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Forests and Lakes – For People – Forever
West Grand Lake Community Forest
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Contacts and Quotes

Governor Paul R. LePage

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“Maine’s natural resources are the backbone of our economy,” said Governor Paul R. LePage. “The Grand Lake Stream area has outstanding fisheries, wildlife and scenic resources that make it an attraction for recreationists from around the world while supporting the highest concentration of guides in the state. The historic working forests that have safeguarded these natural assets are now assured for the future.”

Senator Susan Collins

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“As a long-time supporter of the Forest Legacy Program and a member of the Senate Interior Appropriations Committee, I am particularly pleased to see the completion of the West Grand Lake Forest easement,” said U.S. Senator Susan Collins. “This acquisition adds to the wonderful array of quality lands conserved for all Mainers to enjoy. The priceless assets protected here are vital to Maine’s tourism. I’ve seen firsthand the strong support of the local community for this conservation effort, and I admire the dedication of the people of Grand Lake Stream to conserve the natural resources that sustain their economy and support Maine’s timber industry.”

Representative Mike Michaud

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“I was proud to support this project,” said Congressman Mike Michaud. “It builds on Maine’s long tradition of conservation and public access. This easement is a victory for outdoor enthusiasts, our economy and the future of our valuable natural resources.”

Representative Chellie Pingree

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"I'm so excited that this special place will be there forever for people to experience its natural beauty and recreational opportunities. With benefits for wildlife habitat, sustainable forestry, and recreation, it's a win-win for the environment and economy," said Congresswoman Chellie Pingree. "My appreciation goes to the incredible partnership that has formed to make this project a success, and to the residents of Grand Lake Stream for their commitment to protecting these

lands and waters. I'm pleased that the federal Forest Legacy Program could help make it possible."

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Lyme Timber Company

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"The Lyme Timber Company has been pleased to collaborate with the Downeast Lakes Land Trust to secure the permanent conservation of our Grand Lake Stream property via this sale of a working forest conservation easement to the State of Maine. The lands will continue to operate as a working forest, including sustainable timber harvesting, contributing to Maine's economy."

Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation, & Forestry

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"We are very pleased to be acquiring the public recreational access rights provided by this easement," said Walt Whitcomb, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. "These lands support traditional uses, including hunting and fishing, and the easement also guarantees continuation of the primary ATV and snowmobile trails that cross the property."