



Recreation Area



A Summary of Our 3-Year Conversation with People in the Katahdin Region

A Commitment to Maine's Heritage. A Vision for Our Future.

A RENEWED VISION FOR A **Maine Woods National Park and Recreation Area**



Thanks to feedback from thousands of people in the Katahdin Region, we have created a draft outline that ensures a proposed national park and recreation area would:

- Create up to 1,000 jobs, strengthening the local economy
- Be managed with guidance from a local advisory board
- Permanently protect access for hunters, snowmobilers, and other sportsmen
- Allow timber harvesting to promote healthy forests and wildlife habitat in the Recreation Area
- Use wood harvested in Maine to build park facilities

A DRAFT OUTLINE FOR A National Park and Recreation Area

A Local Voice

To ensure the voices of the people in the Katahdin area are front and center, an advisory board made up of people from the region would be established to ensure local input into the formation and ongoing management of the park and recreation area.

Create Up to 1,000 Jobs

A national park and recreation area would create up to 1,000 jobs in the region. The National Park brand is unmatched in the United States and would attract visitors from all over the world.

A Place for Future Generations to Hunt and Snowmobile

The proposed recreation area would protect access to some of the best snowmobile trails and hunting areas in the state, ensuring future generations can enjoy the Maine woods as we do today.

A Nationally Significant Part of Maine

The area's natural, scenic, historic, and cultural values combine to create a unique outdoor experience found only in Maine's North Woods.

The Right Size for the Katahdin Region

The proposed park and recreation area would be no larger than 150,000 acres. The National Park Service would not be authorized to increase the size.

A Stronger Forest Products Industry

Based on our conversations with the forest products industry, the infrastructure for the park and recreation area would be built from wood harvested in Maine, rights of way would be made permanent, and current air quality standards would not change.

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NATIONAL PARK **YES!**

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Let's Continue the Conversation

Our commitment to listening to you and addressing your concerns continues. The success of a national park and recreation area depends on the support of local people like you. We look forward to working together to refine this framework into a proposal that positively impacts the future of northern Maine.

If you have feedback or questions, please contact us at feedback@katahdinwoods.org or (207) 370-5813.

