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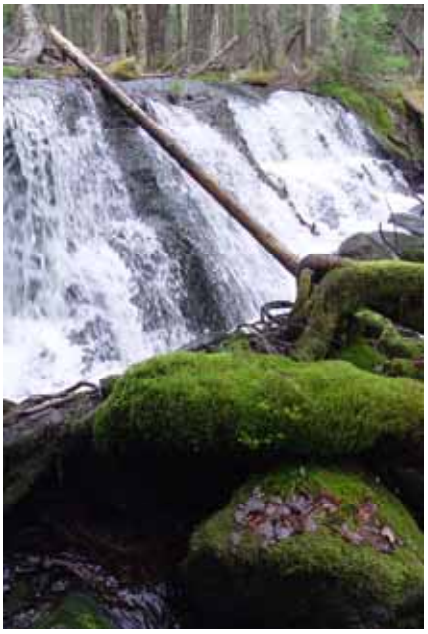
WEST GRAND #1 NATIONAL PRIORITY!

Community Forest Selected in Rigorous Competition

The 21,700-acre West Grand Lake Community Forest was selected as the #1 national priority for funding by The Forest Legacy Program of the U.S. Forest Service in fiscal year 2011. In an objective and highly competitive process, the Forest Service recognized the exceptional wildlife habitat, public recreation, and timber economy values of the project.

President Obama's 2011 budget includes a $6,675,000 grant toward the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project. DLLT's total campaign goal is $24 million. Maine's Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins and Representatives Michael Michaud and Chellie Pingree are supporting the grant in Congress. The Maine Department of Conservation and DLLT advanced the proposal to the Forest Service, after it was selected as Maine's best opportunity for forest conservation.

DLLT is deeply grateful to Maine's delegation and to our partners at the Department of Conservation for their support.



Waterfall on Oxbrook, West Grand Lake Community Forest.

Challenge & Opportunity

The Elmina B. Sewall Foundation has offered a $1 million challenge grant. If DLLT secures an additional million before the end of 2010, there is potential for The Pew Charitable Trusts to provide a 20% match - $200,000 - on top of the Sewall Foundation's grant.

The West Grand Lake Community Forest Committee is seeking leadership gifts and grants. Donors have the opportunity to know their support helped secure these generous matching challenge grants and contributed to the success of one of the nation's most important conservation opportunities.

YOUR LAKES

The early morning mist rising off the water as the sun breaks over the tree tops. The call of a distant loon. The leap of a salmon. The strike of a bass. The solitude as your paddle glides through the water. The curious glance from a river otter. The darting flight of a dragonfly. A quiet morning in a remote campsite.

Such wildness will always be available in the waters from the Machias Lakes to the Saint Croix River.

Thanks to your support of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust, 454 miles of lakeshore, along with over 1,500 miles of river and stream shoreline are permanently protected from development, and available for everyone's enjoyment for generations to come.

YOUR FOREST

You have helped make the Farm Cove Community Forest a 33,708-acre community asset and public resource. Because of your support, 350,000 acres of forests, wildlife habitats, watersheds, and lakeshores will help sustain the region's future.

You can enjoy it. It will always be open for outdoor recreation. Walk to Dawn Marie Beach for a picnic. Hike a trail. Hire a Guide. Find a remote pond or wild brook trout stream. Hunt for woodcock or ruffed grouse. Take a snowmobile ride.

Your visit - and many others - will support the local economy. Local business owners know the forests and waters will always be there to attract their customers.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

You Are Making a Difference

It's easy to look at the maps - or across our lakes - and see how much beautiful shoreline and wildlife habitat you've helped to conserve.

It's harder to measure - but no less important - how much you have helped the future of our communities.

Ensuring our natural resources will always be healthy and accessible is the first step. There are other great challenges now and ahead. We are working to support and encourage local businesses, and provide an environment that supports their future success.

What's absolutely clear is that without your donations and your support, we would not have protected the tremendously valuable and unique shorelines, streams, wetlands, and forests on which we all rely.

We struggle to express it often enough or well enough, but we greatly appreciate your contributions. Whether you're a volunteer, a donor, or both, you're participating in an exciting and defining moment in the history of this community.

We have the opportunity to secure our future. We'll pass on to our children and grandchildren our role as stewards of these lands and waters.

West Grand Lake

The character of our region depends on the success of our West Grand Lake Community Forest campaign.

Jake and Syd Lea are co-chairing a dedicated volunteer committee to ensure success. Thanks for sharing your ideas and support.

Thank you Ernest Carle!

The DLLT Board thanks Ernest for three years of dedicated service. We're extremely appreciative he'll be continuing to volunteer on our Forest Resources Committee.

As always, please visit and stay in touch. Sincerely yours,

Lindsay Wheaton

CORPORATE PARTNERS

DLLT Corporate Partners share in our vision for the future of the Downeast Lakes Region.

Two new Partners joined our program after our last newsletter went to print. We're glad to welcome Hanscom Construction, Inc. and Prock Marine Company as "Grand Laker" partners for their contributions of $250 or more.

These businesses made gifts to our annual fund in 2009.

Please consider contacting us and becoming a 2010 DLLT Corporate Partner - and support these businesses that support Downeast conservation!

Pine Tree ($2,000 +)

Bangor Savings Bank
Orion Timberlands, LLC

Brook Trout ($1,000 +)

Oakhurst Dairy

Grand Laker ($250+)

Davis Forestry Products
Furbush Roberts Printing Co.
Hanscom Construction, Inc.
Machias Savings Bank
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The Downeast Lakes Land Trust contributes to the long-term economic and environmental well-being of the Downeast Lakes region through the conservation and exemplary management of its forests and waters.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

You Are Helping People

Extraordinary Resources

The Downeast Lakes region has extraordinary lakes, streams, forests and wildlife habitats. Downeast forests are part of the largest expanse of undeveloped forest in the eastern U.S., and are a globally significant wildlife habitat. "Our" migratory birds are part of the wildlife heritage of people from Canada to South America. Local people depend directly on wildlife resources for their livelihood.

Optimistic Vision

You're supporting an optimistic vision. We believe hard-working people will continue to choose to live here among our beautiful and productive lakes and forests because of the outstanding quality of life they provide. Through conservation and management of these natural resources we can support their economic success.

Our work is based on this idea: we can maintain and improve the assets that make Grand Lake Stream and the region special.

The spectacular shorelines, clear waters, and productive forests that surround our community make this a place people love to visit - and a place people choose to live.

Risk of Inaction

The alternative could be sprawling development on the east shore of West Grand Lake and loss of public access to forests and streams. It would cost our region its character and people their way of life.

Essential to People's Future

Your support helps guides and lodges. It helps foresters, loggers, truckers, and mill workers. It helps provide the opportunity for Darrow Wilderness Trip Camp or Greenland Point Center to offer life-changing outdoor experiences to children.

Our work will only succeed with your help. Thank you for joining this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Mark Berry

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HIGH SPEED UPDATE

Grand Lake Stream has long been a good destination to get connected with the real world - of water, air, rock, fish, and wildlife. It still is.

Now high-speed internet service is necessary for many people to conduct their business, get news, or stay in touch with family and friends. Its availability influences choices of where to live, and where or how long to vacation. Some local lodges rely on satellite services to bring internet access for their customers.

The people of Grand Lake Stream recognized the need to bring high-speed internet service to the village. They sought a business partner and voted to invest the funds to erect a tower for wireless internet service in the village. The tower is under construction now, and residents and businesses should be able to contract for service this summer (it may also expand cell phone coverage)

Having high-speed internet here will help many who can work from anywhere they have access - and will benefit all who choose to be in Grand Lake Stream.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE: LOUIS CATALDO

Louie Cataldo is one of the founders of the Land Trust. He currently serves as Vice President, chairs the Governance Committee and sits on the Forest Resources, Events and Audit Committees.

Louie is a native of Grand Lake Stream. He served in the Navy and returned to his beloved town to raise his family and do what he loves - be an outdoorsman. He has earned his living through various occupations (as many men in Grand Lake Stream have) including being a Guide, a carpenter, working at the Woodland Paper Mill, operating his own sawmill, managing properties, and owning a firewood processing business. He currently serves as First Selectman of Grand Lake Stream Plantation and has been on the Board of Directors of the Grand Lake Stream Guides Association for 20 years.

Louie with Hill Gould Buck (replica).

Louie's family homestead is the Gould Farm on Grand Lake Stream. Louie is especially proud that his grandfather Hill Gould shot the number one non-typical white-tailed deer ever killed in Maine near Grand Lake Stream in 1910. Its antlers had 59 points and scored 259 B&C. When he is not working, Louie likes to deer hunt, bird hunt and watch the Red Sox.

Louie has been involved in the efforts to protect the area's natural resources and economy for close to twenty years. He was instrumental in the original conservation effort to protect Grand Lake Stream from a proposed subdivision.

His priorities have been to ensure public access for everyone on the land, protect wildlife habitat and promote jobs. Louie has worked tirelessly on these efforts and his dedication to the area is unwavering. Thank you, Louie for all that you do!

DOWNEAST LAKES

2010 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 17, 6:30 pm

History & Heritage Series Book Discussion

in partnership with GLS Historical Society:

Grand Lake Stream Plantation by Minnie Atkinson

(History, available at GLS Historical Society)

June 20—August 13 Weekly conservation camps at Greenland Point Center. www.greenlandpoint.com.

June 27—August 8 Darrow Wilderness Trip Camp Canoe Trips and Expeditions. www.darrowcamp.org.

Sunday, July 4 - All Day

Grand Lake Stream America Festivities

This community event is better every year!

NEW: "Race For Grand Lake Stream", 9 am

A 3 mile foot race from Big Lake landing to the ball field in Grand Lake Stream - for walkers and runners.

Parade: Look for DLLT's float, launching our 2010 Explorations and Adventures Program with a theme of "Feathers, Fins, and Fur". The float is being prepared in partnership with students at Princeton Elementary School.

Tuesday, July 6 & Wednesday, July 7

Nature Brigade Explorations & Adventures:

"Floating Classroom" Lake Tours

with the Maine Lakes Conservancy Institute

Each tour will be 2 hours - with 16 participants. Features include a mini-submarine. Residents and visitors can learn about our lakes and water quality, for a contribution of $10 per person. Contact DLLT.

Hosted by DLLT in partnership with Chet's Camps, Grand Lake Lodge, Grand Lake Stream Regional Chamber of Commerce, and Shoreline Camps.

July 6, 8 am, West Grand: (Grand Lake Lodge)
July 6, 11 am, West Grand: (GLSR Chamber)
July 6, 2 pm, West Grand: (DLLT)
July 6, 5 pm, West Grand: (DLLT)
July 7, 8 am, Big Lake: (Chet's Camps)
July 7, 11 am, Big Lake: (Greenland Pt)
July 7, 2 pm, Big Lake: (Greenland Pt)

Thursday, July 8, 7:00 pm

History & Heritage Series Special Presentation:

Geology of the Downeast Lakes Region,

With Geologist Elizabeth Wilson

Nature Brigade Explorations & Adventures

Tuesdays, July 13 – August 10, 9:30-12 noon.

DLLT weekly educational activities for children ages 6-12, with all ages welcome. Rain or shine, dress for the activity and the weather, bring water bottle, sun screen and bug spray. Snacks will be provided.

Tuesday, July 13 Nature Brigade: Forest Birds

with Maurry Mills, Moosehorn Wildlife Refuge

Thursday, July 15, 6:30 pm

History & Heritage Series Book Discussion

in partnership with GLS Historical Society:

Hunting the Whole Way Home by Syd Lea

(Tales and essays on the outdoor world)

Tuesday, July 20 Nature Brigade: Fish

with Dave Marsanskis, GLS Fish Hatchery

Friday & Saturday, July 23 & 24

GLS Guides Association Dinners

Saturday-Sunday, July 24 & 25 . 10 am – 5 pm,

Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival

See www.glsfaf.org, and visit DLLT's booth to say hello.

8th Annual Meeting & Picnic

Sunday, July 25 , 12-2 pm.

Lunch will be served at 12. By reservation; Please RSVP

Tuesday, July 27 Nature Brigade: Beaver

with Tobey Tomah

6th Annual West Grand Lake Race

Sunday, August 1 Canoe / Kayak Races for all, awards and picnic lunch. Register before 10:30 am. Don't miss it!

Tuesday, August 3 Nature Brigade: Bears

with Randy Cross, Maine Dept. Inland Fish & Wildlife

Tuesday, August 10 Nature Brigade: Moose & Deer

with Marie Laney, Registered Maine Guide

Thursday, August 19, 6:30 pm

History & Heritage Series Book Discussion

in partnership with GLS Historical Society:

Pod Run by Anna Cataldo & Ada Chambers

(Novel, available at GLS Historical Society)

For more information, visit www.downeastlakes.org

***Events meet at the James Brite Schoolhouse on Water Street in Grand Lake Stream unless noted ***

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GREAT PARTNERS AND NEW PROGRAMS

DLLT "Teams Up" to Offer Fun & Informative Programs in 2010!

You've helped DLLT accomplish a lot - and we've established partnerships that make your contributions go even further. This summer's full calendar of events (Page 4) is the latest great example. Don't forget to keep it handy! We have many partners that bring unique skills and knowledge to partner with DLLT and support our vision.

A new collaboration is bringing the Maine Lakes Conservancy Institute to Grand Lake Stream. They'll bring the fully equipped "floating classroom" and their professional educators. Shoreline Camps on Big Lake is donating lodging for the instructors. Greenland Point Center's Naturalist Camps are adopting two tours - and gaining a unique experience to share with campers. Chet's Camps, Grand Lake Lodge, and the Grand Lake Stream Regional Chamber of Commerce are each sponsoring one two-hour tour. Come learn about our lakes with your friends and neighbors - a $10 contribution per person will cover our cost for bringing the floating classroom to town.

In partnership with the Grand Lake Stream Historical Society, DLLT's History and Heritage Series will feature three book discussions this summer. See the Calendar (Page 4) for details.

This summer's Nature Brigade Explorations and Adventures also features partners. Look for the float in the 4th of July parade built by volunteers and the students of Princeton Elementary School. Don't miss great presentations by Maurry Mills of Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge, the staff of the Grand Lake Stream Fish Hatchery, and Randy Cross of MDIFW (Maine's bear expert), Toby Tomah, and Grand Lake Stream's newest Registered Maine Guide, Marie Laney.

Brook Trout habitat, West Grand Lake Forest

YES! WE'LL BE THERE!

8th ANNUAL DLLT MEETING AND PICNIC

Get together for a cookout by Grand Lake Stream Guides, Benefit Auction, and DLLT news.

12:00 to 2:00 PM, Sunday, July 25, 2010

(During the Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival)

In Grand Lake Stream, on the east side of the dam at the outlet of West Grand Lake
New supporters are welcome! Please attend and consider bringing a friend.
Reservations required by July 16. Seating is limited!

☐ Yes, I (we) would like to attend. _____ Number of people for lunch (free of charge)

Name(s) _____ Phone _____
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See Reverse Side for More Information!

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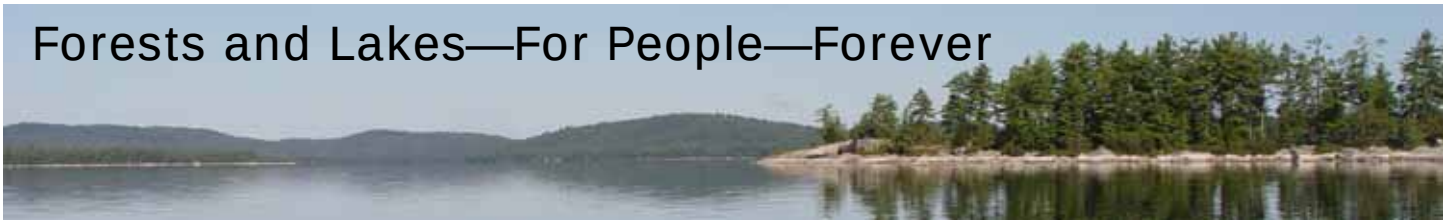

CELEBRATE WITH US!

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(Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival weekend)

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See Reverse Side to Reserve Your Spot!

Benefit Auction with handmade crafts and other great items!

Lead Sponsor: Bangor Savings Bank