

A close-up photograph of a single, vibrant yellow maple leaf lying on a forest floor. The leaf is covered in numerous small, clear water droplets, suggesting it has recently been rained on. The leaf has a prominent hole in its upper right section. The background is a dark, textured surface of fallen leaves and twigs.

Upper Kennebec Region Management Plan

Public Scoping Meeting

October 19, 2016

Bingham, ME

Agenda

- Presentation on management planning and the Upper Kennebec region
- Presentation on Holeb Unit and invitation for public comment
- Presentation on Cold Stream Forest Unit and invitation for public comment
- Presentation on other BPL lots north and south of Jackman and invitation for public comment

What is a management plan?

- Management plans legislatively required for Public Lands (12 MRSA 1833 & 1847)
- Legislative direction includes:
 - “multiple use”
 - “sustained yield of products and services”
 - “sound planning”
 - “exemplary land management practices”
- Management to enhance “timber, wildlife, recreation, economic and other values of lands”

Management Plans

- Plans for 15 years with 5 year reviews
- Plans are now regional—one plan includes several public lands in a region
- We look at planning context of the larger region
- Assisted by an Advisory Committee for the region representing a diverse range of organizations and interests

A Vision for Each Public Land

- Vision is broad—our overarching goals for the types of recreation experiences, ecological protection and timber management we strive to manage for.

Management Recommendations

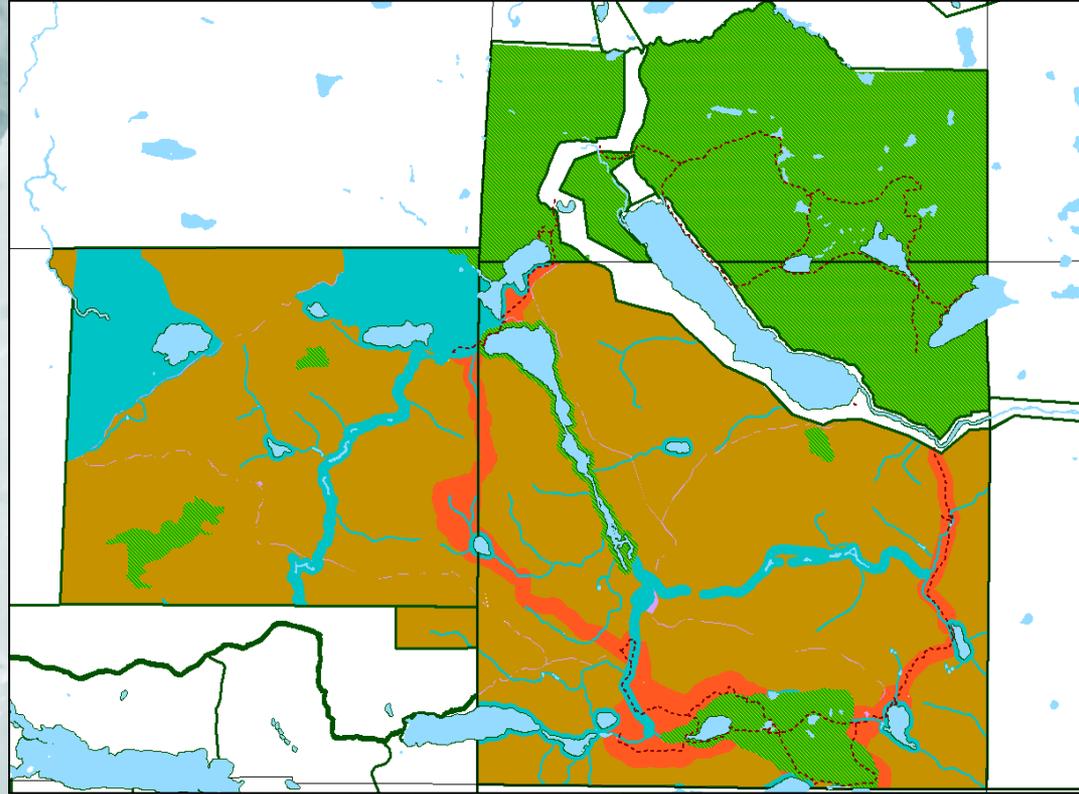
(more specific than Vision)

- May address wildlife/habitats, recreation, timber management, public access, and other administrative issues
- Dealing with a specific issue, such as a conflict between recreation user groups at a trail junction or lake site
- Implementing a new idea, such as rehabilitating a fire tower or designing a new trail

Resource Allocations

A system of designating and mapping all of the acres on Public Lands into categories (allocations).

Designation defines allowable management and recreation activities.



Example – Nahmakanta Unit in the BPL Eastern Region

Summary of Resource Allocations

Special Protection

(natural areas, historic cultural areas, ecological reserves)

Backcountry Recreation

(superior scenic quality, wild and pristine, sense of solitude – either non-mechanized or motorized)

Wildlife Dominant

(typically includes riparian buffers, deer yards, and habitat for rare or endangered species)

Remote Recreation

(trail corridors, shorelines, remote ponds; emphasis on non-motorized uses)

Summary of Resource Allocations

Visual Consideration Areas

(Class I – foreground; Class II – background;
Limits harvesting to protect scenic values)

Developed Recreation Areas

(Class I – drive-to primitive campsites, gravel boat launches, etc. ; Class II – more developed facilities)

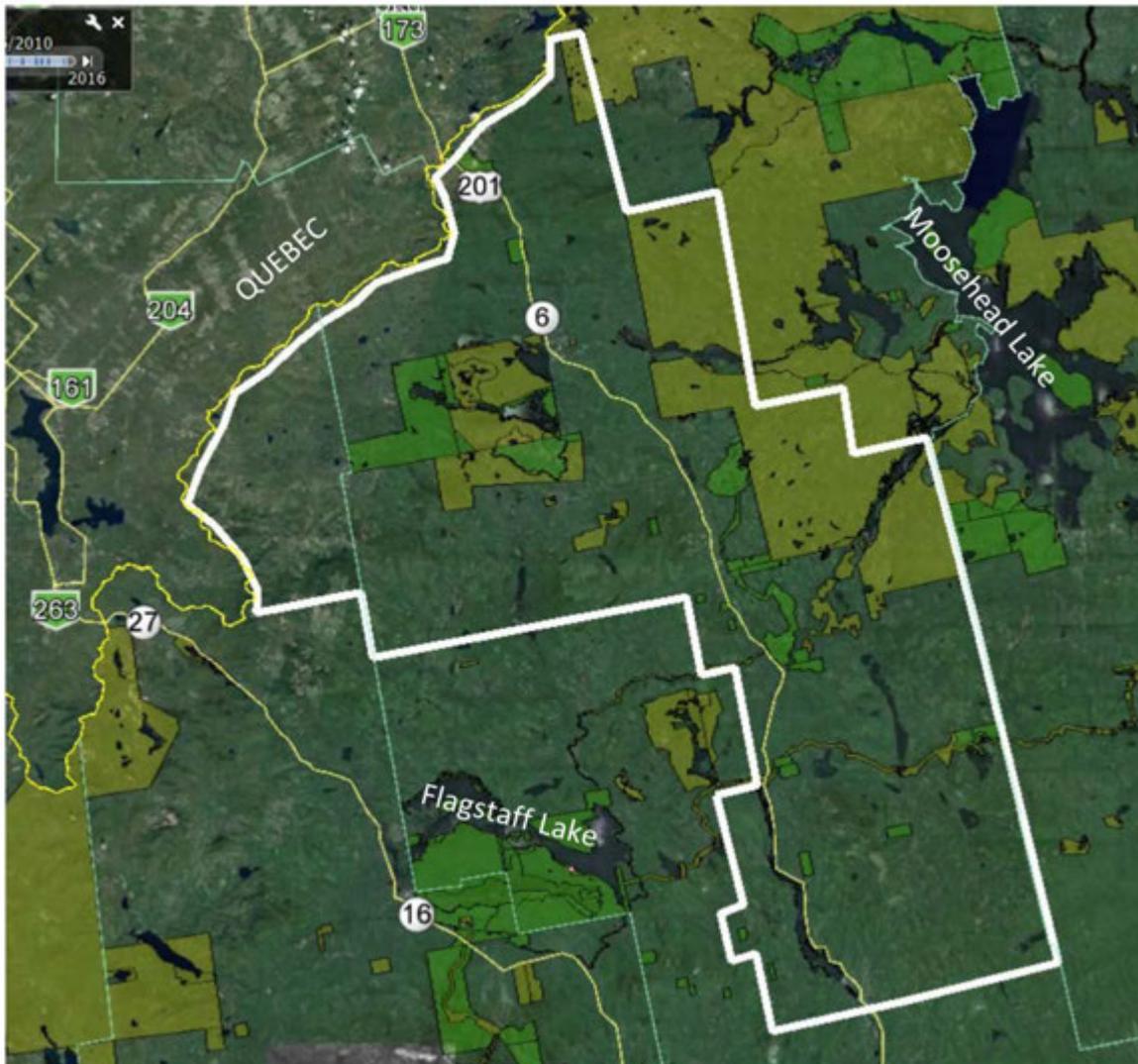
Timber Management

(management for multiple uses and high value forest products – i.e., late successional forests)



**The Upper
Kennebec
Region
Public
Lands**

MAINE BUREAU OF PARKS AND LANDS --- UPPER KENNEBEC PLAN REGION



Region covers over 800,000 acres between the Moosehead and Flagstaff Regions

Focus of Plan is public lands owned in fee by state, managed by BPL (bright green on the map).

43,272 acres of BPL fee lands.

Green parcels = BPL Public Reserved Lands
Yellow Parcels = Non-State Fee Lands, Easements and Other Conserved Lands

Upper Kennebec Region Lands: 3 Major Units

Unit	Acres
Holeb Unit (including No. 5 Bog Ecological Reserve)	23,710
Cold Stream Forest Unit	8,152
Sandy Bay Unit	2,721

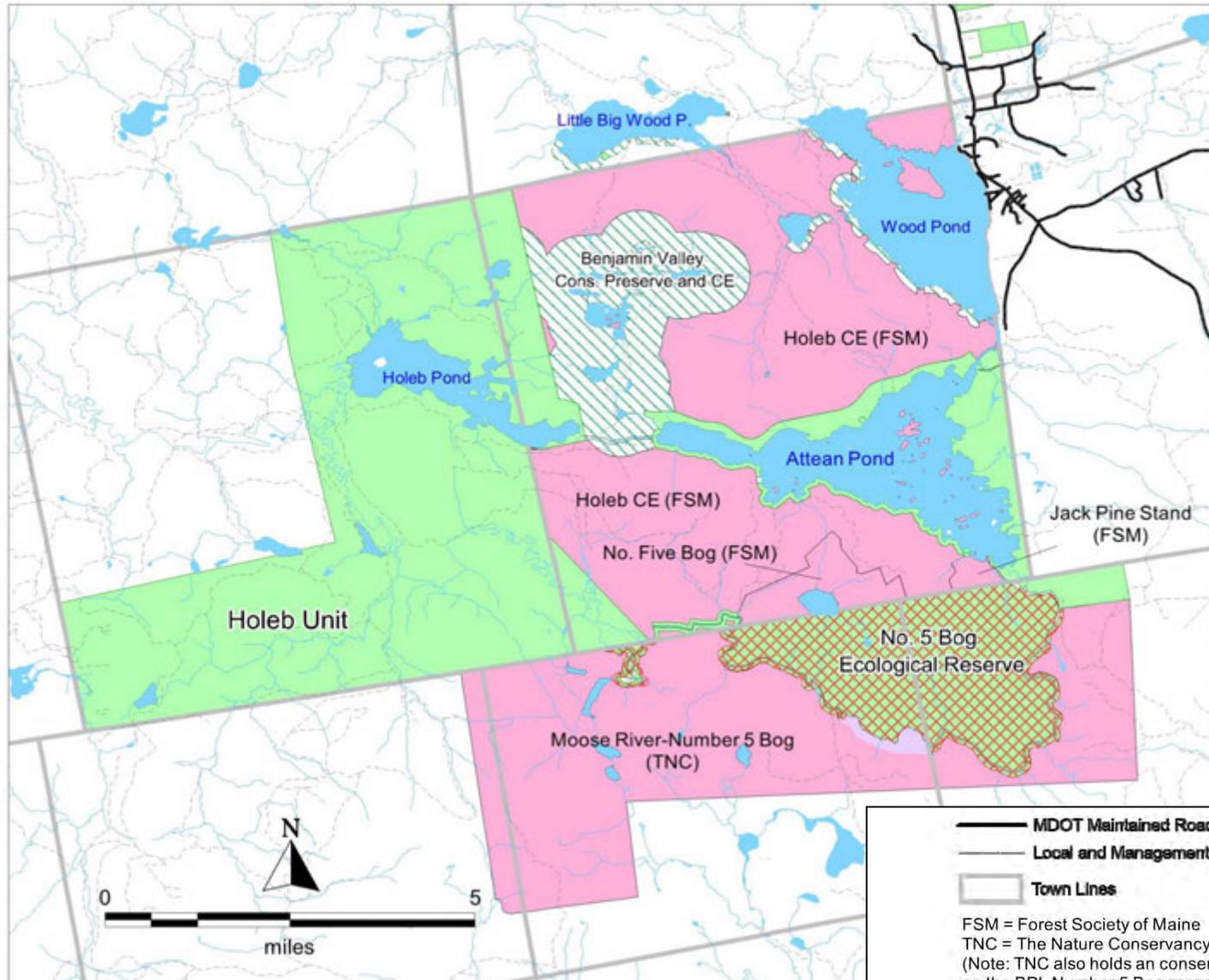
Upper Kennebec Region Lands: 19 Smaller Lots

Lot or Lots (listed from north to south)	Acres
Dennistown Plt. Lot	1,024
Moose River North and South Lots	312
Bradstreet Twp. South Lot	178
Coburn Mountain Lot	300
Johnson Mountain Lot	521
West Forks Plt. NE/NW/C/SW Lots	1,189
Moxie Gore Lot	450
The Forks North and South Lots	1,068
Caratunk N/S/E Lots	1,611
Bald Mountain Lot	1,650
Highland Plt. East Lot	211
Pleasant Ridge Plt. Lot	173

Holeb Public Lands



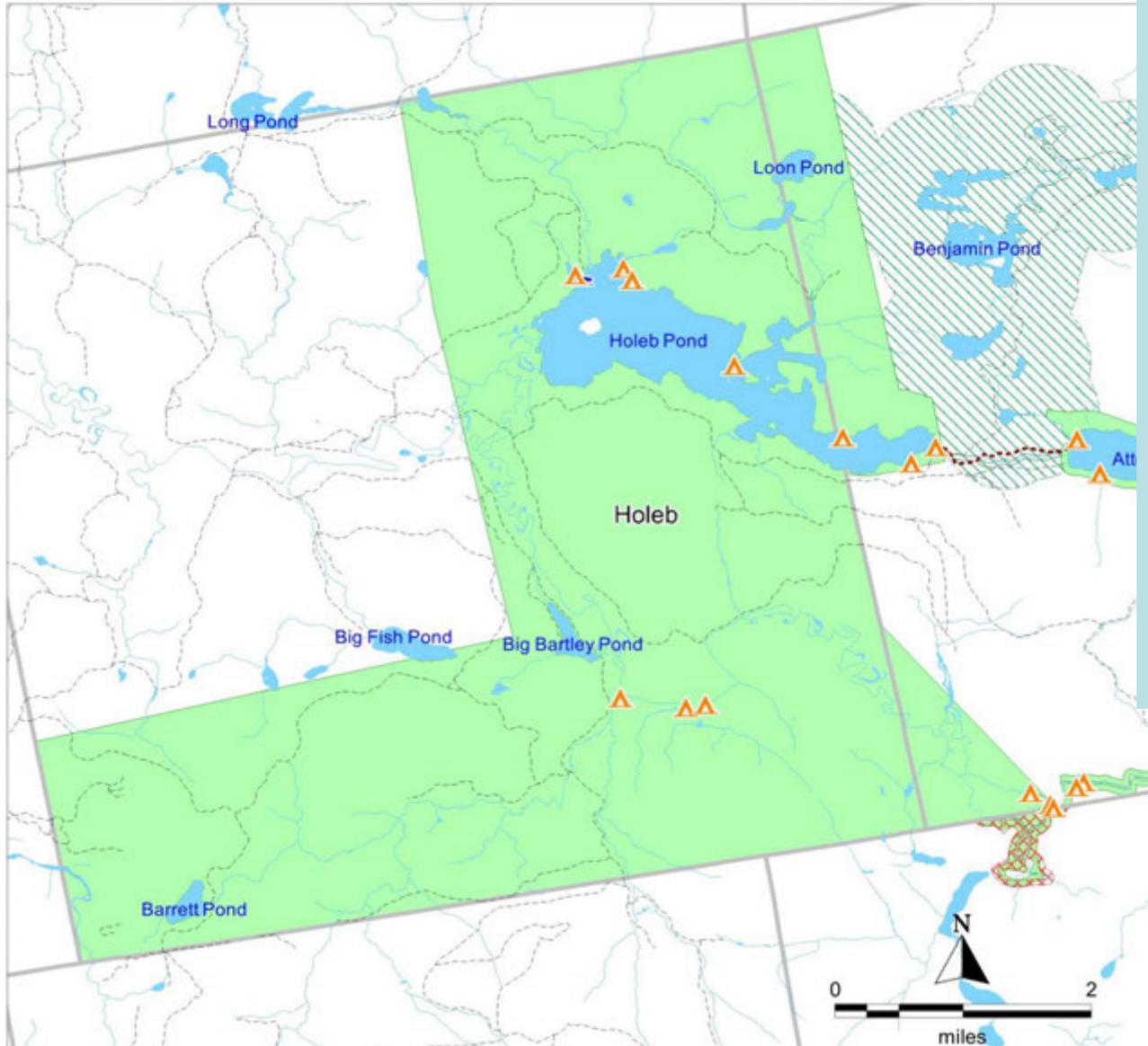
Holeb Unit and Vicinity - BPL Fee and Easement and Other Conservation Lands



- MDOT Maintained Roads
- Local and Management Roads
- Town Lines

FSM = Forest Society of Maine
TNC = The Nature Conservancy
(Note: TNC also holds a conservation easement on the BPL Number 5 Bog property)

Holeb Unit - Holeb Pond and Moose River Infrastructure and Recreation Facilities



- 17,076 acres
- 1,055 acre Holeb Pond
- Several small remote ponds
- Gravel boat ramp at Holeb Landing
- Several water access campsites on Holeb Pond
- Several Moose River campsites
- Public use road into Holeb Landing
- **Other?**



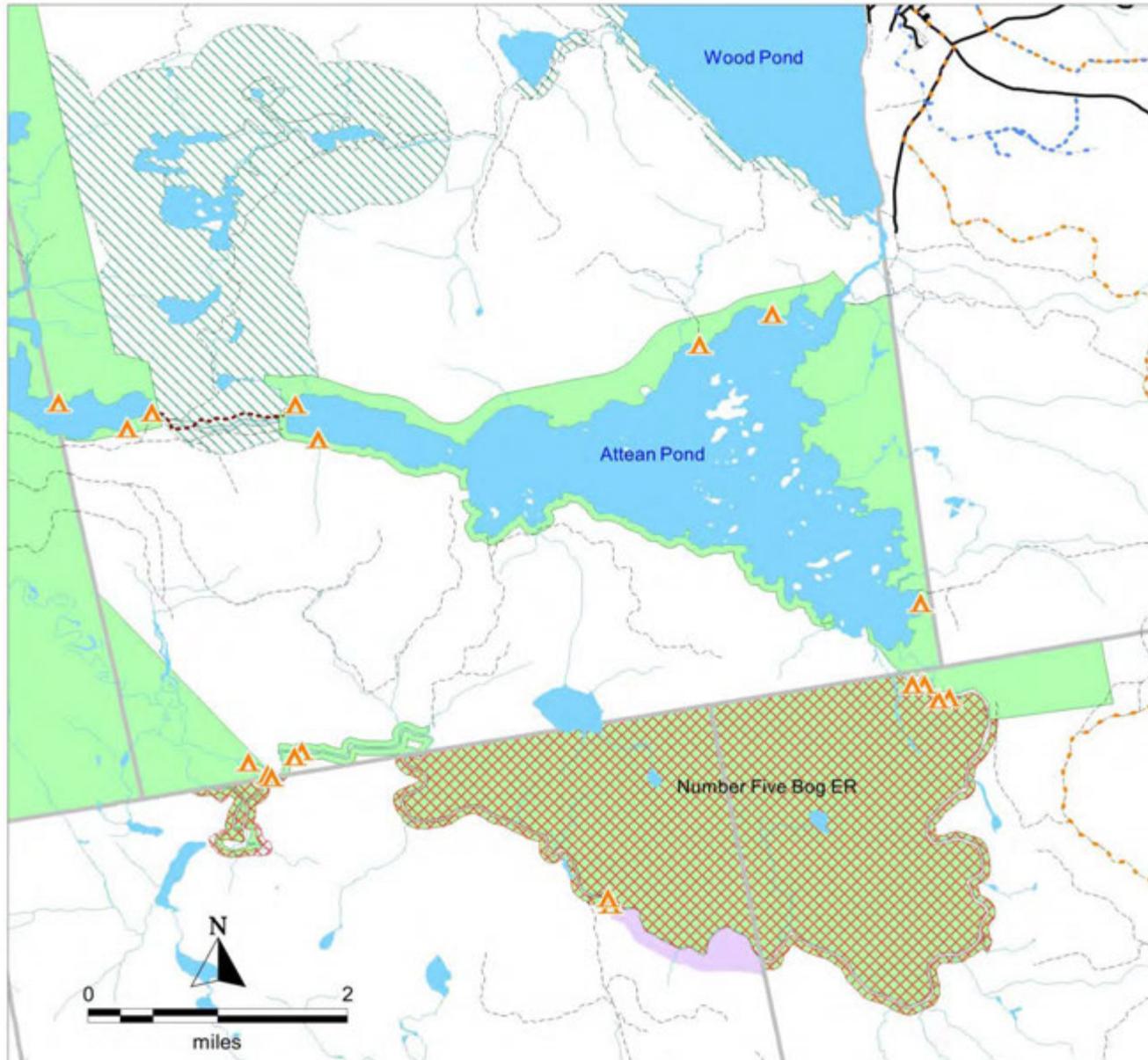
Campsite on Moose River at Barrett Brook



Holeb Falls portage campsite,
portage trail sign.



Holeb Unit - Attean Pond and Number 5 Bog Infrastructure and Recreation Facilities



- 6,633 acres
- Entire Attean Pond shoreline except 1 outlot
- Several water access campsites on Attean Pond
- Several Moose River campsites
- Portage trail on easement
- Road access to Attean Landing and Moose River at margin of No. 5 Bog Ecological Reserve



Dock at Attean Landing



Moose River campsite at Attean Falls



View from campsite on Attean north shore



Attean shoreline campsite from the water

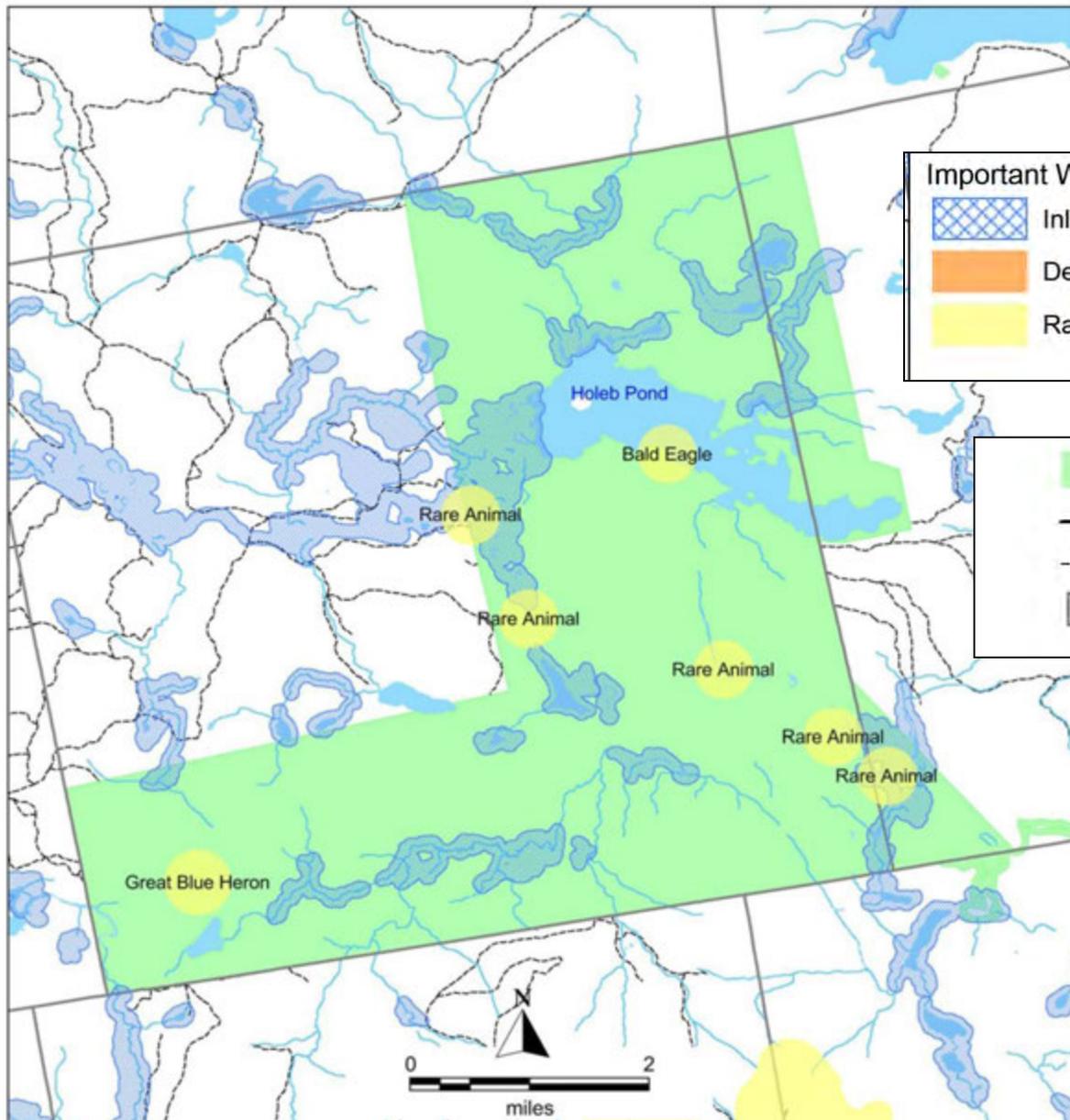


Bog bridging on Attean-Holeb portage trail



Campsite at Holeb Pond end of portage trail

Holeb Unit - Holeb Pond Area Important Wildlife Features

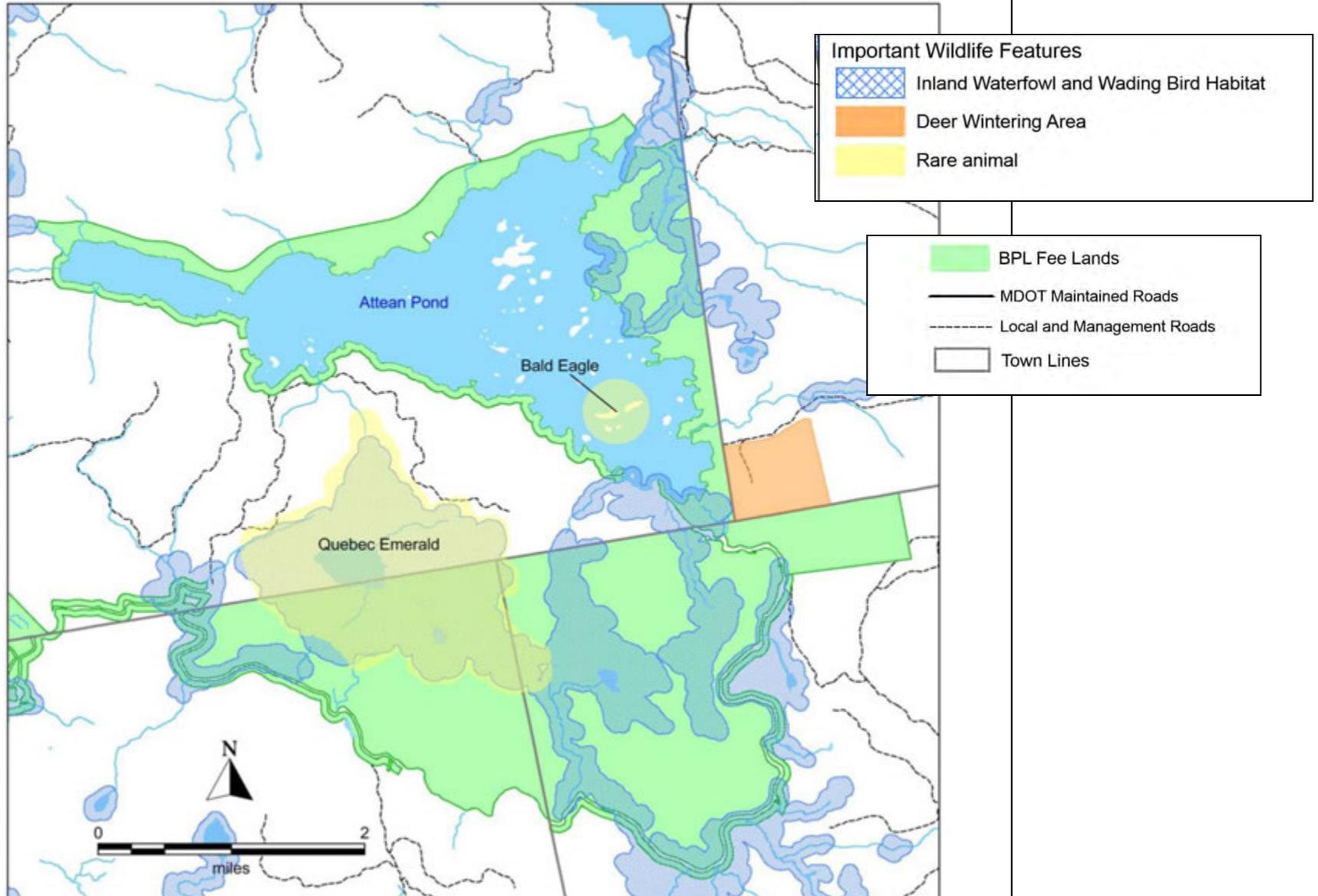


Important Wildlife Features

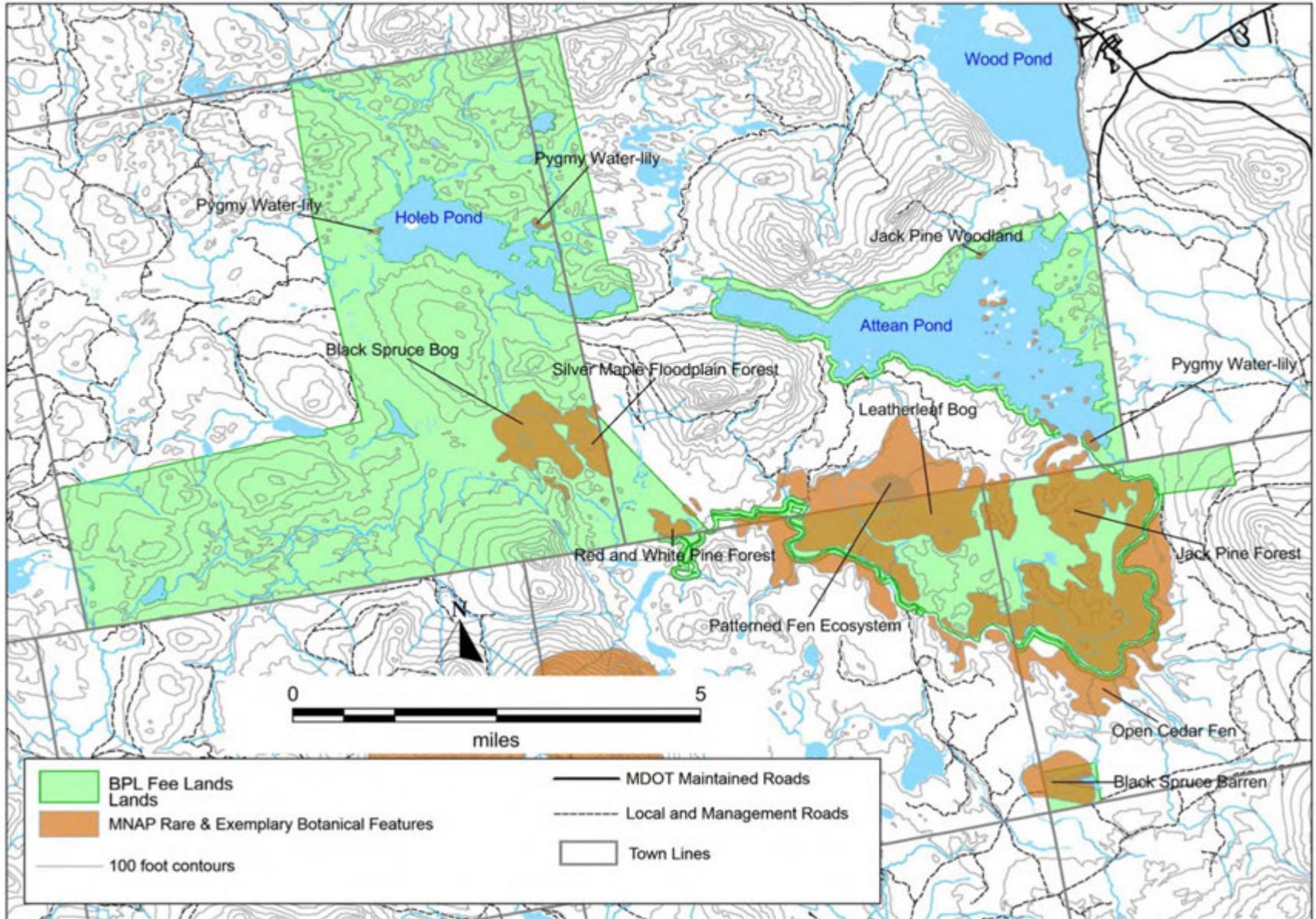
-  Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitat
-  Deer Wintering Area
-  Rare animal

-  BPL Fee Lands
-  MDOT Maintained Roads
-  Local and Management Roads
-  Town Lines

Holeb Unit - Attean Pond and Number 5 Bog Important Wildlife Features

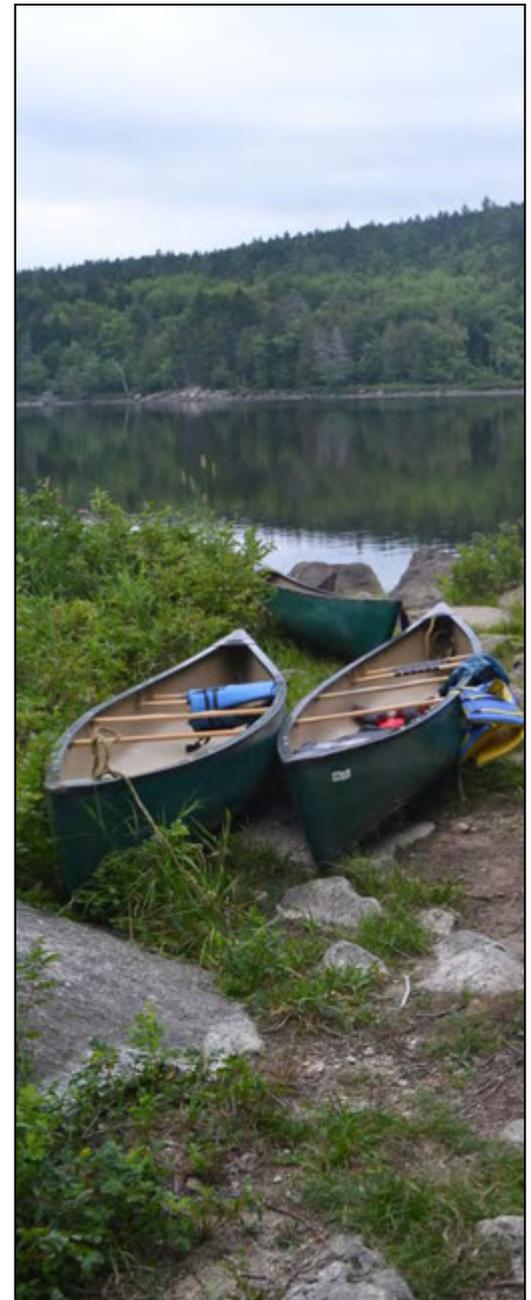


Holeb Unit - MNAP "Rare and Exemplary" Features



Questions for Discussion

- What do you need to know more about?
- What current attributes do you value – and why?
- What opportunities do you see in the next 15 years?
- What are some current or potential threats/issues to address? How can we handle them?
- What should be our ‘vision’ for these lands?



Cold Stream Forest Unit

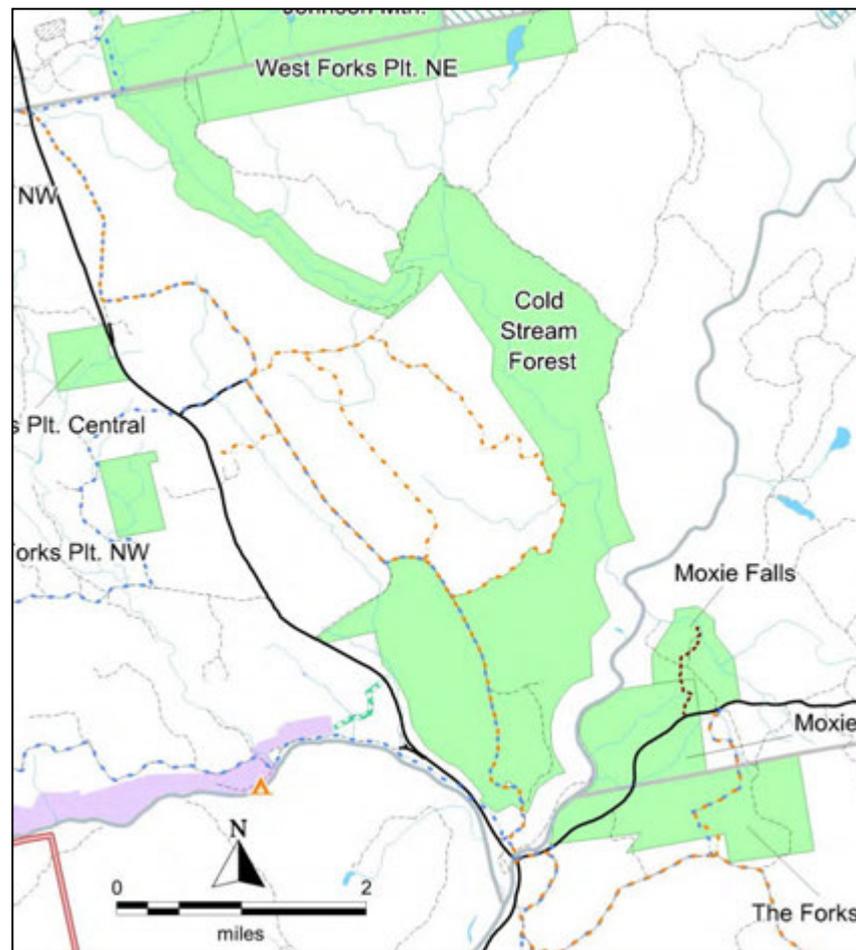
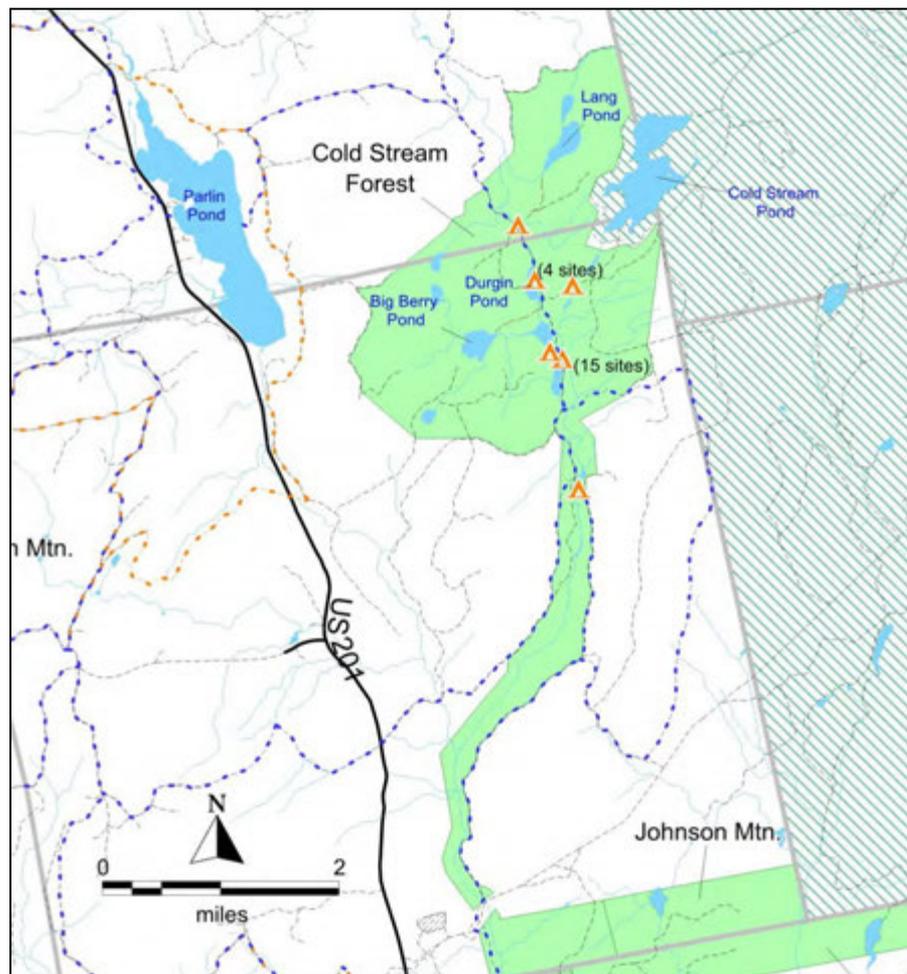


Cold Stream Forest Unit

- 8,152 acres, acquired March 2016 through Forest Legacy Program, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, Trout Unlimited, and MDIF&W
- Key property values:
 - Working forest; majority is operable timberland
 - Important native brook trout habitat
 - Accessible wild brook trout fishing opportunities
 - Important deer wintering areas
 - Fall hunting opportunities
 - Snowmobiling and other winter recreation



Cold Stream Forest – Key Features and Infrastructure



- Most of the 8 native brook trout ponds in North section area accessible by vehicle or a short hike on existing trails
- Trail access to Cold Stream Pond (MRCE)

- 15-site campground on Cold Stream and 4 roadside campsites on Durgin Pond
- Scattered drive-to campsites elsewhere
- Snowmobile and ATV trails cross the Unit



Lang Pond Access Trail



Lang Pond



Canoes stored at Lang Pond