

**Summary of Advisory Committee Comments and Parks and Public Lands Responses  
on the Northern Aroostook Management Plan 5-Year Review for 2012  
Comment Period July 2 - July 17, 2013**  
(Does not include typographical, grammatical, or formatting comments)

| Comment  | Response   |
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| <b>From: Richard Clark, Perham landowner</b>   |  |
| <p>Regarding Salmon Brook Lake Bog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As I see it, by far the most pressing problem is the lack of toilet facilities near the picnic shelter and boat launch. It is fine to have a trash receptacle, but the presence of human waste and soiled toilet paper certainly does nothing to attract people to this beautiful spot. We had been promised a toilet, which the town of Perham agreed to maintain, but apparently the funding is no longer available for the soil testing and installation.</li> <li>On a note of lesser urgency, I would argue for extending the Ecological Reserve to the narrow triangle of state-owned land west of the ATV trail and southwest of Salmon Brook Lake. This has on it populations of three rare plant species: <i>Coptidium</i> (or <i>Ranunculus lapponicum</i>); <i>Amerorchis rotundifolia</i> (Small round-leaf orchis); and <i>Valeriana ulginosa</i> (Bog valerian). I monitor these annually for the Nature Conservancy.</li> <li>Finally, I would suggest that on future projects there be a closer liaison between the Maine Conservation Corps, responsible for trail construction, and those local people (not just the Selectmen) with the most interest in the project and the most detailed knowledge of the ground to</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site evaluation has been completed, and toilet installation will follow.</li> <li>The plan recommends making adjustments to the Ecological Reserve boundaries, where necessary, to include important ecological areas that may have not been included in the 2000 designation (Plan p 61). Current Division policy is that there will be no changes to the Ecological Reserve system on Public Lands, other than deeded ERs approved by the ER Scientific Advisory Committee, until management plans for all Public Reserved Lands have been updated under the 2000 IRP. Current ER acreage is nearing the limits set in statute, and potential changes to the reserve system should be evaluated for their relative contributions to the system before modifying the present acreage. Under the current schedule for management plans, the earliest this evaluation would occur would be late 2014 or early 2015.</li> <li>We will continue the positive working relationship with knowledgeable residents, which has been beneficial to all parties.</li> </ul> |

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| <p>be covered. The 2009 segment of the hiking trail was planned and constructed in such close collaboration, but not the 2011 addition. This route could have been more scenic had it followed a brook further, but more importantly, time and expense might have been saved had the south end of the route been adjusted c.100 yards to the east, thus avoiding boggy ground that necessitated the construction of a c.100 ft. bridge which consumed about half the time the crew spent on the project.</p> |  |
| <p><b><i>From: Richard Clark for Rodney Wardwell, neighbor</i></b></p>   |  |
| <p>Regarding Salmon Brook Lake Bog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My neighbor, Rodney Wardwell (215 High Meadow Rd., Perham, ME 04766), wants toilet facilities near the picnic shelter, and also a fire pit for hot dog roasts, etc. Mr. Wardwell, who has impaired mobility, has been a strong proponent for public access to Salmon Brook Lake, and it is in large measure due to his efforts that we have a boat launch with ATV access on the Lake.</li> </ul>                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As noted above, the site evaluation has been completed, and toilet installation will follow.</li> <li>• A permanent fire pit has the potential to attract camping and parties to an unstaffed site with limited access for fire-fighting. Visitors may bring portable grills to the picnic area, to be carried out at the end of each visit.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b><i>From: Melford Pelletier</i></b></p>   |  |
| <p>Comments of Melford Pelletier received via phone call:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sees “no red flags” in the document, no problems. Supports moving forward with the plan as proposed.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <p><b><i>From: Alan Theriault, Eagle Lake Sporting Camps</i></b></p>   |  |
| <p>Regarding Eagle Lake Unit:</p> <p>Thank you for your memo dated July 2, 2013 which requested comments to the subject. Roosevelt Conference Center DBA Eagle Lake Sporting Camps appreciates the opportunity to submit the following suggestions to the “Eagle Lake Unit” table under Transportation &amp; Administrative Considerations, Management Recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We concur with the Management</li> </ul>  |  |

Recommendation to “Continue to work with the owner of Eagle Lake Sporting Camps regarding the current and future need for the gate and road access to the sporting camp facility”.

- We would suggest in the related “Actions taken / Comments” box the language be modified to reflect the following: “In 2007, in consideration for assuming the lease and putting the Eagle Lake Sporting Camps back in operation, the Bureau granted the new owner “full discretionary use of the service road that accesses the leased property”. Subsequently, the owner invested over \$30,000 in road improvements and is providing ongoing road maintenance. A single gate located +/- 3 miles from the sporting camp lease provides access to the area. The gate is only closed to protect the road and natural resources (usually during mud season and for safety and fire protection).
- Road access and other improvements have facilitated a dramatic increase in visitors to the site with an annual average of over 600 day-use visits and 450 overnight visits. Nevertheless, the business model of sporting camps is changing. Today’s consumer demands many amenities and upgraded accommodations.
- Therefore, we would appreciate the addition of new issues or circumstances to reflect the need to continue to work with the owner of the Eagle Lake Sporting Camps to address the changing needs of sporting camp clients by allowing the construction and improvement of walking trails, ATV trails, interpretive signage, observation stands and to cooperate on other matters such as a link on the Unit’s web page, lease acreage amount, wildlife management, and on matters designed to attract non-consumptive guests such as bird watchers and equestrian related guests.

- The Division and the camp owner are negotiating a renewal lease for Eagle Lake Sporting Camps. Terms of the new lease related to the service road and gating will supersede earlier terms and actions. At this time, the Actions Taken/Comments box language remains accurate and sufficient.

- Improvements to the leased property to meet the changing needs of sporting camp clients are governed by the sporting camp lease rather than the management plan for the entire Eagle Lake unit. The Division will manage the sporting camp lease to reflect changing needs consistent with Division policies. The camp owner’s specific requests can be addressed during negotiation of the renewal lease noted above.

***From: Barbara Vickery, The Nature Conservancy***

- Thank you for the memo on Five Year review of the Northern Aroostook Region Management Plan and the opportunity to respond. I am impressed both with what a great deal has been accomplished and the clarity of your reporting format.
- I also find that your proposed solution regarding retaining the Deboullie warden's camps and repairing it for use as a picnic shelter makes sense, as long as there is strong local interest and available volunteer help, and that this shift in approach does not warrant an amendment to the management plan but rather laudable adaptive management.
- Thank you for your good work!

***From: Albro Cowperthwaite, North Maine Woods***

- I do not see any changes to the recommendations to the plan as originally adopted except [for Deboullie]. I am in support of renovating the Deboullie Mountain fire warden's camp to serve as a picnic shelter.
- Good progress has been accomplished towards meeting the goals of during the last five years.