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To: Amanda Beal, Commissioner - Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry  
CC: Logging & Forestry Education Grant Committee  
From: Bill Patterson, Deputy Director – Bureau of Parks and Lands  
Date: February 1, 2023  
RE: Summary and Recommendations – 2022 Logging and Forestry Education Grant Selections

This memo summarizes the process and outcome used for selecting grant awards for the 2022 Logging and Forestry Education Grant Program of the Department of Agriculture Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands. As required by rule, the committee recommends the slate of grants as outlined below for approval by the Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

The Grant committee consists of:

Required Staff Members:

Andy Cutko, Director – Bureau of Parks and Lands  
Bill Patterson, Deputy Director – Bureau of Parks and Lands  
Doug Reed, Eastern Region Manager – Bureau of Parks and Lands

Invited Committee Members:

Joe Haney – Department of Education  
Tony Madden – AW Madden, Inc.  
Mike St. Peter - Certified Logging Professionals  
Ted Wright – Trust to Conserve Northeast Forestlands

The Request for Proposals and application materials were reviewed by the committee and posted on the BPL website. We also emailed the RFP directly to eligible programs that applied in 2021 but were not funded. The RFP was open for four weeks and due on July 15, 2022. Two grant proposals were received for a total request of \$100,000 on \$150,000 in authorized funding. Grant applications are capped by statute (Title 12 MRSA 1859) at \$50,000 each. Applicants with open 2021 grants were considered not eligible to apply again until their grants are closed out in June 2023.

All seven committee members used an excel format spreadsheet to independently score proposals according to a point system outlined in the RFP. Committee members were encouraged to make notes to accompany their scores. Scores and notes were sent to Bill

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Patterson who compiled and averaged the scores. The review committee met virtually via Teams on October 31 and used the compiled scores and group discussion of each proposal to inform a vote on the selection of project awards. After some follow-up questions for the applicants, the decision was made to recommend full funding for the two applicants. The two programs that were selected to receive \$50,000 each are:

**Brewer School Department – MSAD 63, Brewer**

**Saint John Valley Technology Center – MSAD 33, Frenchville**

Recommendations received and approved by:

*Amanda E. Beal*

Date: 2-3-23

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Amanda E. Beal

Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry