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Community Weighs in on West Grand Lake Forest Project

Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) Executive Director Mark Berry led a community discussion concerning the West Grand Lake Community Forest Project in Grand Lake Stream on July 10th. The 21,870-acre West Grand Lake Forest property wraps around the village of Grand Lake Stream, and is adjacent to the DLLT's 33,708-acre Farm Cove Community Forest.

The DLLT hopes to purchase the land outright and seeks to manage it with the adjacent Farm Cove Community Forest. "We manage Farm Cove with a focus on wildlife habitat, public recreation, and a sustainable timber economy, and that would also be our intention with the West Grand Lake forest," said Mr. Berry. "Our approach provides local people the opportunity to become stewards of the natural resources that support their economy."

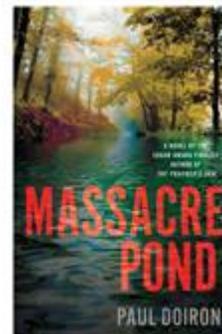
Questions and concerns from the community focused on getting the balance right between ecological conservation and capturing the economic benefits the forest has to offer. Since its inception, DLLT has been community led and community focused. Thus, Mr. Berry called on all interested parties to "Please share your thoughts, ideas and questions with us by calling, emailing or dropping by our office in Grand Lake Stream."

RSVP Now for the DLLT Annual Picnic July 28: Make Plans to Enjoy Festival Weekend!

The **Grand Lake Stream Folk Art Festival** runs all day Saturday and Sunday, and will be packed with artists, musicians, food, and fun. The Grand Lake Stream Guides' Dinners are Friday and Saturday, and tickets will be available at the Pine Tree Store.

Please RSVP now if you'll be able to join us for the always fun, friendly, and delicious **DLLT Annual Picnic** at noon on Sunday July 28th!

Downeast Lakes Land Trust is pleased to co-host a **visit from bestselling author Paul Doiron** on July 27th. Paul will read from and discuss his new crime novel, **Massacre Pond**, **set in Grand Lake Stream(!)** at 7:30 PM at Weatherby's.



West Grand Lake Race August 4th - Get Wet!

Join us for the **9th Annual West Grand Lake Race!** This fun community event attracts local participants and kayakers and canoeists from throughout Maine and beyond (we may see rowing shells and SUPs this year, too). Grand Lake Lodge hosts a cookout for all participants after the race.

The race includes options for competitive paddlers or relaxed family outings – including courses of approximately 12, 6, or 4 miles. All three courses start and finish in the village of Grand Lake Stream and are round trips around islands in West Grand Lake.



Fun on the Fourth

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) was pleased once again to partner in the 2013 “Grand Lake Stream, America” Fourth of July celebrations organized by the town and the Guides’ Association. This is a big event for our community, and accomplished through the hard work of lots of volunteers – our hats are off to them!

Click here for complete results from the 3 mile Race for Grand Lake Stream, and the L.L. Bean-sponsored fly-casting competition that was judged by DLLT.



Introduction to Guiding in Grand Lake Stream a Hit

The Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) in partnership with the Maine Guides Education Fund was pleased to present “Introduction to Guiding in Grand Lake Stream” to five excited students on the weekend of July 13.

Students began with a discussion of the laws and ethics surrounding guiding with Sgt Dave Craven of the Maine Warden Service and the chair of the Maine Professional Guides Board. The students listened gravely to stories of what can happen in the woods with a client, and the level of knowledge and responsibility expected of guides.

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