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We're Hiring! Managing Forester Position

Managing Forester

Are you (or someone you know) interested in working for a community-led conservation organization? Downeast Lakes Land Trust is now hiring a Managing Forester.

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) Managing Forester, working with DLLT's President and the Forest Resources Committee of the Board of Directors, manages the DLLT community forests for conservation, economic, and recreational purposes. The Managing Forester provides experience, highly developed professional skills, dedication to sustainable forestry, and communications capability to an organization that has become a model for operation of a true community forest; providing local residents and visitors with the benefits of the traditional activities in and on Maine woods and waters, while supporting a local and growing economy based on those resources.

To view a detailed job description, please click here!

Exploring New Deer Habitat Improvement Techniques

Maintaining and improving critical wildlife habitat is a central goal of Downeast Lakes Land Trust's mission. With more than 55,000 acres of wildlife habitat to manage, we are always searching for new methods and techniques to improve existing habitat and foster healthy regeneration in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest.

This fall, DLLT will complete a small harvest that follows a "Thinning For Wildlife" model. With cost-share funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), DLLT is focused on thinning a 25-acre stand of softwood to improve conditions for wintering deer. This selective harvest, also referred to as pre-commercial thinning (PCT), will promote the development of a closed canopy to handle greater winter snow loads, and stimulate new growth of palatable species for white-tailed deer, such as cedar and spruce. The location of this year's harvest will take place south of the Farm Cove Dam Road entrance. After this project, DLLT is planning an adjacent 25-acre harvest in 2019.

This harvest was planned and approved by DLLT's all-volunteer Wildlife Habitat and Forest Resources committees, which are comprised of local wildlife biologists, Registered Maine Guides, foresters, and other community members. "Thinning For Wildlife" is a model that was developed and tested by the Passamaquoddy Tribe, and DLLT is benefitting from the Tribe's experience in this program. DLLT maintains more than 14,000 acres of special deer management areas that focus on improving habitat for one of the Downeast Lakes region's most storied animals.

For more information on DLLT's habitat management work, please visit our Wildlife page.

Upcoming Events

November 2 - Wild Foods Potluck Dinner

Join DLLT staff and volunteers for our annual "Wild Foods Potluck Dinner!" Bring your best dish comprised of wild game, fruits and veggies from your garden, or other foraged foods. Participants should come to the Grand Lake Stream School Building at 5 pm. We will have a contest for different categories, including best dish, most creative, and more! For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796-2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

December 2 - Tipping Field Trip

On Sunday, December 2nd, join DLLT staff and volunteers for a "Tipping Field Trip" in the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Learn all about this Maine tradition and help us gather fir boughs to use at the "Evergreen Extravaganza" the following Tuesday! Participants should meet at the Downeast Lakes Land Trust office, dress for the weather, and wear work gloves. For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796 – 2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

December 4 - Evergreen Extravaganza!

On December 4th, DLLT staff and volunteers will turn the Grand Lake Stream School Building into a winter wonderland! Using the balsam fir boughs from the Tipping Field Trip, participants can make their own wreaths, centerpieces, balsam sachets, and more! Several holiday craft stations will be set up for all ages. This program is free, so don't miss this annual event that has become a community favorite! For more information, please contact DLLT at (207) 796-2100, or email info@downeastlakes.org.

December 14 - Christmas Bird Count

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is participating in the 119th Christmas Bird Count! From December 14 through January 5 each year, tens of thousands of volunteers throughout the Americas brave the winter weather to take part in one of the oldest citizen science projects in the country. To read more about the Christmas Bird Count, visit Christmas Bird Count's website.

DLLT's participation date is **Friday, December 14th**, with most of the count area located in the 55,678-acre Downeast Lakes Community Forest. Interested participants should meet at the DLLT office at 8 am to discuss the day's assignments. Head into the community forest and help document the many species of birds that call the Downeast Lakes region home! If you are interested in participating in this unique event, please contact DLLT Education and Outreach Manager Colin Brown for more details. Interested participants must pre-register for this exciting volunteer opportunity. Dust off your binoculars and join us!

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