

Management Recommendations

Little Moose Unit (Plan pages 48-51)	Actions taken/Comments:
<p><i>Recreation</i></p> <p><u>Hiking, Backpacking and Camping Facilities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designate a route for a hiking/backpacking trail, potentially in part on abutting Weyerhaeuser lands, which would provide a 2-3 day backpacking loop by linking the existing Big Moose Mountain and Little Moose Mountain trails. • Create a new trailhead on the abandoned asphalt road (a former section of Route 6/15) at the east end of the Little Moose Mountain ridgeline and connect to the existing trail with a new trail segment, where possible following the snowmobile trail corridor. The deteriorated asphalt surface will be removed from Route 6/15 to the new trailhead (about 1,000 feet). • Establish 1-2 new primitive walk-in campsites near the east shore of Big Indian Pond, in the vicinity of the informal beach area; extend the Little Moose Mountain trail to reach these campsites and the parking area north of Big Indian Pond. • Consider the establishment of 1-2 primitive campsites along any new backpacking loop trail developed on the Unit, to support a two day trip. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 1.5 mile portion of this route, the Mountain Link Trail, connecting the Big Moose Mtn. trailhead and the Little Moose Mountain Trail near Big Moose Pond was completed in 2020. The backpacking route remains a long-term item but is not an immediate priority for Public Lands at this time. • The new trailhead with improved road and the new 1/3 mile trail segment were completed in 2017. • No sites developed at Indian Pond; current use at nearby primitive sites is minimal. A smelt trail that accesses Indian Pond begins near the lower Notch Pond trailhead parking area. • No action, pending potential further development of the new loop trail.
<p><u>Other Non-motorized Trail Opportunities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with community trail advocates to explore options for a walking/running trail south of Little Moose Mountain in the vicinity of Dyer Road. To the extent practical, any trails developed would follow existing forest management roads, linked by new trail segments following skid trails where appropriate. The objective of any such project would be to create trails appropriate for walking and trail running, using native surface material as much as possible and limiting trail surface improvements to the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the potential for this walking/running trail development remains, recent community focus has been on development of mountain bike trails on the Unit. The Plan amendment process completed in May 2021 allows for up to 25 miles of bike trails to be develop on the unit, south of Little Moose Mountain and in two other designated zones.

<p>minimum level necessary to permit trail maintenance with an ATV-mounted mower. Trail development would be dependent on a local partnership to share trail development and maintenance responsibilities. Trails could be developed using a phased approach, constructing linked loops to reach the final desired length (up to about 6 miles). Timber harvesting would continue in the trail area and the forest management roads would be reopened as needed for timber harvesting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore options for development of a low-challenge, short (less than 1 mile) interpretive and/or wildlife oriented trail in the south part of the Unit near Greenville, potentially in the Wiggins Brook Bog area or at the reclaimed former landfill. If the focus is placed on the bog area, consider options to incorporate a boardwalk and/or wildlife viewing platform into the trail. (A trail and boardwalk constructed in 2011 at the Bureau’s Salmon Brook Bog may provide a useful example of a similar project and lessons learned.) Accessibility accommodations would be considered in the development of such a trail, to expand access to recreation experiences on the Reserved Lands. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action.
<p><u>Trail Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As resources allow, increase routine BPL maintenance of hiking trails on the Unit to provide more frequent and consistent removal of blowdowns, trail reblazing, etc. • Utilize MCC crews to conduct the needed structural repairs on the Big Moose Mountain trail within the next few seasons, as resource permit. • Coordinate with MFS to clean up small debris from the MFS parcel at the terminus of the Big Moose Mountain trail. • Cooperate with interested local individuals and organizations working to establish a volunteer trail development and maintenance group. The purpose of the group will include assisting in the development and maintenance of any new trails in the Moosehead Region approved by the Bureau and maintenance of existing and new trails and related infrastructure. Such an 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail maintenance has been emphasized over the past five years, with work accomplished by staff, the Maine Conservation Corps, and volunteers. • MCC trail crews completed work on the trail in 2017, and in 2019 with Bureau staff, installed stepping stones and replaced the bridge below the fire warden’s cabin. • No action taken. • The Bureau continues to coordinate with Moosehead Trails, a Greenville trail volunteer group. The group organized volunteer workdays to help maintain hiking trails at the Little Moose Unit.

<p>organization may also have a role in contacting trail users in the field and disseminating trail etiquette and safety information.</p>	
<p><u>Motorized Recreation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to allow snowmobile use of the existing groomed trails north of Dyer Road, on the North Road and the alternate route on the Mountain Road, and on the connecting trail across the east end of the Unit, as shown on Map Figure 5. If permission is granted, continue snowmobile use of the Railroad Bed Road, pending transfer of right-of-way to the Bureau. • If a route off the Unit on abutting lands to the south proves infeasible, work with the ORV Division and snowmobile interests to route a new trail, about two miles in length and contained in the corridor across the Little Moose Mountain ridgeline allocated to Backcountry Recreation – Motorized, following old roads and a former “club trail” and connecting the ITS 86 snowmobile trail north of Dyer Road to the Mountain Road. The trail would not be open to ATV use. This new groomed trail connection would replace the current route following the North and Mountain Roads when portions of that route are being plowed. • Continue to allow ATVs to use the public use and management roads on the Unit as shown on Map Figure 5. Where needed, replace current gates with wider or “P” style gates to allow side-by-side ATVs to pass while excluding larger vehicles (e.g., jeeps and pickups). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued as described. • The route for the new snowmobile trail over the ridge has been cleared and is currently marked as the ITS trail, due to a planned harvest this winter that would have required plowing of the North Road but that did not occur. The original easterly route connecting to North Road was also groomed when conditions permitted. Due to planned winter harvests in the next couple of years, the North Road will be plowed and this alternate trail will be needed. • Continued as described. No new gates have been installed. Ditching and surfacing has been done on the 6 miles of ATV/snowmobile trail that connects the shared use road system to Greenville Junction to the east and also on the two-mile trail section that connects from shared use road to the trail system on Weyerhaeuser lands to the west.
<p><u>Winter Recreation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider providing plowed access to the Big Moose Mountain trailhead, when not plowed for timber harvesting, and plowing the trailhead parking area for improved and reliable access to snowshoeing and winter hiking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depending on resources available, the Bureau has plowed this trailhead at certain times to improve winter access to the Unit. North Road should be plowed for the next few years, as winter harvesting is planned. For safety reasons, the parking area is typically also plowed. When the road is not being plowed for winter harvesting, the Bureau may elect to plow only the North Road entrance area, from which pedestrian users may access the trailhead via the

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plow the new Little Moose Mountain trailhead (when built) off Route 6/15 to provide improved access to the trail for snowshoeing and winter hiking. 	<p>groomed snowmobile trail. The entrance area may be sanded as well, as conditions dictate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the considerable expense and challenging conditions due to the steep entrance road, the Bureau will likely not plow this trailhead when access to Big Moose Mountain trailhead is available. Access to the Little Moose Mountain trails remains available from the Moose Mountain Inn, in accordance with a prior agreement.
<p><u>Other Recreation Enhancements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the carry-in boat access to Wiggins Brook at the downstream side of the water control structure, with steps or other hardening installed on the steep upper portion of the eroded access trail, or rerouting of the trail to moderate the grade. • Conduct repairs and maintenance at the Gravel Pit Pond to include repositioning of the fishing platform on the south side the pond, brush clearing, and minor trail repairs or resurfacing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access was improved, including gravel parking spaces and steps to the brook, in conjunction with replacement of the dike and water control structure, in 2017. • Repairs and maintenance as described were completed in 2019, with two fishing platforms leveled and filled in. Based on assessments in late summer/fall 2021, the platforms may need renewed maintenance and trail hardening refreshed. Brushing of the trail continues. Hardening of the trail around the pond would improve access for those with disabilities. A local non-profit, Moosehead Outdoor Alliance, is considering improvements to the trail around the pond.
<p>Public Access and Management Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As resources allow, continue improvement of Mountain Road to the public use road standard with the objective of a complete public use road loop in the north part of the Unit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on Mountain Road as described has been completed.
<p>Wildlife/Rare or Exemplary Ecosystems and Habitats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with MDIF&W on any potential motorized or non-motorized trail or boardwalk development in areas allocated to Special Protection and Wildlife Management to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDIF&W was consulted during development of the Plan amendment to allow mountain bike trail development, in particular as regards the Special Protection and Wildlife Management areas associated with Wiggins Brook Bog and vicinity (Zone 1 for bike trail development). Coordination

	is ongoing as trail planning proceeds.
<i>Timber Management</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau will manage areas allocated to Timber Management as a multiple use working forest. Timber resources where allocated will provide a diverse forested environment and generate high quality-high value products to support Bureau operations and Maine’s timber-based economy. The Bureau will practice multi-aged management with a long-term focus primarily on mature quality timber. • Because of the high elevation lands on this unit, the presence of the Big Moose and Little Moose Mountain hiking trails, and the Unit’s visibility from the Moosehead Scenic Byway and surrounding highways, public use areas and waters (including Moosehead Lake), most timber management is subject to Visual Class II considerations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued management as described. A total of 5,238 cords were harvested on the unit in summer 2021. Winter harvest are planned for the next couple of years. • Visual considerations are incorporated into harvest planning as described.
<i>Administrative Issues</i>	
<u>Signage and Visitor Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with community organizations to design and install improved signage and/or a kiosk at the North Road entrance with area maps and information highlighting the recreational opportunities and amenities of the Unit. • Assess signage and visitor information provided at other locations on the Unit for possible improvements, and needs for signage at new locations. • Develop an updated and revised Little Moose Unit brochure and map for distribution to the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new kiosk was installed at the North Road entrance in 2018. Moosehead trails has provided signage for the kiosk informing the public of their role in the upkeep of area trails. • No formal action taken. • An updated map is available on the Little Moose Public Land webpage. An updated brochure (with the updated map) has been drafted and is in the queue for completion.
<u>Fire Warden’s Cabin</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the near term, implement measures to discourage visitors from entering the cabin and remove remnants of blue tarps from the structure. Assess options for preserving the cabin and halting further deterioration. If preservation is determined to be no longer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The roof of the cabin has collapsed, and the area is an eyesore and safety issue on the trail. The Bureau will take action to remove the structure and restore the site.

<p>practical, take action to remove the cabin and restore the site. The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will be consulted regarding possible preservation or removal of the structure.</p>	
<p><u>Snowmobile Access to Big Moose Pond</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bureau will require a Special Use Permit for snowmobile access to Big Moose Pond using the existing primitive trail for the purpose of commercial smelt fishing. The primary intent is to increase management oversight on the amount and character of motorized activity at the pond consistent with the Special Protection resource allocation and non-motorized backcountry management focus. Permits will limit motorized activity to the amount necessary to conduct the smelting activity. BPL will coordinate with MDIF&W to identify potential permittees (individuals issued Live Smelt Wholesaler permits). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No permits have been issued or requested. Staff are not aware of anyone accessing the pond via snowmobile.
<p><u>Firewood Cutting Program</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue the firewood cutting program under which individual and commercial harvesters may harvest firewood in designated areas and under the supervision of the Bureau’s forester. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One commercial firewood harvest operated at Little Moose in the winter of 2017-18. Also, 2-4 individual harvesters received permits each year, harvesting 10-20 cords per year.
<p><u>Gravel Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to maintain existing gravel pits as needed for road maintenance and pursue a comprehensive survey of gravel resources on the Unit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work was recently done to clean up “Hole in the Wall” gravel pit. No action on survey.
<p><u>LUPC P-UA Zoning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with LUPC to petition for a rezoning of the P-UA zone in the Moose Brook drainage based on the abandonment of the former public water supply infrastructure in the drainage following its replacement with a well system elsewhere in the Unit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LUPC approved BPL’s application for rezoning of the 1,365 acre P-UA zone on August 23, 2018; 509 acres were rezoned to M-GN (General Management); underlying Wetland, Shoreland, Great Pond and Recreation Protection subdistricts remain unchanged.

Days Academy Unit (Plan pages 65-66)**Actions taken/Comments:**

<i>Recreation</i>	
<u>New Hiking Trail</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize the route for a new hiking trail up the east side of Shaw Mountain, beginning at the end of the management road that terminates near Farm Brook, and construct the trail, with a parking area and trailhead at the end of the road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action.
<u>Trail Maintenance</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As resources allow, increase BPL maintenance of hiking trails on the Unit to provide more frequent and consistent removal of blowdowns, trail reblazing, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail maintenance has occurred on the Little Kineo trail with the assistance of local volunteers.
<u>Motorized Recreation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess which public use and management roads on the Unit should be open to ATV use; designate those roads as “shared use” roads and install “shared use” signage. Consistent with the assessment, continue to allow ATVs to use the public use and management roads on the Unit. Where needed, replace current gates with wider or “P” style gates to allow side-by-side ATVs to pass while excluding larger vehicles (e.g., jeeps and pickups). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some side roads off the loop road were closed after harvesting work ended. Shared Use road signs were installed. ATVs continue to use the loop road on the unit, as well as 3 spur roads off the loop, which provide access to the shoreline and shoreline campsites. No new gates have been installed to-date. There is currently no trail connection to the unit across Weyerhaeuser lands so use is limited to the local camp owners and hunters.
<i>Public Access and Management Roads</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As resources allow, continue improvement of the loop road to the public use road standard with the objective of a complete public use road loop in the central part of the Unit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on upgrading of the loop road has been completed.
<i>Wildlife/Rare of Exemplary Ecosystems and Habitats</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with MDIF&W on any potential non-motorized trail development in areas allocated to Special Protection and Wildlife Management to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife habitats. Continue periodic mowing of old fields at Deer Head Farm area to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No trail development has occurred since the plan was adopted. Mowing has continued on an annual basis.

<p>perpetuate this scarce and valuable habitat.</p>	
<p>Timber Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau will manage areas allocated to Timber Management as a multiple use working forest. Timber resources where allocated will provide a diverse forested environment and generate high quality-high value products to support Bureau operations and Maine’s timber-based economy. The Bureau will practice multi-aged management with a long-term focus primarily on mature quality timber. • Because of the high elevation lands on this unit and the presence of the Little Kineo hiking trail and the proposed Shaw Mountain hiking trail, certain areas nearest those features will be subject to Visual Class I considerations. Due to the visibility of much of the remainder of the south half of the Unit from Kineo, timber management on much of the south half of the Unit is subject to Visual Class II considerations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No harvesting this plan period. • Visual considerations are incorporated into harvest planning as described.
<p>Administrative Issues</p> <p><u>Signage and Visitor Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess signage and visitor information provided on the Unit for possible improvements, and needs for signage at new locations. • Develop a Days Academy Unit brochure and map for distribution to the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action. • The Moosehead Lake Public Land map and guide (full brochure as well as stand-alone map, both in color), which includes Days Academy, was updated in 2019 and is available on the Moosehead Lake Public Land webpage.

Sugar Island Unit (Plan page 76) Actions taken/Comments:

<p>Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue periodic boat-based maintenance of the shoreline campsites. In conjunction with maintenance activities, monitor use levels to determine if capacity limits have been reached or exceeded. Consider expansion or addition of campsites at suitable sites if justified by use levels/demand, as resources allow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of the campsites has continued. Three new tent platforms have been constructed at the campsites, and another site (Kayak Ledge) damaged by fire was rehabilitated, using gravel hauled over the ice. The site was seeded, and two new tent platforms were installed.
--	--

<p>Wildlife</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with MDIF&W on any potential campsite expansion or additions in the shoreline riparian buffer zone to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No campsites have been added.
<p>Timber Management</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau will manage areas allocated to Timber Management as a multiple use working forest. Timber resources where allocated will provide a diverse forested environment and generate high quality-high value products to support Bureau operations and Maine’s timber-based economy. The Bureau will practice multi-aged management with a long-term focus primarily on mature quality timber. • The highest elevation lands on the island and the shoreline zone, the most visible parts of the island from the lake and from Lily Bay State Park, will be subject to Visual Class I considerations. Due to the visibility of much of the remainder of the island from the lake and more distant ridges and mountains, timber management on the remainder of the island is subject to Visual Class II considerations. • The dock at the barge landing on the east side of the island will be removed at the conclusion of the current harvest cycle (approximately seven years from now) and the landing blocked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multiple-year harvest on the island was concluded in 2020. A total of 30,920 cords were harvested. • Visual considerations are incorporated into harvest planning as described. • The dock has been removed and the landing blocked.
<p>Administrative Issues</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a map of the island and nearby areas (one 8.5” x 11” sheet) with GPS campsite locations and boating safety information for distribution to the members of the public interested in boating to one of the Sugar Island shoreline campsites, particularly those launching from Lily Bay State Park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The described map has not been developed. However, the updated Moosehead Lake Public Land map and brochure (2019, mentioned above) includes Sugar Island and provides GPS campsite locations for the 6 shoreline sites.

Moosehead Lake East Shore Lands (Plan page 82) Actions taken/Comments:

<p>Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue periodic boat and vehicle-based maintenance of the shoreline campsites, and camp host arrangement at the Spencer Bay drive-to campground. In conjunction with maintenance activities, monitor use levels to determine if capacity limits have been reached or exceeded. Consider expansion or addition of campsites at suitable sites if justified by use levels/demand, as resources allow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of the campsites has continued as described. Field staff report that sites are usually available at the back end of the campground, away from the water. With recent ATV trail closures on adjacent land, BPL is considering the need to address the issue of riders leaving from this campground. Additional funds becoming available for trail maintenance may allow trails to be reopened.
<p>Wildlife</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with MDIF&W on any potential campsite expansion or additions in the shoreline riparian buffer zone to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife habitats. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No campsite additions have been made.

Kineo and Farm Island State Park Lands (Plan page 92) Actions taken/Comments:

<p>Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue periodic boat-based maintenance of the shoreline campsites and the Kineo day use facility. As resources allow, Parks will seek to increase maintenance of the day use site and campsites at Hardscrabble Point. In conjunction with maintenance activities, monitor use levels to determine if capacity limits have been reached or exceeded. Consider expansion or addition of campsites at suitable sites on Farm Island if justified by use levels/demand, as resources allow. • As resources allow, increase BPL maintenance of Kineo hiking trails to provide more frequent and consistent removal of blowdowns, trail reblazing, etc. Parks will explore the potential to reestablish a volunteer trail maintenance group. In the longer term, Parks will seek to increase staff presence with a goal of providing a seasonal staff of two rangers for Kineo and Farm Island. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of the campsites has continued as described. The sites on Kineo and Farm Island are high use sites and are most often occupied. The outhouse at Hardscrabble campsite has reached capacity and may need resetting. A second outhouse may be needed to accommodate both day users and campers. A new bulletin board has been installed at Hardscrabble, but signage is not complete. Lands will coordinate with Parks to determine needed signage. • Moosehead Trails has performed several maintenance days at Kineo over the last 5 years. In 2020, MCC Environmental Stewards based out of Lily Bay State Park did trail work in conjunction with Lands staff.
--	---

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursue a formal longer-term arrangement for public use of slips at the boat dock used by the Kineo shuttle, along the lines of the one-year agreement for the 2015 season. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parks division will initiate consultation with the shuttle operator regarding a potential formal arrangement. Field observations indicate only 2-3 spaces may be available, as Kineo golfers and homeowners appear to also use the dock.
<p>Cultural and Historic</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Native American tribes, groups and individuals; the State Historic Preservation Office; and other interested organizations and individuals to develop an Interpretation Plan for the Kineo State Park Lands. The plan would address the location, design, construction and installation of interpretive displays and possibly other materials to transmit to visitors the distinctive history and cultural importance of Mount Kineo and the peninsula. A preliminary list of potential themes to address in the plan include Paleo-Indian and pre- and post-European contact native history at Kineo, Thoreau’s visit to the mountain and related writings, the era of Kineo House and “rusticators,” and the history of the MFS fire tower and fire detection in the region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau will endeavor to begin this collaborative project during the upcoming fall-winter season, with Lily Bay State Park (which manages Kineo) and the Bureau’s Interpretive Planner taking lead roles. Initial steps will include outreach to Native American stakeholders, SHPO and other organizations for input to the plan.
<p>Wildlife</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with MDIF&W on any potential campsite expansion or additions in the shoreline riparian buffer zone to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife habitats. • Continue to monitor rock climbing activity at Kineo for potential impacts on nesting peregrine falcons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No campsite expansion has occurred. • The Regional Wildlife Biologist monitors the peregrine falcons at the Kineo eyrie and reports they have successfully nested and hatched chicks in recent years. Climbing activity does not seem to be impacting these birds, but it is not clear how extensive the climbing activity is.

Recommendations for Smaller Lots

Shawtown Lot (Plan page 110)	Actions taken/Comments:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber management will be focused on growing and regenerating the high quality, mainly hardwood timber on the lot and 	

<p>maintaining diverse wildlife habitat, with special sensitivity during harvesting to the visual resource in the vicinity of the AMC trail corridor and the pond shore. (The steepness of much of the pond shoreline will preclude harvesting in much of the riparian buffer, where timber management is a secondary activity.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau will consult with AMC regarding timber harvesting and other management activities in the vicinity of the AMC-maintained trail on the lot with the goal of minimizing adverse impacts to the trails or trail uses to the extent possible without placing excessive constraints on access to timber. 	
--	--

Frenchtown Lot (Plan page 110)	Actions taken/Comments:
---------------------------------------	--------------------------------

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The primary use of these lands left over from land sales and trades will be the commercial campground lease on the easternmost parcel, which will continue to provide waterside camping opportunities and informal boat launching to this popular pond. • The Bureau may consider development of a trailhead on one of the undeveloped shoreline parcels to serve potential new non-motorized trails on Weyerhaeuser conservation easement lands between First Roach Pond and the Number Four Mountain trail. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campground lease continues • This trailhead is now unnecessary. BPL now owns the trailhead for the #4 Mountain Trail and holds a public vehicular easement to the trailhead.
--	---

Beaver Cove Lot (Plan pages 110-111)	Actions taken/Comments:
---	--------------------------------

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber management will focus on increasing spruce, pine and good quality hardwoods along with development of high value winter cover in the deer wintering area and other softwood acres. • The Bureau will consult with AMC regarding timber harvesting and other management activities in the vicinity of the AMC-maintained trail on the lot with the goal of minimizing adverse impacts to the trail or trail uses to the extent possible without placing excessive constraints on access to timber. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No harvesting has occurred this period.
---	---

Bowdoin College Grant East Lot (Plan page 111)	Actions taken/Comments:
---	--------------------------------

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber management will be focused on continued improvement of the forest on the lot, generally favoring spruce and the better quality hardwoods. This lot will be prioritized for harvest in the near term given the 30+ years that have elapsed since the last harvest and the need to act soon to make the most of stand improvement opportunities. • The Bureau will consult with AMC regarding timber harvesting and other management activities in the vicinity of the AMC-maintained trails on the lot with the goal of minimizing adverse impacts to the trails or trail uses to the extent possible without placing excessive constraints on access to timber. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No harvesting has occurred this period.
---	---

West Outlet Lot (Plan page 111)	Actions taken/Comments:
--	--------------------------------

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of management for most of the West Outlet will be the recreation and wildlife values associated with the lakeshore and streamshore parcels. Timber management focused on improving softwood while retaining any good quality hardwoods on better drained areas will continue on the original public reservation acres, with special sensitivity to the visuals resource in the vicinity of the highway, the lake shore and the outlet stream. • The snowmobile and ATV trails crossing the lot will continue as important segments in the regional motorized trail networks, connecting Greenville with Rockwood and points beyond. • Explore the potential for development of a short, easy pedestrian trail with parking along Route 6/15 and an attractive vista point on the Moosehead shoreline. Coordinate any trail development with Moosehead Lake Scenic Byway as a potential byway enhancement. • Work in partnership with Brookfield and Weyerhaeuser to provide signage and other information about canoe/kayak opportunities on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 2,255 cords have been harvested this period (winter 2021). • Snowmobile and ATV trails continue. • No action. • Information on this paddle route is provided online at Maine Trail Finder. No signage or information
---	--

the West Outlet.	improvements have been implemented on site.
------------------	---

Rockwood Strip Lots (Plan page 111)	Actions taken/Comments:
--	--------------------------------

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber management on these lots will continue to focus on developing high value timber products, favoring softwoods when feasible and seeking to maintain or improve winter deer cover. • Informal pedestrian recreational access to the Moose River will continue to be provided on the streamside portion of the east lot, with limited parking at the small turnaround alongside the county road. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No harvesting has occurred this period.
---	---

Sandwich Academy Grant Lot (Plan page 111)	Actions taken/Comments:
---	--------------------------------

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timber management favoring spruce and pine and, on the better sites, yellow birch and sugar maple will continue with the additional goal of sustaining the lot’s diverse wildlife habitat, with special sensitivity to the visuals resource in the vicinity of the highway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of 1,485 cords were harvested this plan period.
---	---

Monitoring and Evaluation (Plan pages 159-161)

Actions taken/Comments:

<p>Implementation of Plan Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau’s Western Region is responsible for implementing, accomplishing, and tracking the management recommendations put forth in the Plan. This generally includes determination of work priorities and budgets on an annual basis. The Bureau will document, on an annual basis, its progress in implementing the recommendations, its plans for the coming year, and adjustments to the timing of specific actions or projects as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuing. Individual projects are planned and budgeted for during annual planning exercises. New initiatives, particularly larger projects, are planned in two-year cycles. The detailed action plan for implementing and monitoring management has been replaced by the 5-year Plan review and BPL yearly planning process that prioritizes projects based on the Plan recommendations and resources available.
<p>Recreation</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to gathering data on use as opportunities arise, the Bureau will generally monitor use to determine: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Region utilizes Recreational Logs to determine the type and quantity of use at major units and recreational

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) whether improvements to existing facilities or additional facilities might be needed and compatible with general objectives; (2) whether additional measures are needed to ensure that recreational users have a high quality experience (which could be affected by the numbers of users, and interactions among users with conflicting interests); (3) whether use is adversely affecting sensitive natural resources or the ecology of the area; (4) whether measures are needed to address unforeseen safety issues; (5) whether changing recreational uses and demands present the need or opportunity for adjustments to existing facilities and management; and (6) whether any changes are needed in the management of recreation in relation to other management objectives, including protection or enhancement of wildlife habitat and forest management. 	<p>sites. The BPL recreational planner also provides some input and direction as well as the Unit foresters. When perceived safety, issues arise, targeted patrols by either the Maine Warden Service or various County Sheriff's offices are commissioned. If there are environmental or rare/threatened/endangered species issues, the MNAP or LUPC or DEP are contacted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff have discussed the potential usefulness of sign-in boxes at high use campsites to be used as a tool to monitor lengths of stays. The frequency of stays over the 14 days allowed is a growing issue at several drive to campsites.
<p>Wildlife</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bureau, through its Wildlife Biologist and Technician, routinely conducts a variety of species monitoring activities statewide. The following are monitoring activities that are ongoing or anticipated for the Moosehead Region: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The Bureau will cooperate with IF&W in the monitoring of game species, including deer, moose, grouse, and black bear (2) The Bureau will identify and map significant wildlife habitat such as vernal pools and den trees in the process of developing its detailed forest management prescriptions. The boundaries of any sensitive natural communities will also be delineated on the ground now. Any significant natural areas or wildlife habitat will then be subject to appropriate protections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The region works closely with both the MDMR (Div. of Sea Run Fisheries and Habitat) and MDIFW on fish and wildlife issues. Significant wildlife habitat is noted and mapped when necessary in the prescription process, and on the ground during harvesting operations. The wildlife biologist assigned by IF&W to the Bureau also assesses wildlife habitat and conducts some monitoring on BPL lands, and is consulted during the prescription process. • One potentially significant vernal pool was found on the Days Academy Unit by the Assistant Regional Wildlife Biologist. The site will be monitored in spring 2022 to determine its significance.

Timber Management	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local work plans, called prescriptions, are prepared by professional foresters in accordance with Bureau policies specified in its <i>Integrated Resource Policy</i>, with input from other staff. These documents are then peer-reviewed prior to approval. Preparation and layout of all timber sales involve field staff looking at every acre to be treated. Trees to be harvested are generally hand marked on a majority of these acres. Regional field staff provides regular on-site supervision of harvest activities, with senior staff visiting these sites on a less frequent basis. After the harvest is completed, roads, trails, and water crossings are discontinued as appropriate, although some management roads may remain open to vehicle travel. Forest managers assess harvest outcomes on all managed lands, including water quality protection and Best Management Practices (BMP's) utilized during harvest activities. Changes in stand type resulting from the harvest are then recorded so that the Bureau's GIS system can be updated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOP - Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third party monitoring is done mainly through the forest certification programs of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Each program conducts rigorous investigations of both our planning and on-ground practices. The Bureau's forest management program successfully underwent full recertification audits in December of 2011 and December of 2016, and will host annual surveillance audits until the next full audit in 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing/ongoing. The most recent annual surveillance audits were conducted in Fall 2020 and took place in the Bureau's Northern Region; however, the previous annual audits in Fall 2019 focused on the Western Region. Auditors visited 20 different sites in eight different townships. Auditors were complimentary toward the condition of recently harvested stands, recently constructed roads, and recreation management. An area of concern was noted with the Bureau seeking information from Indigenous peoples on cultural/historic sites on Bureau-managed lands; action has been taken on this issue. <p>In October 2021, dual surveillance audits took place in the Eastern and Western Regions and included a full recertification audit of all indicators for FSC certification.</p>

Issues for Advisory Committee Attention

New Issues or Circumstances Not Addressed in the Plan:

None.

Other Items of Special Concern or Interest:

Weyerhaeuser Fee and Easement Donations added to the Moosehead Region Plan

A 2021 donation by the Weyerhaeuser Company to the state completed a donation process stemming from the now extinguished Moosehead Lake Region Concept Plan (previously approved by the Maine Land Use Planning Commission). The donation gives the Bureau fee ownership of 31 parcels ranging in size from just under 1 acre to roughly 4 acres. Select sites provide trailhead parking for over 26 miles of new hiking trails on easements previously donated by Weyerhaeuser. Other sites provide access to pristine trout ponds while others serve as existing or future campsites. Many of the sites are accessed by vehicle with more than 33 miles of permanent vehicular easements also given as part of the donation. Sites not directly accessed by road easement are accessible by trail easement and/or by water.

The attached report provides additional details on the donation process, and on ongoing trail development and partnerships in planning, trail construction and stewardship. It also provides details on the individual trail easements and donated parcels (name, size, purpose, and development status). Maps of the clusters and donations sites and easements are provided in the last five pages of the attached report.

The donated parcels and associated trail easements are organized geographically into five regional clusters. ***The committee is directed to the three clusters which lie within the Moosehead Region Management Plan area*** and account about half of the total number of parcels:

Moose Mountains	1 site/parcel, 2 trail easements
Lily Bay	2 sites/parcels, 2 trail easements
Blue Ridge - Barren Mtn.	10 sites/parcels, 3 trail easements

One additional site within the plan area is within the Moosehead North cluster: the Spencer Pond site, east of the Day's Academy Unit. These 14 recreation sites and 7 trail easements are with this notification added to the Moosehead Region Management Plan.

Bowdoin College Grant East Lot

In December 2016, the Bureau acquired the 1,200 acres West Branch Pleasant River Unit immediately downstream of Gulf Hags gorge, and a conservation easement on over 7,000 acres of adjoining working forest land. The acquired fee and easement lands are within Bowdoin College Grant East Twp. The fee lands are about one mile east of the 935-acre Bowdoin College Grant East lot

addressed in the Moosehead Region Management Plan but lie within the Central Penobscot Region (CPR) Management Plan area (BPL Western Region).

With the adoption of the management plan for the West Branch Pleasant River Unit in August 2021 (appended to the CPR Plan upon its adoption), the Bureau decided it would be more practical and efficient to manage the public lands in the township within the same Bureau management region. Therefore, the Bureau management region and associated plan area boundaries have been revised such that the Bowdoin College Grant East Lot is now within the CPR Management Plan area and BPL Western Region, and responsibility for the lot has been transferred to the Western Region.