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# *Downeast Lakes Landings*

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## Ice Harvest Tradition on West Grand Lake Going Strong

In a Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) event, skaters and hikers set off across the lake ice under an azure sky. Led by Registered Maine Guide Dale Tobey, they converged on Munson Island to watch the annual ice harvest. Attendees came from as far as Presque Isle, Machias, and Eastport to see a winter tradition that extends back to the early 1800s.

“The Lea family have continued this tradition for fifty years now,” said Debbie Tobey, Munson Island’s camp cook, as she directed her grandsons in stowing ... [READ MORE](#)

## Summer Internship Available!

2014 Internship in Community Forest Conservation: Habitat, Recreation, & Education

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to announce a 2014 summer internship opportunity that will provide broad exposure and experience in the work of a community-based conservation group. The intern will assist with habitat projects, maintenance of hiking trails and campsites, planning future trails, DLLT events, and education programs. **Read More, Including How to Apply**



## Habitat Management on the Community Forest

The opportunity to protect and manage wildlife habitat was one of the strongest motivations for local residents to create DLLT and acquire the Farm Cove Community Forest. DLLT's goal is to sustain habitat for the full-range of native wildlife across our landscape and over time.

DLLT's forest management plan integrates timber harvest and habitat goals. For example, DLLT mapped and designated over 5,700 acres to provide deer wintering and travel corridors - which will also benefit many species that use mature conifer forests. In addition, we have created small patches of early-successional habitat in six areas of the Community Forest since 2006. These young forests are important habitats for woodcock, grouse, and many other species. Maintaining a balance between ecological protections and habitat stewardship is at the heart of the work of DLLT.

Aquatic habitat, especially for brook trout in our streams, is also a high priority. So far, we've restored streams at 20 road crossings, often by installing a bottomless arch culvert that makes the road "invisible" to fish and other aquatic wildlife. We have four additional sites planned for restoration this year, with funding proposals pending. **READ MORE**



## Forester Leads Winter Tree Identification Walk

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) was pleased to welcome a handful of local residents on a chilly day in January to learn how to identify hardwood trees without the benefit of leaves.

“Once you know a tree by its bark,” said DLLT Forester Kyle Burdick, "You can identify it anywhere." As well as bark, attendees examined trees’ branching structure, form, and buds, to identify them.  
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## Upcoming Events

**Woodworking for Wildlife - postponed** - please watch for this event to be rescheduled.

**Revolution Downeast - Sun., Feb. 16, 2014 - 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM, Grand Lake Stream Town Building**

Dr. Ruth Ahrens from the Burnham Tavern in Machias will discuss pivotal events in the Downeast region during the Revolutionary War.

**Passamaquoddy Stories Echoing Across the Lake - Thur., Feb. 20, 2014 - 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Grand Lake Stream Town Building**

Join the Downeast Lakes Land Trust in welcoming Donald Soctomah, Director of the Passamaquoddy Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Mr. Soctomah will share Passamaquoddy stories about special places.



## CEI Video Highlights Economic Benefits

In 2008, thanks to Lyme Timber, CEI Capital Management, Coastal Enterprises, the Northern Forest Center, Bangor Savings Bank, the community of Grand Lake Stream acquired key parcels for future growth and economic development, while Downeast Lakes Land Trust negotiated an option to conserve 22,000-acres and purchase it for management as a community forest. **This short video**, released by CEI Capital Management, highlights the importance of the project to the community of Grand Lake Stream:



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