Downeast Lakes
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Dear Friends,

We would like to update you on the current status of the Downeast Lakes Community Forest. The community forest is still open to the public! Please abide by all social distancing standards set by the Maine CDC.

Due to COVID-19 concerns the Grand Lake Stream office is temporarily closed until further notice. All our staff are continuing to work for the benefit of the Downeast Lakes region and you can find their contact information by visiting https://downeastlakes.org/about-us/staff/. You can find current updates about our office closure through our social media or by emailing info@downeastlakes.org.

It is important to note that mud season has begun and road conditions are poor due to melting snow and ice. Each year, generous donations enable Downeast Lakes Land Trust to invest tens of thousands of dollars to maintain a road system that provides access to the public, free of charge. During spring, it is important to avoid making ruts in soft, thawing roads. A single vehicle traveling at the wrong time can create damage that impairs travel conditions for other drivers and is costly to repair. Please respect road posting signs, and stay off of roads until after mud season.

If you have any questions about road conditions please email info@downeastlakes.org. We will send out another announcement when road conditions have improved.

Starting the week of March 30th, Downeast Lakes Land Trust will be conducting a selective timber harvest on the side of Daugherty Ridge just west of Grand Lake Stream and adjacent to Fourth Lake Road. The harvest uses a technique known as "crop tree release", in which trees competing with mature "crop trees" are harvested to reduce competition and stimulate productivity. This crop tree release encourages acorn production from red oaks, providing future feed and cover for a variety wildlife species. This project is supported by cost-share funding from the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service. NRCS and Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife assisted in the development of the harvest plan.

· For your safety, do not approach the contractor or any equipment in the area.
· Use caution when traveling Little River or Fourth Lake Road.
· Machinery or chainsaws may be heard from Grand Lake Stream town limits; however, the contractor will not be operating early in the morning or late at night.
· Please abide by all posted signage.

The contractor will be selling firewood from the harvest. Any hardwood left lying after the contractor has finished and moved off-site may be salvaged by obtaining a firewood permit at the DLLT office. If you have any questions about the harvest or how to obtain a firewood permit please call (207)796-2100 or email Ernest Carle, Managing Forester for DLLT, at ecarle@downeastlakes.org.

All DLLT educational activities and events have been postponed

until after April 30th. We will keep you informed of changes in the summer schedule as we know more in the coming weeks. Until then you can listen to our educational video series: Ask an Expert by visiting DLLT's facebook page or following our Youtube Channel - @DowneastLakes.

Thank you!
Downeast Lakes Land Trust