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## **Forests and Lakes – For People – Forever**

### ***Camp Road Maintenance on Downeast Lakes Community Forest***

- Downeast Lakes Land Trust allows abutting private property owners to access their properties through the Downeast Lakes Community Forest on existing forest roads subject to restrictions that may be imposed for safety reasons or to protect water quality, wildlife habitat, or investments in road infrastructure, or restrictions on DLLT's activities under conservation easements on the Downeast Lakes Community Forest.
- Downeast Lakes Land Trust may permit abutting private property owners to maintain the existing access roads to their properties. Such roads remain the property of Downeast Lakes Land Trust within the boundaries of the trust's ownership, and shall remain open to the general public subject to policies established by the land trust.
- *Abutting private property owners must obtain a permit prior to conducting such maintenance activities*
- Such maintenance must be performed in a responsible manner to minimize impact to watersheds and aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitats.
- Any maintenance activities on DLLT lands conducted by, or on behalf of, camp owners shall follow the "Best Management Practices for Forestry: Protecting Maine's Water Quality" (BMP) guidelines published by the Maine Forest Service in 2004.
- Any maintenance of structures crossing perennial or fish-bearing streams shall be performed only after consultation with DLLT.
- Camp owners or their agents that perform maintenance that does not meet the BMP guidelines and is causing, or in the judgement of DLLT may cause, watershed or habitat degradation may be required to remedy the problem.
- All permittees shall be solely responsible for their actions on DLLT property and shall execute as a condition of permission to maintain a camp road, a document releasing, indemnifying and holding DLLT harmless from any claims or liabilities of any kind. In addition, DLLT may on its sole discretion impose insurance requirements in particular instances.
- The program of providing permits for road maintenance shall be administered by the Executive Director.