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DOWNEAST LAKES LAND TRUST WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FORESTER

David Montague and Kyle Burdick

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of David Montague as Executive Director and Kyle Burdick as a full time forester.

Starting in mid-September, David comes to the DLLT with an extensive background directly relating to its mission. He is a registered Maine guide; has a BS in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology from Colorado State University; and has a Master's Degree in Wildlife Science from Virginia Tech.

David has a strong appreciation for the conservation, economic, recreational, and cultural values the DLLT exemplifies. He is strongly committed to building on the long history of collaboration between private landowners, paper companies, and community-based conservation.

Kyle Burdick is a University of Maine graduate in Forest Management. His philosophy and priorities as a forester support the DLLT-maintenance of its working forests while protecting wildlife and their habitats. Kyle Burdick will be responsible for the management of DLLT's forests and roads.

Both David and Kyle are passionate supporters of conserving natural ecosystems for multiple uses, and their skills, experiences and energy will contribute immensely to the efforts of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust to conserve our forests and lakes, for people, forever.

BREAKING DOWN HABITAT BARRIERS

In two cooperative projects, the Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT), Lyme Timber, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Project SHARE have removed barriers to fish movement on both Amazon and Billy Brown Brooks this fall.

In DLLT's largest project of this kind to date, an 18 foot wide and 9 foot high bottomless arch was placed under the west branch of Amazon Rd. By removing the undersized and beaver blocked culvert, Amazon Brook will return to being a cold, swift flowing waterway with trout moving up and down it to feed and spawn. The new structures also will reduce road maintenance costs, prevent flooding in high water events, and improve nutrient and sediment flow within the St. Croix watershed.

In a smaller project at the heart of Grand Lake Stream, work removing two undersized plastic culverts closed Shaw St. on October 1st. To replace the culverts where Billy Brown Brook passes under the road, the DLLT installed a concrete arch made by Dirigo/Timberlands in North Anson, ME.

All signs point to the success of the project, as fingerling landlocked salmon were found during preliminary electro-fishing in Billy Brown Brook by IF&W staff.

The DLLT recognizes and appreciates the patience and goodwill shown during the road closures. The DLLT sends its thanks to the community for their patience and good-natured support, and wishes everyone many exciting trout seasons in the future!

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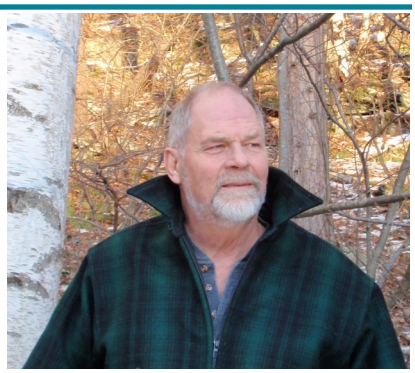
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:
New People and New Horizons



It has been an eventful summer. The trust is delighted to have appointed David Montague as a successor to the excellent Mark Berry in the executive director's position. I personally take great satisfaction in David's command of wildlife and wildlife habitat concerns, both by academic training and by personal experience as an enthusiastic hunter and fisherman and as a registered Maine guide. He will work in close concert with the board and with Kyle Burdick, who ably fills the newly created post of in-house forester, and I think we can all look forward to even greater improvement in the lot of our local fish and game, and to that extent in opportunities for local citizens who depend on those resources.

The board has happily hired Lisa Wahlstrom, a development and fundraising professional from the Bangor area, to help us complete our campaign to purchase the West Grand Lake Community Forest, on which we have already secured a conservation easement. To add that parcel to our 35,000-acre existing community forest will not only help in the creation of Washington County jobs but will also guarantee that we continue and indeed improve sustainable forestry on our holdings. Ms. Wahlstrom has a proven track record as a fund-raiser in Maine, and those who interviewed her found her a very appealing and congenial personality as well. I look forward to our collaboration.

We get closer and closer to our campaign's completion, but as anyone who has worked on such an effort knows all too well, the last dollars –and we need between 2 and 2.5 million dollars to buy the property from Lyme Timber and to create an endowment for its stewardship– seem always to be the hardest to find. I encourage, no I implore, all friends of DLLT to be as generous as they can to assist us in this concluding push, and to make other prospects known to us. Lisa and I and other board members will go anywhere to explain our mission. Time is short. We must get this job done by the end of 2015, which seems dauntingly imminent.

By the way, the trust is creating a 7100-acre ecological reserve, and any donor or donors who provide the million dollars necessary for that set-aside will have the right to name it as she or he or they wish. Step right up.

I am daily grateful for all the support we have received from those who are reading this. I truly believe that DLLT has accomplished things that few of us would have dreamed possible fifteen years ago.

Forests and Lakes For People Forever!
Sincerely,

Syd Lea

MISSION

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

Very few places in Maine have retained their historical ties to the traditional economy and culture of the woods and lakes as effectively as interior Downeast Maine. Conserving this heritage is central to DLLT's mission and I am deeply honored by the opportunity to assume the responsibilities of the Executive Director of the Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

I first came to the Downeast Region as a teenager, and fell in love with this remote part of Maine and its independent, hardworking people while guiding and exploring in Washington, Hancock, and eastern Penobscot Counties.

Since we arrived in Grand Lake Stream in early summer, DLLT staff, volunteers, and the community at large have welcomed my wife, Roxzanna, and me warmly, and we are deeply grateful for this reception.

With such a diverse range of projects – from the West Grand Lake Community Forest campaign to stream crossing installations, children's educational programs to adult speaker series, and sustainable timber management to the Downeast Lakes Water Trail – there is much work to be done! I am fortunate to be surrounded by a diverse group of talented people among the DLLT staff and Board of Directors, whose experience and hard work are ensuring the smoothest possible transition.

For generations, Grand Lake Stream and Downeast Maine have been internationally recognized as prime destinations for outdoor recreation in the Northeast. Today the Downeast Lakes Land Trust increasingly is gaining international recognition as a model for community-based conservation. It is my goal to ensure DLLT continues to lead the way by maintaining the highest standards of fish and wildlife management, certified sustainable timber management, open-access recreation, and environmental education while promoting the culture and economy of Downeast Maine. I look forward to meeting all of the friends, partners, and supporters of DLLT, and I sincerely hope you will stop by my office to say, "Hello" when you are next in town.

Sincerely,
David Montague

CORPORATE PARTNERS

Corporate Partners support our vision for the economic and environmental well-being of Grand Lake Stream and the Downeast Lakes Region. These businesses made gifts in 2014, and will be featured on downeastlakes.org through 2015.

Other businesses contributed to Downeast Lakes Land Trust in 2014 through their employee matching grant programs. Thank you also to these companies, and to the donors who created the matching grant opportunities!

Brook Trout ($1,000 or more)

- Bangor Savings Bank
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- Grand Lake Lodge
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- Davis Forestry Products, Inc.
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- Furbush Roberts Printing Co.
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- Weatherby's
- Bailey's General Construction

Join This List with Your Business Contribution to Downeast Lakes Land Trust!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

For more events and information and keep up to date at **www.downeastlakes.org**

Winter and Spring Education Programs:

Tipping Field Trip:
Sun. Nov 30 1 PM.
Wreath Making Party
Tues. Dec. 2, 6 PM.
Cross Country Ski/Snowshoe Hike
Sat. Jan. 11, 1 PM.
Above the Gravel Bar—David Cook Thur. Jan. 15, 6:30 PM. Wabanaki Center, Calais.

Hemlock: A Forest Giant on the Edge TBA
Frogwatch Training April 23 6:30 PM 9:00 PM

Events will meet at the Grand Lake Stream Town Building unless otherwise indicated.

DLLT HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS STATE AWARD

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust was presented with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Conservation Land Owner of the Year Award.

Nominated by the Maine Professional Guides Association (MPGA), Executive Director Don Kleiner said, "We nominated the Downeast Lakes Land Trust because of their interest and willingness to see Maine Guides and other recreational users of the land base as a critical part of the future. Their vision includes guides as an important part of … the future of the land they manage."

On accepting the award, Downeast Lakes Land Trust's Executive Director David Montague said, "This is a great honor and a testament to the hard work of the Trust and its supporters. It challenges all of us to maintain high standards of land stewardship while living up to our motto of 'Forests and Lakes – For People – Forever.'"

Looking Ahead:

There are lots of reasons to plan a trip to Grand Lake Stream with friends and family, whether you want to get away to the woods or on the water, or to join in fun community events. We hope to see you!

Explorations & Adventures

Tuesdays, in July & August. 9:30 - 12 noon. Free weekly educational activities for children ages 6-10.

Serious Skills for Boys and Girls

Thursdays in July & August. 9:30- 12 noon. Free weekly program for older boys and girls - ages 10-15 - with hands-on activities to learn outdoor and Guide skills, from archery to fishing.

DLLT Annual Picnic

Sunday, Jul. 26, 12-2 pm.

12th Annual Meeting. Lunch served at 12. By reservation; RSVP to **info@downeastlakes.org.**

Community Events:

Other great community events - such as the 21th annual Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival, Grand Lake Stream Guides Association dinners, Grand Lake Stream Historical Society, 4th of July, and more, to appear in our summer newsletter and at **www.downeastlakes.org.**

A Trail to Tomorrow

"These ideas, are set forth with hope that this, Trail To Tomorrow, will lead to such things as towering, well-managed forests, an abundant supply of clean, pure water, a continuing supply of fish and game…

"The choice is ours; whatever lies at the end of the trail will be the collective effort of each of us as individuals."

Local children building the Downeast Lakes Land Trust's 4th of July Parade Float which honored John R. Schaefer's prophetic vision.

These visionary words come from John R. Schaefer, in an essay entitled "Trail to Tomorrow," which was written for Yale Conservation Studies, Volume 6, in 1957. John was a Stanford University graduate, a science editor for Houghton Mifflin Publishing, and Ford Foundation scholar. He was also the husband of Kathryn Ernst Schaefer Loup, and father to Laura Schaefer Leisey and DLLT Board member, Stephen Schaefer.

The publication was discovered in 2006 by Laura Leisey as she sorted through her father's papers. Laura was struck by the synchronicity of her father's words in 1957 and her brother's work with the Downeast Lakes Land Trust. Neither Steve nor Laura had seen this document before that 2006 find.

John only visited Grand Lake Stream once before he died in 1967 at the age of 43. Steve only had his father in his life until he was 15 years old. In that short time, John had made his mark on his children and, "The apple didn't fall far from the tree."

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust plans to honor John Schaefer and Kathryn Schaefer Loup, by dedicating a "Trail to Tomorrow." This trail will become a teaching trail for schoolchildren and visitors in our area as a tribute to John R. Schaefer and the work he himself was unable to complete.

DOWNEAST LAKES LAND TRUST HONORS LOCAL CONSERVATIONIST

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust's (DLLT) President and Vermont Poet Laureate, Sydney Lea bestowed the Downeast Lakes Conservation Award on long-time supporter Pete Borden in acknowledgment of his key role in the initiation and continued growth of the Land Trust.

"Downeast Lakes Land Trust would never have developed as it has without the able counsel and guidance of Pete Borden. Drawing on his many years of experience in business management, Pete researched the needs of the community and tailored the trust's existence as a non-profit business entity with the region's best economic interests at heart. He was a force from the day that DLLT was conceived, and the directors are delighted to honor him as a conservation hero." said Lea at the DLLT Annual Picnic on July 27th.

"It was Pete who put DLLT on the road to accounting and fiscal responsibility." DLLT Board member Ed McGrath later added. "He designed and supervised the Land Trust's first study of the economic conditions and potential for development in our region of Washington County."

The award, a handcrafted paddle made by local canoe builder, Dale Tobey, was accepted for Mr. Borden, by his daughter, Kim Arnold, who is currently the treasurer of DLLT's Board of Directors. Neil H. "Pete" Borden fell in love with the area as a young boy, summering in the area with his grandfather. He has hosted his own grandchildren for the past 26 years, instilling in them a passion for the area. Until retirement, Mr. Borden held the Richard S. Reynolds Professorship in Business Administration at the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia. He holds a BA from Bates College, and an MBA and DBA from Harvard University.

Pete Borden with DLLT Director Sue LaPlante in the Trust's office in Grand Lake Stream

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust congratulates Pete on his achievement. It is with great pride that the DLLT recognizes him as one of the many people who support its mission of contributing 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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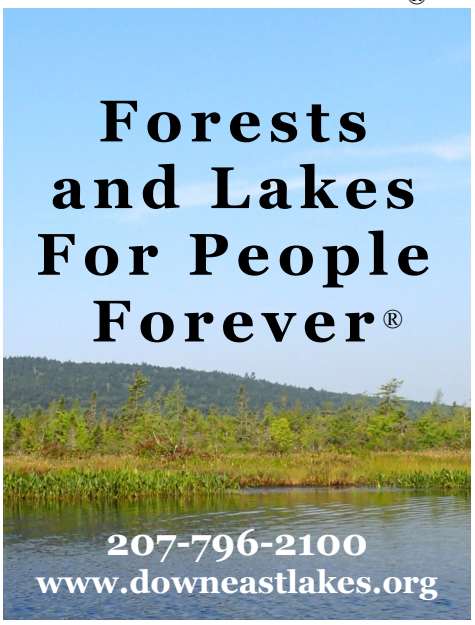

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Summer Children's Programs Branch Out

Children ages 6 to 16 spent the summer in Grand Lake Stream exploring the Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

Younger children on Tuesdays learned about forestry practices, mosses, trees, animal tracks and water bugs, students made terrariums, nature journals, leaf printed t-shirts, track casts, and imaginary macroinvertebrates.

Older students wanted to build on the 'Introduction to Guiding Course' offered in 2013 and focused on learning serious back country skills such as archery, fire -making, map and compass, fishing, canoeing, and wild food The summer season was enriched by numerous adults from the community who provided assistance and led classes . The DLLT extends its deepest thanks to the many guides, teachers and helpers who made the children's programs a success across a very busy summer.

The Exploration and Adventures program for younger children has always been a popular series, and was nicely complemented by the Serious Skills Program for older students. The DLLT plans to offer both programs again next year.

GRAND LAKE STREAM GUIDES ASSOCIATION HOUSE RAFFLE

Win a cabin on 1 acre in Grand Lake Stream with a value estimated at $50,000. Located at 183 Milford Rd, the cabin features a drilled well, septic, propane heat, and electricity.

Tickets are being sold for $100 each, and a maximum of 2000 tickets only will be sold.

The winner will be drawn at 6:00 PM, December 31, 2014, at the Grand Lake Stream Municipal Building. All proceeds will benefit the Grand Lake Stream Guides Association. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

For more information visit the GLS Guides' website at http://www.grandlakestreamguides.com/content/gls-house-raffle-info or call 207-796-2553 or 207-299-4172.
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