumbered opponents 4 to 1.

NRCM staff participated in at least 71 meetings attended by hundreds of residents of the Katahdin region. Those meetings included one-on-one meetings with municipal and civic leaders and business owners in the region. In each of these meetings, we shared information about the proposal and solicited feedback. That feedback was shared with EPI, and over time changes were made to the proposal to respond to the comments received.

Additional public outreach events in the Katahdin region included focus groups, a telephone town hall in which 5000 people participated, and evening open houses at East Millinocket and Medway public schools in 2015.

In additional to those meetings with residents of the Katahdin region, NRCM staff made at least 72 public presentations about the proposal across the state. These were attended by thousands of people. Every presentation included an opportunity for questions and answers. In Nov. 2015, a petition in support of Katahdin Woods and Waters was signed by 13,500 individuals living in 371 Maine towns, all 50 states, and 53 countries. (A news release announcing this support and a list of the 371 Maine towns represented is attached as Exhibit E.)

Finally, although we were not present at the meetings, we are aware that Lucas St. Clair also had hundreds of separate meetings and conversations with residents of the Katahdin region and across the state between 2011 and August 2016.

A partial list of these public outreach events is attached as Exhibit A.

There were dozens of consultations with relevant stakeholders over five years.

Over the course of five years, there were multiple meetings with a wide variety of relevant stakeholders to solicit their input about the proposal. Types of stakeholders consulted included federal, state, regional, and local officials; recreational users including hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, snowmobiling, guiding, cross-country skiing, and biking groups; forest products industry-related entities including landowners, paper mill operators, paper mill workers and loggers; business-related groups including multiple chambers of commerce and hundreds of individual businesses; and others. A <u>partial</u> list of those with whom NRCM staff or EPI and its representatives met includes:

Federal, state, regional, and local officials:

- Maine's Congressional Delegation, including Sen. Angus King, Sen. Susan Collins, Rep. Mike Michaud, Rep. Bruce Poliquin, Rep. Chellie Pingree
- The Governor of Maine and his staff
- Members of the Millinocket Town Council
- Members of the Selectboards of East Millinocket, Medway, Sherman, Stacyville, Patten, and Mt. Chase
- Members of the Penobscot County Commissioners
- Members of the Maine Legislature, both House and Senate
- Members of the Bangor City Council
- Lincoln Town Manager

Recreational users:

- Snowmobile clubs in the Katahdin region including the Bowlin Matagamon, Twin Pines, Jo Mary Riders, Northern Timber Cruisers, and East Branch Sno-Rovers Snowmobile Clubs
- Hunting, fishing, and guiding groups including Trout Unlimited, Maine Wilderness Guides Organization, Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, and Maine Professional Guides Association
- Hiking, camping, wildlife watching, cross-country skiing, and biking groups including Appalachian Mountain Club, Sierra Club, Maine Audubon, New England Mountain Bike Association, The Wilderness Society, and National Parks and Conservation Association

Forest products industry:

- All of the major landowners owning land adjacent to the Monument
- The manager of the East Millinocket paper mill
- The head of the union representing the paper mill workers at the East Millinocket paper mill and a group of workers
- Maine Forest Products Council
- Hard wood manufacturing businesses in the Katahdin region including Maine Heritage Timber, Larry's Wood Products, Inc., and Sherman Wood Works, Inc.
- The New England Forestry Foundation

Business related entities:

- Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce
- Katahdin Area Rotary Club
- Houlton Chamber of Commerce
- Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce
- Maine State Chamber of Commerce
- Maine Innkeepers Association
- 200 Maine businesses that endorsed EPI's proposal (See attached list, Exhibit D)

Others:

- Penobscot Indian Nation
- Millinocket AARP
- East Millinocket and Medway Seniors groups
- Patten Women's Group
- Superintendents of Schools in Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Medway
- Millinocket Regional Hospital

In addition to these meetings, we know that EPI and its representatives had numerous other meetings with stakeholders in each of these categories.

With many of these stakeholders, there were multiple meetings as we worked to incorporate their ideas into the proposal and resolve concerns. After coordination with these stakeholders, the overwhelming majority of them supported the Monument.

There are no relevant stakeholders of whom we are aware with whom there were no consultations.

The Monument is already providing significant economic benefit to the Katahdin region.

In 2013, an independent consulting firm, Headwaters Economics, conducted two studies analyzing the likely economic impact of a new national park in the Katahdin region. Those reports can be found at http://headwaterseconomics.org. Those studies found that, based on the experience of other national park units in other similar areas, the Katahdin region was likely to experience a net positive impact in jobs, personal income, and population.

More than 3,000 copies of those studies were widely shared in the Katahdin region and across the state. No credible alternative analysis disputed those findings. In fact, a group of highly respected Maine economists, including the former Maine State Economist, reviewed the report and signed a positive letter about its findings.

Nine months after designation (and before the major summer season has even started), the positive economic impacts of the Monument are already being felt. Businesses, including lodges, restaurants, grocery stores, and hardware stores, have seen increased business and are expanding to service new visitors. New businesses including snowmobile, canoe, and bicycle rentals and new lodging and eating facilities are opening. Real estate businesses report a significant jump in real estate sales. All of these businesses have added employees to serve the increased demand.

Former opponents have now embraced the Monument.

Many former opponents of the Monument have now embraced it. They are seeing the positive economic impact on the region. And perhaps just as important, they are seeing the hope and optimism the designation has brought to the region.

Rep. Steve Stanley, the Maine legislator who represents the Katahdin region and who sponsored a bill opposed to the Monument one year ago, is now an outspoken supporter. He has joined local residents in trying to ensure that there are adequate signs for visitors to find the Monument. Other local officials, including Millinocket Town Councilor Jesse Dumais and Patten Selectman Richard Schmidt, are now publicly talking about how they can best position their communities to take economic advantage of the Monument.

NRCM has surveyed local newspaper coverage on this issue and found that there has been an overwhelming volume of engagement and public support. In the three years prior to designation of the Monument, by our count, at least 257 letters to the editor and op-eds in support of the Monument were printed in Maine newspapers. Since Aug. 24, 2016, an additional 92 letters and opinion pieces supporting the Monument have been printed. Attached to these comments as Exhibit B is a list of those letters to the editor and opinion pieces. This is likely the largest number of letters to the editor and opinion pieces submitted to Maine newspapers about any conservation issue in the state's history.

The Monument permanently guarantees access for recreational uses.

Prior to designation of the Monument, the land comprising the Monument was privately owned by EPI. Under Maine law, members of the public have no legal right to cut timber, hunt, snowmobile, camp, or drive on privately owned land. After closing their privately owned land to public access for a period of time after purchasing the land, EPI opened their land and gave permission for some types of public access. They allowed public vehicle use in limited areas, and hiking, wildlife watching, fishing, biking, and camping. In addition, they allowed hunting on the east side of the Monument, and they allowed snowmobile use on defined trails.

With the designation of the Monument, all of those uses that were previously allowed only by the permission of the landowners have been permanently guaranteed. Any suggestion that traditional uses on the land have been limited by the Monument is false. The public previously had no legal rights to many uses on EPI's privately owned lands, but now the public has permanently protected rights for a broad range of uses on this public land in perpetuity.

Pursuant to the Executive Order dated April 26, 2017, Katahdin Woods and Waters does not meet the criteria for review by the Secretary of the Interior.

Because it underwent extensive public outreach and coordination with relevant stakeholders as outlined above prior to designation, Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument does not meet the criteria justifying review by the Secretary of the Interior. Therefore, factors (i) through (vii) in the Executive Order are irrelevant to Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Based on this summary of the broad-based, multi-year public dialogue that occurred prior to designation of the Monument, with targeted engagement with relevant stakeholders, we conclude that the Secretary of Interior's review of Katahdin Woods and Waters should be promptly terminated following closure of the public comment period. This review process is discouraging investment and jobs in the Katahdin region as the major summer tourist season approaches. A public statement announcing the end of the review process should be immediately issued so that this cloud of uncertainty currently hanging over the Katahdin region can be removed and the communities in the region can get on with their business of promoting this remarkable Monument as an asset for the region, the state of Maine, and the nation.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine & Johnson

Catherine B. Johnson Senior Staff Attorney and Forests and Wildlife Project Director

EXHIBIT A

Public Outreach Event Name	Location	Date
Meeting With Secretary Salazar and Director Jarvis	Millinocket	8.18.2011
Medway Town Meeting	Medway	8.18.2011
Meeting between Roxanne Quimby, Dave Edson and Gov. LePage	Augusta	11.1.2011
Panel on North Woods issues at Franco American Center	Lewiston	11.7.2011
Meeting with Katahdin region residents	Millinocket	8.2 2012
Meeting with Friends of Baxter	Норе	8.8.2012
Meeting with Penobscot Indian Nation	Old Town	8.15.2012
Meeting with Trout Unlimited	New Gloucester	8.15.2012
Meeting with Maine Professional Guides Association	Augusta	9.18.2012
Meeting with Maine Pulp and Paper Association	Augusta	9.19.2012
Meeting with Bangor Chamber of Commerce	Bangor	9.19.2012
Meeting with Forest Society of Maine	Bangor	9.19.2012
Meeting with Baxter State Park Superintendent	Millinocket	10.4.2012
Meeting with Millinocket School Superintendent	E. Millinocket	10.4.2012
Meeting with Medway residents	Medway	10.4.2012
Meeting with Milllinocket residents	Millinocket	10.4.2012
Meeting with Mllinocket business owner	Millinocket	10.24.2012
Meeting with East Millinocket teacher	E. Millinocket	10.24.2012
Meeting with East Millinocket School Superintendent	Millinocket	10.24.2012
Meeting with Medway business owner	Medway	10.24.2012
Meeting with Millinocket Real Estate Company	Millinocket	11.1.2012
Meeting with snowmobile club official	Millinocket	11.1.2012
Two meetings withh Millinocket business owners	Millinocket	11.1.2012
Meeting with Millinocket Town Councilor	Millinocket	12.12.2012
Meeting with Millinocket Regional Hospital	Millinocket	12.12.2012
Meeting with Millinocket business owner	Millinocket	12.12.2012
Meeting with Katahdin region State Representative	Augusta	12.13.2012
Meeting with group of Millinocket residents	Millinocket	12.13.2012
Multiple Individual Meetings - Katahdin region	Millinocket	1.23.2013
East Millinocket Mill Manager and Union employees Meeting	E. Millinocket	1.23.2013
Katahdin Forest Management President Meeting	Millinocket	1.24.2013
Three meetings with Millinocket business owners	Millinocket	6.26.2013
Meeting with Millinocket Town councilor	Millinocket	6.26.2013
Meeting with Patten business owner	Patten	6.26.2013
Large meeting of Katahdin region residents	Millinocket	8.13.2013
Tabled at Oquossoc Outdoor Sporting Heritage Day	Oquossoc	8.13.2013
Meeting with Penobscot County Commissioner	Bangor	9.10.2013
Meeting with Sen. King's staff	Bangor	9.10.2013
Meeting with East Millinocket Selectman	E. Millinocket	9.11.2013
Meeting with Upper Valley Economic Commission; Sherman Selectman	Sherman	9.11.2013
Meeting with Stacyville Selectmen	Stacyville	9.12.2013
Meeting with Patten business owner	Patten	9.24.2013
Art and the National Park	Bath	3.7.2014
Meeting with Millinocket Town Councilor	Millinocket	4.16.2014
Meeting with Upper Valley Economic Commission; Sherman Selectman	Sherman	4.15.2014
National Park Presentation	Bangor	4.15.2014
Meeting with Millinocket Town Manager and Town Councilor	Millinocket	4.16.2014

Meeting with Lincoln former official	Augusta	4.23.2014
Meeting with Lincoln business owner	Lincoln	4.28.2014
Meeting with Penobscot County Commissioner	Bangor	4.28.2014
Meeting with Lincoln Town Manager	Lincoln	5.7.2014
Meeting with Lincoln business owner	Lincoln	5.7.2014
Meeting with Medway business owner	Medway	5.7.2014
Meeting with East Millinocket business owner	E. Millinocket	5.7.2014
Meetings with 11 separate business owners	Millinocket	5.8.2014
Meeting with Lincoln Lakes Chamber of Commerce	Lincoln	5.20.2014
Meetings with 8 separate business owners	Millinocket; Medv	
Presentation at Woods at Canco	Portland	5.27.2014
Meetings with 7 business owners	Millinocket	6.4.2014
National Park Presentation	Hampden	6.25.2014
Bird the Park event	KWWNM	6.28.2014
Meeting with Chair Millinocket Town Council	Millinocket	7.11.2014
Meetings with 9 business owners	Millinocket	7.11.2014
National Park Presentation	Freeport	7.16.2014
Bike the Park event	KWWNM	
		7.19.2014
National Park booth at Bangor Folk Festival	Bangor	8.22-24.2014
Paint the Park event with Marsha Donahue	KWWNM	8.24.2014
Hidden Valley Nature Center Field Day - tabled re: national park	Jefferson	9.6.2014
National Park talk at Moosehead Historical Society	Greenville	9.8.2014
Meeting with Penobscot Indian Nation	Old Town	9.12.2014
National Park Presentation	Bangor	9.16.2014
Meetings with 9 business owners	Millinocket	9.17.2014
Meeting with Millinocket Regional Hospital	Millinocket	9.17.2014
National Park talk at Common Ground Country Fair	Unity	9.19.2014
National Park presentation at East Sangerville Grange	E. Sangerville	9.23.2014
Meetings with 10 businesses	Millinocket	10.6.2014
Hike the Park event	KWWNM	10.11.2014
Bangor Greendrinks	Bangor	10.14.2014
Meetings with 3 Sherman businesses	Sherman	10.23.2014
Meeting with Upper Valley Economic Commission; Sherman Selectman	Sherman	10.23.2014
Pecha Kucha presentation on National Park	Portland	10.30.2014
Presentation to AARP	Millinocket	11.3.2014
Meeting with Lincoln Town Manager	Lincoln	12.8.2014
Meeting with Lincoln Chamber	Lincoln	12.8.2014
Meeting with Chair, East Millinocket Selectboard	E. Millinocket	12.8.2014
Presentation in Island Falls	Island Falls	12.15.2014
Meeting with Sherman Business owner	Sherman	12.16.2014
Multiple meetings with Bangor and Millinocket residents	Bangor, Millinock	
Meeting with Millinocket School Superintendent	Millinocket	1.8.2015
Presentation at Stearns Senior Center	Millinocket	2.26.2015
Katahdin region residents large group meeting	Millinocket	2.19.2015
Katahdin region residents large group meeting	Millinocket	3.19.2015
NRCM Rising presentation at Paddy Murphy's	Bangor	3.19.2015
Presentation for seniors	Medway	3.31.2015

National Park information open house in E. Millinocket E. Millinocket Katahdin region residents large group meeting Millinocket National Park Presentation Blue Hill National Park debate Millinocket National Park information open house in Medway Millinocket National Park Presentation at Curtis Memorial Library Brunswick National Monument display at Patagonia in Freeport Freeport Katahdin region residents large group meeting Millinocket National Park Presentation Orono Library Orono National Park Presentation Belfast Library Belfast Presentation at PechaKucha Waterville Presentation at PechaKucha Kennebunkport **Barnard Mountain Hike** KWWNM National Park Presentation Rockland National Park Presentation Damariscotta National Park Presentation at CGCF Unity National Park Presentation Sanford Colby forum on conservation in Maine Waterville Millinocket Katahdin region residents large group meeting Greendrinks Bangor Presentation Hammond St Senior Center Bangor Presentation at York Audubon event Wells National Monument Presentation at UU Church Belfast Presentation Kennebunkport **Presentation at Dirigo Pines** Orono Presentation at UU Church Bangor Katahdin region residents large group meeting Millinocket Presentation at Avalon Village Hampden Presentation at UU Church Pittsfield Tabling at Banff Mtn film festival re: National Park Bangor **Presentation House Party** Belfast KWWNM NRCM Rising ski the park event Presentation at Skowhegan Library Skowhegan National Park presentation for COA students only Bar Harbor Talk in Mt. Vernon Mt. Vernon National Monument Presentation at UU Church Rockland National Monument Presentation House Party Brunswick National Monument talk in Wiscasset Wiscasset National Monument Presentation House Party Bar Harbor Talk with Umaine class re: National Monument Orono Presentation Blue Hill Presentation at UMF Farmington Meeting with Sen. King and Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce Millinocket Meeting for municipal officials with Sen. Angus King and Director Jon Jan East Millinocket Meeting with Sen. Angus King and Director Jon Jarvis Orono Field Hearing with Congressman Rob Bishop East Millinocket Public Meeting with Congressman Bruce Poliquin East Millinocket

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F	Presentation at Kittery Land Trust	Kittery	6.2.2016
L	unch and Learn at Laudholm Farm - National Monument	Wells	5.4.2016
E	Ellsworth Garden Club Presentation	Ellsworth	7.26.2016
S	Spectrum Generations Presentation	Damariscotta	8.17.2016

EXHIBIT B

Opinion Pieces	Publication	Author	Date
	KJ	Lois Winter	Oct. 16, 2013
	РРН	Alan Caron	Oct. 31, 2013
	BDN	Anita Mueller & Mark Picard	Nov. 25, 2013
	BDN	Charlie Cirame	Nov. 26, 2013
	РРН	Glenn Vaillancourt	Mar. 12, 2014
	BDN	Sue French	Mar. 24, 2014
	РРН	Gordon Glover	Apr. 15 <i>,</i> 2014
	BDN	Michael & Wanda Curtis	Apr. 28, 2014
	BDN	Carol Howell	5/19/14
	BDN	Georgia Manzo	6/17/14
	BDN	Diana Bell	6/21/14
	BDN	Peter Crockett	6/23/14
	BDN	Liz Hays	6/23/14
	BDN	Paul Corrigan	6/23/14
	BDN	Rod Williams	6/23/14
	BDN	Marilyn Tardy	7/1/14
	BDN	Deb King	7/4/14
	Lincoln News	Paul Corrigan	July, 2014
	BDN	Milton Gross	7/29/14
	BDN	Carly Andersen	Aug. 2, 2014
	PPH	Anita Jones	Aug. 2, 2014 Aug. 13, 2014
	РРН	Jim Donoghue	Aug. 13, 2014 Aug. 23, 2014
	PPH	Paul Corrigan	Aug. 23, 2014 Aug. 23, 2014
	PPH	Cody Ray McEwen	Aug. 30, 2014 Aug. 30, 2014
	BDN	Bonnie Wood	Sept. 15, 2014
	BDN	Richard Jagels	Sept. 15, 2014 Sept. 16, 2014
		Hera Bonnie Wood	Sept. 10, 2014 Sept. 17, 2014
	Lincoln News	Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce	•
		Samuel Gath	Sept. 18, 2014
	BDN		Oct. 2, 2014
	BDN	Steve Barker	Nov. 4, 2014
	BDN	Cloe Chunn	Nov. 5, 2014
	BDN	Alice White	Nov. 6, 2014
	BDN	Bonnie Smith	Nov. 12, 2014
	BDN	Wendy Wieger	Nov. 13, 2014
	BDN	Allen (Rod) Williams	Nov. 24, 2014
	BDN	Steve Bien	Nov. 24, 2014
	BDN	Tom Chasse	Dec. 4, 2014
	BDN	Sue & Victor Borko	Dec. 5, 2014
	BDN	Terri McLellan	Dec. 6, 2014
	BDN	Bronda Neise	Dec. 8, 2014
	BDN	Joyce Transue	Dec. 10, 2014
	BDN	Kat Gagnon	Dec. 12, 2014
	BDN	Sean Faircloth	Dec. 17, 2014
	BDN	Jym St. Pierre	Dec. 21, 2014
	BDN	Kirk Francis	Jan. 1, 2015

	BDN	Kathy Rommal	lan 10 2015
	BDN	Kathy Remmel	Jan. 10, 2015
	РРН	Steve Jacques Dan Blickensderfer	Jan. 13, 2015
	BDN	Rob Lilieholm	Jan. 18, 2015
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	BDN	Cody McEwen	Jan. 27, 2015
	BDN	Brad Ryder	Feb. 3, 2015
	BDN	Amy Hughes	5/18/15
	BDN	Irvin Dube	6/11/15
	Lincoln News	Group	6/16/15
	PPH	Ryan Linn	6/21/15
	BDN	Avern Danforth	6/22/15
	BDN	Michael Enos	6/24/15
	BDN	Lester Martin Sr.	6/25/15
	BDN	Michael Boland	6/27/15
	PPH	Eleanor Archer	6/28/15
	BDN	Milton Gross	7/22/15
	BDN	Jaime Renaud	7/28/15
	BDN	Nancy Moscone	7/30/15
	OpEd	Editorial Board	6/14/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Jaime Renaud	7/29/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Nancy Moscone	7/31/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	John Hafford	8/4/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	PPH	Carrie Donoghue	8/4/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Charles Cirame	8/6/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Gail Fanjoy	8/7/2015
OpEd	BDN	Anita Mueller	8/11/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Wayne Curlew	8/17/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Colleen McLaughlin	8/19/2015
OpEd	BDN	Lisa Pohlmann and Ken Olson	8/24/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	KJ	Marsha Donahue	8/24/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	KJ	Jesse Masse	8/25/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Paul Renaud	8/27/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	KJ	Anita Mueller	8/29/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	PPH	Steve Wolfson	9/8/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	LSJ	Ted Walworth	9/8/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Carly Anderson	9/16/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	Star	Herald Gary	9/16/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Andrew Cadot	9/29/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	Times Record	Jake Plante	9/29/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Avern Danforth	10/5/2015
OpEd	BDN	Alexandra Connover Bennet	10/5/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	BDN	Sam Gath	10/9/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	KJ	Jon Lund	10/10/2015
LETTER TO THE EDITOR	PPH	Robyn McCutcheon	10/18/2015
OpEd	BDN	Editorial Board	11/6/2015
OpEd	BDN	Jim Glavine	11/9/2015
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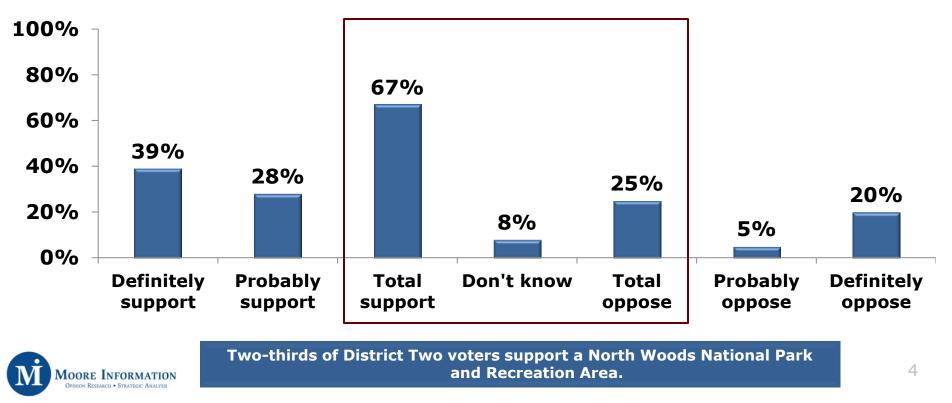
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Views on North Woods National Park and Recreation Area

"I'd like to read you some information about a proposal to create a national park and national recreation area near Baxter State Park in Maine's North Woods.

The proposed national park and recreation area would include no more than 150,000 acres of donated forestland adjacent to Baxter State Park with half of the land designated as a national park and the other half designated as a multi-use national recreation area.

Based on this, do you support creating a national park and recreation area in Maine's North Woods or do you oppose it?" (Q1)





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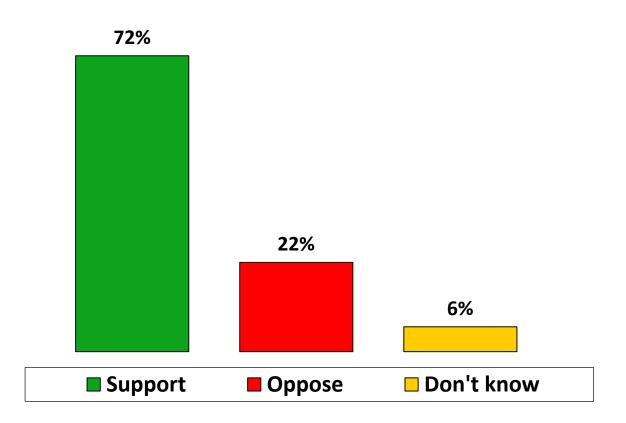
- In the Fall of 2016, the Natural Resources Council of Maine ("NRCM") contracted with Critical Insights (Portland, Maine) to conduct an exploratory issues poll of Maine voters.
- The intent of the effort was to document the attitudes and beliefs of a cross-section of voters on a range of issues of interest to NRCM.

Data Collection Overview

- Critical Insights completed a total of 405 random telephone interviews across the state between September 23rd and October 5th of 2016.
 - All interviews were conducted with self-reported registered voters; final data was statistically weighted according to relevant demographic and voter registration figures to reflect the voter base in Maine.
 - Interviews were conducted via both landline and mobile phone.
 - With a sample of 405 interviews across Maine, results presented here have an associated margin of error of ±4.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.
 - On average, the entire survey instrument including demographic items employed in sample balancing and weighting – was 10 minutes in administrative length.

Voters Strongly Support New National Monument

Last month, 87,500 acres of land near Baxter State Park was donated to the American public and designated as "Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument." This land will be managed similar to a national park, for hiking, camping, paddling, fishing, and other recreational purposes, with some of the land open for hunting and snowmobiling. Do you support or oppose the establishment of the National Monument with guaranteed public access forever?



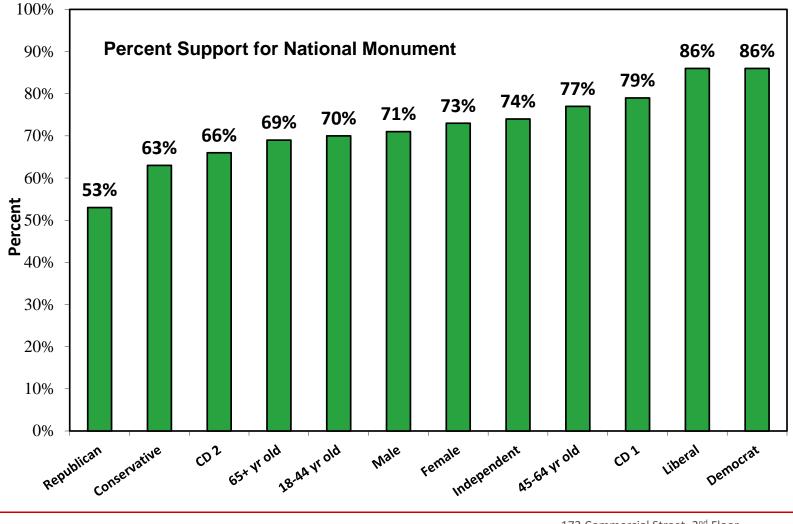
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Majority Support for National Monument in All Subgroups

Do you support or oppose the establishment of the National Monument with guaranteed public access forever?



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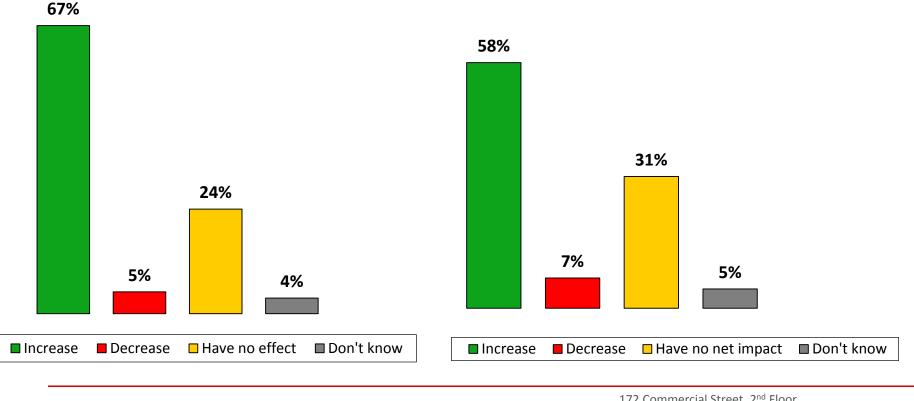
Most Voters Believe National Monument will Increase Tourism and Create Jobs

Tourism

Do you believe that the National Monument will increase, decrease, or have no effect on tourism in nearby communities?

Jobs

Do you believe that the National Monument will result in an increase in jobs, decrease in jobs, or have no net impact on the number of jobs in nearby communities?



Sample Profile

Gender	Percent
Female	52%
Male	48%

Age	Percent
18 to 34	19%
35 to 44	21%
45 to 54	23%
55 to 64	17%
65 or older	18%

Annual Income	Percent
Less than \$50,000	32%
\$50,000 to just under \$75,000	23%
\$75,000 or more	36%
Refused	10%

Party Registration	Percent
Democrat	36%
Republican	30%
Unenrolled/Independent	26%
Green/Other	4%

Political Leanings	Percent
Conservative	46%
Liberal	33%
Neither conservative or liberal	17%
Refused	3%

NORTHERN:	Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset.
CENTRAL:	Androscoggin, Franklin, Kennebec, Oxford.
COASTAL:	Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington.
SOUTHERN:	Cumberland, York.

EXHIBIT D

Businesses That Support the Proposed National Park & National Recreation Area

January 28, 2015

Katahdin Region

5 Lakes Lodge, *Rick LeVasseur* – Millinocket Appalachian Trail Café, *Jaime Renaud* – Millinocket AT Lodge/Ole Man's Gear Shop, Paul Renaud - Millinocket Baxter Park Inn, Anne & Tim Darling - Millinocket Central Street Market, Anne & Tim Darling – Millinocket Crandall's Hardware, Katie Crandall – East Millinocket Ice Fish Inn, Sean & Catie Clark – Millinocket Jason Campbell, MD – Millinocket Katahdin Cabins, Michael & Nicole Mohoff - Millinocket Katahdin Friends, Inc., Gail Fanjoy – Millinocket Lamson Funeral Home, Chip Lamson, Millinocket Larry's Wood Products, Inc., Larry MacArthur - Millinocket Levasseur Hardware, Stephen Cullen - Millinocket Mark Picard Wildlife Photography, Mark Picard – Millinocket Moose Prints Gallery, Anita Mueller - Millinocket New England Outdoors Center, Matt Polstein - Millinocket Nicatou Outfitters, Galen Hale – Medway North Light Gallery, Marsha Donahue – Millinocket North Woods Real Estate, Daniel Corcoran - Millinocket North Woods Trading Post, Sandra Bell - Millinocket On the Edge Vacation Rentals, Dennis Smith - Millinocket Oscar's Tea Room/Wilbur's Antiques, Dennis Smith - Millinocket Red Moose Gift Shop, Rhonda Brophy - Patten R&C In Home Care, *Rick McLaughlin* – East Millinocket Sherman Woodworks, Joe Pratt - Sherman Shin Pond Village, Terry Hill - Mt. Chase

The Wreath Factory, *Jerri Cohen* – Millinocket The Young House Bed & Breakfast, *Michelle Schumacher* – Millinocket Thyme & Moss Publishing, *Georgia Manzo* – Millinocket Twin Pine Camps, LLC, *Matt Polstein* – Millinocket Two Rivers Canoe & Tackle, *Lowell Davis* – Millinocket Wilderness Edge Campground, *Anna Hallett* – Millinocket

Bangor Area

A Straight Stitch, *Jeff Norton* – Brewer Acme Pizza & Wing Co., Steve Kilmurran – Orono Aqua Pura, *Bernadette Gaspar* – Bangor Attitudes Salon, Ann Lucas – Bangor Bagel Central, Sonja Eldridge – Bangor Bahaar Pakistani Restaurant, Farzana Khan – Bangor Bangor Travel Services, Cindy Hardy – Bangor Bangor Wine & Cheese Co., Christine Mihan – Bangor Between Friends, Inc., Tracy Marceron – Brewer Big J's Pizza, Jolena Glidden – Bangor Blue Heron, Chelsea Brown – Bangor Body Graphics Tattoo Studio, Sydney Winship – Brewer Bumpy Road Studio, Rosalita Feero – Eddington Celtic Moon Rising, Lorie Garnett - Brewer Charlotte Lorraine's Consignment, Betty McCarty – Bangor Choppin' Cotton Quilts, *Barbara Ewing* – Bangor Cigar & Smoke Shoppe, Frank Coglitore – Bangor Corner Store, *Barbara Cyr* – Bangor Diana Country Craft & Gift Ship, Diane Richard - Old Town Dick's Barber Shop, Deidra Fournier - Orono Downeast Coins & Collectibles, Dixie Barone - Bangor Dream Dress Bridal, Holli Owsley – Brewer Edge Video, Dawn Godin - Bangor

Epic Sports, Brad Ryder – Bangor Fago Electric, Robert Fago Jr. - Brewer Fetch Grooming, Sherri Therrien – Brewer Frank's Bake Shop, Bernadette Gaspar - Bangor Fringe, Emily Herlihy – Orono Generations Boutique, *Roxanne Noddin* – Brewer Harvest Moon Deli, Meg Philippon - Orono House of Brides, Jill Hunter-Smith - Bangor Ichiban, Ruai Luie – Bangor Ipanema Bar & Grill, Megan Marquis - Bangor Jason's Pizza, Sandra Olmstead – Brewer Knapps Music, Daniel Meck – Bangor Lebreeze Delivery Service, *Timothy Richard* – Old Town Lougee & Fredrick's, Linda Murphy – Bangor Main St. Barber & Beauty, Coleen Patterson - Brewer Maine Discovery Museum, Niles Parker - Bangor Mark's Music, Mark Braremon - Brewer Metropolitan Soul, Tracy Monaghan – Bangor Mexicali Blues, Pete Erskine – Bangor Nocturnem Draft Haus, Bryan Young – Bangor Northeast Reprographics, Benjamin Metzger - Bangor One Lupine Fiber Arts, Jodi Clayton – Bangor Orono Pharmacy, Ali Ashamousa - Orono Orono Thriftway, Khan Mohmand - Orono Pat's Bike Shop, *Scott Seymore* – Brewer Pet Pro, Alex Young – Bangor Raegamuffins Bakery, Rachel Eugley – Veazie Rebecca's Gift Shop, John Spellman - Bangor Reboot Computer Services, Gerald Jenkins - Brewer Rose Bike, *Jim Rose* – Orono Salon Bonifacio, Guy Ortega - Brewer

Shoestring Thrift Shop, Cheryl Huskins – Brewer Short Fuse Fireworks, Ronald Farwell - Old Town State Wide Distributers, Michael Rodrigues - Bangor Super Star Nails, Jimmy Pham – Bangor Syncopation Software, *Chris Dalton* – Bangor Tesoro Pizzeria & Restaurant, R. Agrusa – Bangor Thai Siam, *Chinda Rustanavibul* – Bangor The Charles Inn, Connie Boivin - Bangor The Family Dog, Robert Cutler – Orono The Growing Place, Sara Rice - Bangor The Rock & Art Shop, Annette Dodd – Bangor The Roost, Jim Coleman – Orono The Ruhlin Corporation, Chris Ruhlin – Bangor University Inn, Tracey Whitten - Orono Valentine Footwear, Summer Allen – Bangor Verve Burritos, Ara Foster - Orono Verve Burritos, Tabitha Johnson - Bangor Wagner Forest Management, Ltd., Tom Colgan – Bangor What's the Scoop? Café, *Melissa Howard* – Bangor Zen Asian Bistro, Chinda Rustanavibul – Bangor

Aroostook County

Bike, Board & Ski, *Thomas Chase* – Presque Isle Bread of Life Bulk Foods, *Cheryle Matowitz* – Presque Isle Country North Gifts, *Shannon Cibic* – Houlton Hand Me Down Antiques, *Eva Kirk* – Presque Isle Heads Up, *Tish Tuttle* – Presque Isle Jean's Serendipity, *Richard Slout* – Houlton Merchants on the Corner, *Chantel Graves* – Presque Isle Mini Music & Tack Shop, *Cheryl Tarly* – Houlton Modern Beauty Salon, *Linda Pilsbury* – Houlton Mojo Outdoor Sports, *Mark Fullen* – Presque Isle Morning Star Art & Framing, *Brian Brissette* – Presque Isle Oasis Salon, *Jean Brawn* – Presque Isle re-Imagined, *Jamie McKay* – Houlton Sandra Qualey, LCPC-C – Houlton Shelley's Cafe & Bakery, *Michelle Williams* – Houlton Star City Cafe & Bistro, *Dwayne Singletary* – Presque Isle The Courtyard Café, *Joyce Transue* – Houlton Threads to Beads, *Sherri Theriault* – Presque Isle Uncle Willy's Candy Shoppe, *Matt Sutton* – Houlton Virtual Tech, *Doug Boreland* – Houlton Wilder's Jewelry, *Cathy Beaulieu* – Presque Isle

Acadia Region

86 This, Jeffrey Kelly-Lokocz – Ellsworth Bar Harbor Bicycle Shop, Albert Minutolo – Bar Harbor Cara Romano Studio Jewelry, Cara Romano – Ellsworth Cherrystones Restaurant, Meghan Bishop – Bar Harbor Chocolatte, Christopher Marcial – Bar Harbor Cottage Street Restaurant & Bakery, Richard Baker – Bar Harbor Dream Catcher Antiques, Thomas Sawyer – Ellsworth Echo Salon, Jefferson De Lima – Bar Harbor Eclipse Gallery, Ruddy C. – Bar Harbor Eden Rising, Delia Cyanic – Bar Harbor Evergreen Pottery, H. Scott Stevens – Bar Harbor Finback Ale House, Evelina Kacprzykowska – Bar Harbor Finn's Irish Pub, Lorena Sterns – Ellsworth Grasshopper Shop of Ellsworth, Linda Beauvais – Ellsworth J + B Atlantic Company, Aziza Daigle – Ellsworth Maine State Sea Kayak, Robert Aho – Southwest Harbor Morton's Moo, Kirsten Henry - Ellsworth National Park Sea Kayak Tours, Robert Aho- Bar Harbor Old Creamery Antique Shop, *Timmy Torrey* – Ellsworth Peekytoe Provisions, Drew Smith-Bar Harbor Queen Anne Flower Shop, Maureen McGuire – Bar Harbor Richard Park's Furniture. Aaron Piacentini – Ellsworth Riverside Café, Leon Herrington – Ellsworth Salt Boutique, Melissa Walls - Bar Harbor Sand Castle Hands Gallery, Jess Morehouse – Ellsworth Second To None Thrift Store, *Lass King* – Ellsworth Seven Arts, Rebecca Krupke – Ellsworth Siam Orchard. Hatsana Hanthan – Bar Harbor Tangled Web, Leslie Jones – Southwest Harbor The Cellar, Aaron Porter – Ellsworth The Independent Café, Tim Rich – Bar Harbor Thirsty Wale Tavern, *Heather Surokan* – Bar Harbor Union River Book and Toy Company, *Michael Curtis* – Ellsworth Washing Baby Elephants, Wendy Preston-Ward - Ellsworth

Greater Maine, Etc.

Allspeed Cyclery, *Mike Davies* - Portland Attitudes Salon, *Naomi Plourde* – Waterville Back Country Excursions, *Clifford Krolick* – Parsonfield Bam Bam Bakery, *Bevin McNulty* – Portland Berry's Stationary, *Michael Givone* – Waterville Black Point Surf Shop, *Crystal Ouimette* – Scarborough Busytown Bikes, *Francois Jalbert* – Lewiston Children's Book Cellar, *Ellen Richmond* – Waterville Cyclemania, *Eddie Quinn* – Portland Downtown Smoothie, Mark Cunningham – Waterville Harraseeket Inn, Rodney Gray - Freeport Horny Toad, Ponch Membreno - Freeport Island Falls Canoe, Jerry Stelmok – Atkinson Larsen's Jewelry, Mark Larsen – Waterville Loyal Biscuit Co., Chelsie Herrin – Waterville Madlyn's, Melissa Holmwood - Waterville Maine Made And More, *Emilos Zirtidis* – Waterville Maple Hill Farm Inn & Conference Center, Scott Cowger – Hallowell Nomads, Kelly Fernald – Portland Orvis Freeport Outlet, *Aly Fox* – Freeport Patkus Guitars, Dennis Patkus – Waterville Personal Hair Styles, Beverly Kelly – Waterville Pine State Trading Co., Nick Alberding – Gardiner Rainbow Bicycles, John Grenier - Lewiston Remedy Salon + Sap, Kelly Paquette – Waterville Roy's Bike Shop, Mariel Roy - Lewiston SBS Carbon Copy, Martha Stevenson – Waterville Sebasco Harbor Resort, Bob Smith - Sebasco Sign of the Sun, *James Egerton* – Waterville Silver Street Tavern, Andrea Shorty – Waterville The Tackle Shop, Dana Eastman – Portland

Organizational Endorsements

Friends of Baxter State Park Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce Katahdin Rotary Club Maine Innkeepers Association Twin Pines Snowmobile Club, Millinocket

EXHIBIT E

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release November 10, 2015

Contact: Judy Berk, 207.462.2192

Widespread Support in Maine, Across U.S. for New National Park Petition Signers in 80% of Maine Towns, 50 States, and 53 Nations

Bangor, ME—Today a group of citizens called on Maine's Congressional delegation to help create a new National Park and National Recreation Area in the Katahdin region that could generate hundreds of new jobs in towns where mill closures have had a widespread economic impact. Members of the group today will deliver petitions to Congressional offices in Bangor, Waterville, and Augusta.

The petition was signed by more than 13,500 individuals living in 371 Maine towns, all 50 states, and 53 countries. The group also released a list of endorsements from groups, businesses, and individuals, and a compilation of public opinion surveys documenting overwhelming statewide support for a new National Park and National Recreation Area in Maine. The *Bangor Daily News* endorsed the proposal in an editorial published on Friday, November 6, 2015.

Gail Fanjoy, President of the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "I am heartened and moved to be here today to bring attention to the widespread support that we are now seeing for an important economic development proposal for the Katahdin region—the creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area. As a lifelong citizen of Millinocket, with deep roots in the community, I am intimately familiar with the challenges we are facing on a daily basis. The Millinocket mill is gone for good and the East Millinocket mill has been sold for salvage. The Old Town mill is closed and the Lincoln mill has filed for bankruptcy. For many in our communities, despair has settled in as the situation has gone from bad to worse. We absolutely will continue to work hard to maintain as many forest products jobs as possible, but we also need economic diversification—which a National Park can provide."

In March 2014, the Board of Directors of the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce voted to endorse the proposed National Park and National Recreation Area that would be established on up to 150,000 acres east of Baxter State Park. Elliotsville Plantation Inc. would donate land and a \$40 million endowment toward establishment of the park, amounting to a \$100 million total investment.

The proposal also has been endorsed by the Bangor City Council, Katahdin Area Rotary Club, Greater Houlton Chamber of Commerce, Maine Innkeepers Association, and more than 200 individual businesses, including Wagner Forest Management, Pine State Trading Company, Epic Sports, and many more. Notably, the petition released today includes signatures from 80 percent of Maine's 458 towns, including the Katahdin region towns of Millinocket, East Millinocket, Medway, Mount Chase, Patten, Sherman, Island Falls, Linneus, Houlton, Indian Purchase, Chester, Lincoln, Brownville, and Springfield. Of the 13,580 petition signatures, 330 are from individuals living in 53 other countries—demonstrating that the concept of creating a new National Park in Maine could tap into the broad market of international visitors who come to the U.S. to visit national parks.

Lindsay Hill Downing of Mt. Chase said, "As a student at Katahdin High School, I never imagined that I would return to the Katahdin region because there was so little opportunity. But the prospect of a National Park and Recreation Area in my backyard has opened up a great new opportunity. A National Park will bring people to the Katahdin region and they will spend money. They will buy groceries at the family-owned grocery store, rent outdoor equipment for their adventures, and they will want exceptional lodging. Northern Maine is an astonishing place to visit; it has just gone unrecognized. A National Park will put Mt. Chase and the Katahdin region on the map. And I just know that once people have visited, they will return. This part of Maine is a treasure, worthy of national recognition."

Allan Hewey, owner of The Charles Inn said, "Creating this new National Park seems like a 'no brainer' to me. I have been in the hospitality business for a long time and I know that people love to visit Maine. The National Park Service's unparalleled brand recognition will attract people to interior and northern Maine who have never visited that area before, and they will love what they see. Most of those people will pass through Bangor, which will be good for our hotels, restaurants, retail stores, conference facilities, and airport. I look forward to hosting guests at The Charles Inn and giving them information about the nation's newest National Park. We urge our Congressional delegation to help find a path to make this proposal a reality."

Ken Olson, retired President and CEO of Friends of Acadia, said, "Today we're here to demonstrate the strong support for creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area east of Baxter State Park. The proposal still faces some opposition—as did Acadia National Park, Baxter State Park, the Allagash Wilderness Waterway, and the Bigelow Preserve. But in each of those cases, the proposals moved forward on their merits. Proponents successfully made the case that protected parklands are, among other things, desirable community assets. They make nearby towns more economically vital and more attractive as places to visit, live, and start a business. I believe that supporters of this new National Park and National Recreation Area are on the right side of history. If this opportunity is seized, economic and other benefits will start flowing into a region that desperately needs this kind of investment. Let's get this done in 2016, the 100th birthday of both Acadia National Park and the National Park Service."

The news conference also featured speakers from communities around the state who signed the petition in support of the National Park and National Recreation Area. Each person explained why they believe the proposal will benefit Maine today and in the future.

The petition released today reinforces the results of numerous public opinion surveys conducted over the past five years.

Gail Fanjoy said, "It's clear to me that the overwhelming majority of Maine people understand the economic and recreation benefits that would flow from a new National Park in the Katahdin region. The people who have signed this petition are but a small sampling of the tens of thousands of people who live right here in Maine who think creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area is a good idea."

The group released opinion survey data from October 2011 and from April, May, and October 2015 showing overwhelming support. One survey conducted earlier this year, by a national recognized Republican Polling Firm, found that voters in Maine's 2nd Congressional District support creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area by 67% to 25%.

The petition to Maine's Congressional delegation—signed by 13,580 people, including 2,750 from Maine—reads:

"I urge Maine's Congressional delegation to support the creation of a new National Park and National Recreation Area east of Baxter State Park, as proposed by Elliotsville Plantation, Inc. The proposed National Park and National Recreation Area would have significant conservation and recreation benefits, and would stimulate much-needed economic development in the Katahdin region and beyond. That is why the proposal has earned the endorsement of the Katahdin Area Chamber of Commerce and Katahdin Rotary Club, among others. I urge Maine's Congressional delegation to support legislation in Washington, D.C. to establish the new National Park and National Recreation Area."

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Mainers in 371 Towns Have Already Signed Petition for National Park

Acton Addison Albion Alexander Alfred Alna Alton Andover Anson Appleton Arrowsic Arundel Athens Atkinson Auburn Augusta Baileyville Baldwin Bangor Bar Harbor Bath **Beddington** Belfast Belgrade **Belmont** Benton **Berwick Bethel** Biddeford Bingham Blue Hill Boothbay **Boothbay Harbor** Bowdoin Bowdoinham Bowerbank Bradford Bremen Brewer Bridgewater **Bridgton Bristol** Brooklin Brooks Brooksville Brownfield Brownville **Brunswick Buckfield** Bucksport Burlington **Burnham Buxton**

Calais Falmouth Cambridge Farmingdale Camden Farmington Canaan Favette Cape Elizabeth Fort Fairfield Caribou Fort Kent Frankfort Carmel Carrabassett ValleyFranklin Casco Freedom Castine Freeport Castle Hill Frenchville Friendship Charleston Chebeague Island Fryeburg Chelsea Gardiner Cherryfield Garland Chester Georgetown Chesterville Gilead China Glenburn Clifton Gorham Clinton Gouldsboro Corinna Grand Isle Corinth Grav Cornish Greenbush Cornville Greene Greenville Cranberry Isles Cumberland Greenwood Cushing Guilford Damariscotta Hallowell Deblois Hampden Hancock Dedham Deer Isle Hanover Denmark Harpswell Dexter Harrington Dixfield Harrison Dixmont Hartford Dover-Foxcroft Hartland Dresden Hebron Durham Hermon East Machias Hiram East Millinocket Holden Eastbrook Hollis Easton Hope Houlton Eastport Eddington Hudson Edgecomb Indian Twp Res Eliot Industry Ellsworth **Island Falls** Embden Isle au Haut Enfield Islesboro Etna Jackman Eustis Jackson Exeter Jay Fairfield Jefferson

Jonesboro Jonesport Kenduskeag Kennebunk Kennebunkport Kingfield Kittery Knox Lamoine Lebanon Leeds Levant Lewiston Liberty Limerick Limestone Limington Lincoln Lincolnville Linneus Lisbon Litchfield Littleton Livermore Livermore Falls Long Island Lovell Lubec Ludlow Lyman Machias Machiasport Madawaska Madison Manchester Mariaville Mars Hill Mechanic Falls Medford Medway Mercer Mexico Milbridge Milford Millinocket Milo Minot Monmouth Monroe Monson Montville Morrill Mount Desert

Mount Vernon New Gloucester New Limerick New Portland New Sharon New Sweden New Vineyard Newburgh Newcastle Newfield Newport Newry Nobleboro Norridgewock North Berwick North Haven North Yarmouth Northfield Northport Norway Oakland Ogunguit Old Orchard BeachSebago Old Town Orland Orono Orrington Otis Otisfield **Owls Head** Oxford Palermo Palmyra Paris Parkman Parsonsfield Passadumkeag Patten Pembroke Penobscot Perham Perry Peru Phillips Phippsburg Pittsfield Pittston Plymouth Poland Porter Portland Pownal Presque Isle

Randolph Rangeley Raymond Readfield Richmond Ripley Robbinston Rockland Rockport Rome **Roque Bluffs** Roxbury Rumford Sabattus Saco Saint Agatha Saint George Sanford Sangerville Scarborough Searsmont Searsport Sebec Sedqwick Shapleigh Sherman Shirley Sidney Skowhegan Smithfield Solon Somerville Sorrento South Berwick South Bristol South Portland South Thomaston Whitefield Southport Southwest Harbor Whitneyville Springfield Standish Starks Stetson Steuben Stockton Springs Stoneham Stonington Stow Strong Sullivan Sumner Surry

Swans Island Swanville Sweden Temple Thomaston Thorndike Topsham Trenton Trov Turner Union Unity Van Buren Vassalboro Veazie Verona Island Vienna Vinalhaven Waldo Waldoboro Wales Waltham Warren Washburn Washington Waterboro Waterford Waterville Wayne Weld Wells West Bath West Gardiner West Paris Westbrook Westfield Westport Island Whiting Willimantic Wilton Windham Windsor Winslow Winter Harbor Winterport Winthrop Wiscasset Woodland Woolwich Yarmouth York