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Maine Healthy Forests Program – update June 2015
Maine’s Healthy Forests Program

O Goal

O identify strategies that lead to active forest management on southern Maine family woodlands
O improve wood availability, wildlife habitat, forest health, recreational opportunities, water quality, aesthetics, etc.
O increase landowner enjoyment and support jobs and the state's economy.
Southern Megaregion

- Capital Area FIA Unit: Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, and Waldo Counties
- Casco Bay FIA Unit: Androscoggin, Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and York Counties
Southern Megaregion - Stand size class, acres, and percentage

- Sawtimber, 1,197,062, 52%
- Poletimber, 837,986, 37%
- Seedling/Sapling, 249,141, 11%
- Non Stocked, 6,312, 0%
Southern Megaregion, net growth to removals percentage for 1995, 2006, and 2013 inventory years

All Species

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Healthy Forests Program Status

- Began with stakeholder meetings in 2012
- Action Plan developed
- On the ground delivery of priority action items began in 2013
Action items 1.1, 2.8, 6.2: Publications
Healthy forests provide many benefits:

Economic vitality

www.mainehealthyforests.org
1.3, 2.5, 6.5: PSA’s, paid advertising, Profiles in Stewardship
2.1, 3.1, 3.3 4.1: workshops for woodland owners, loggers, foresters

- H2MLOG
- Foresters for the Birds
- Harvest Satisfaction Survey
- Achieving LO objectives
- Profiles in Stewardship
- CLP re-certifications
- Foresters Institutes
- Stewardship Forester Trainings
- Project Canopy, PLT, School Forest Programs
2.2: HFP demonstration forests

- Falmouth Town Lands
- City of Portland
- Wells NERR – Yankee Woodlot
2.4: Peer-to-peer networks

- Forest WORKS!
- Baldwin area woodland forum
2.10: Harvest satisfaction survey

Overall satisfaction

Condition of your woods after the harvest
Financial outcomes
Written agreements and working with professionals

www.mainehealthyforests.org to take the survey
4.3: Low impact forestry manual/training
To be continued....

O 5.2: Keep Wood Processor report current
O 6.1: Targeted messaging with other organizations
O 7.1, 7.2, 7.3: growing capacity for loggers, mills, foresters
Questions?

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