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To: Moosehead Region Management Plan Advisory Committee Members

From: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands Re: 1st Five-Year Review and Update of the Moosehead Region Management Plan – Final

Report

By this memorandum, the Bureau is reporting the results of the 2022 Five-Year Review of the Moosehead Region Management Plan adopted in February 2017.

The plan guides the management activities of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Public Lands on public reserved lands at Little Moose, Day's Academy, Moosehead Lake East Shore, and Sugar Island as well as Kineo and Farm Island State Park properties and seven smaller public lots to the east and west of the lake. While the plan was adopted for a 15-year period, the Bureau is required to report to the Advisory Committee at five-year intervals on accomplishments and changing conditions that may warrant amendments to the plan.

The Bureau emailed its 2022 Five-Year Report for the Moosehead Region Plan to the Advisory Committee members on April 15, 2022 and requested comments on the report via the attached memo. Several accomplishments and other actions taken were highlighted. The Bureau did not identify any new issues that were not addressed in the 2017 plan. However, the committee was advised of the completion of the donation by the Weyerhaeuser Company of 1 to 4-acre parcels and associated trail easements in the Moosehead and adjacent plan areas in the larger Moosehead Lake region, and a separate report on the donations was provided. The committee was also advised of the transfer of the Bowdoin College Grant East public lot to the Central Penobscot Region plan area, under the responsibility of the Bureau's Eastern Region.

One comment was received on the report, from the Forest Society of Maine (FSM). The comment requested clarification regarding the status of ATV access and use on the Moosehead Lake East Shore Lands, in particular, at the campground mentioned in the review table. The Bureau provided the clarification via email, explaining that the Bureau is discouraging ATV riding from the Spencer Bay campground while ATV trails in the vicinity remain closed.

With this memo, the Five-Year Review process is completed. Thank you for your continued participation in the Moosehead Region Plan Advisory Committee.

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