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LURC Names Review Team for Plum Creek Concept Plan

Augusta, ME - The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission (LURC), today announced the recent selection of the review team for an anticipated lakes concept plan proposed by Plum Creek Timber Co. of Seattle, WA. The plan is expected to involve development and conservation on more than 400,000 acres in the Moosehead Lake region.

The review team will be led by LURC staff members Fred Todd and Agnieszka Pinette. Mr. Todd heads the planning program for LURC and has more than 30 years of land use planning experience with the agency. Ms. Pinette has been a member of the LURC staff since 1999 and serves as senior planner. Assisting Mr. Todd and Ms. Pinette will be Ronald Kreisman of Hallowell and Evan Richert of Portland. Mr. Kreisman is an attorney in a private law and consulting practice. Mr. Richert, the former director of the State Planning Office during the King Administration, is currently a research professor at the Muskie School of Public Service. LURC Director Catherine M. Carroll called the group exceptionally qualified. "These individuals possess a wealth of knowledge and expertise that will certainly make the regulatory review process professional, fair and a success," said Ms. Carroll. She added "I want to emphasize that the Land Use Regulation Commission is leading the review of the Plum Creek concept plan and seeking assistance from Mr. Kreisman and Mr. Richert."

LURC is currently determining the completeness of an application for a multiple lakes concept plan for the Moosehead region that was submitted in April of this year. At this time, LURC has not accepted the application for processing. Once the application is deemed complete the formal review process will commence. The LURC staff is planning a series of public scoping sessions to be held during the latter part of August in the Moosehead area and in Augusta. Members of the public will be invited to share their views on the issues they believe LURC should consider when reviewing the concept plan proposal. Dates for these meetings will be announced shortly. More information about LURC and the Plum Creek concept plan can be found <http://www.maine.gov/doc/lurc/>