

Management Recommendations

Telos Unit (Plan pages 33-34)	Actions taken/Comments:
Recreation <u>Campsites and RV/trailer Storage</u> - Continue maintenance of campsites with the assistance of North Maine Woods. - Continue rehabilitation of the campsite at Webster Lake inlet, in cooperation with Baxter State Park. - Close Kellogg Brook site and work with AWW on a plan for developing 10-12 designated RV/trailer storage sites elsewhere on the Unit or in the vicinity.	On going No progress Kellogg Brook site has been closed. The decision was made not to provide trailer storage on BPL.
<u>Webster Lake Boat Access</u> Consider development of drive-in access near the south shoreline of Webster Lake, accomplished by upgrading of a winter road, with a carry-in trail to the shoreline. If this access is developed, coordinate with MDIF&W and Baxter State Park regarding a possible horsepower limit on motors.	Tabled -- cost/benefit ratio to low
Wildlife/Rare of Exemplary Ecosystems and Habitats - Survey the DWAs to determine their current condition and evaluate whether any actions to improve the habitat are warranted. - Work with IF&W on development of a draft HMA, following acquisition of LIDAR data and application of updated forest growth model for the Unit, if the data, modeling results and field observations indicate that management for deer wintering habitat is viable and worthwhile.	On going No progress, awaiting updated timber inventory
Timber Management - The Bureau will manage areas allocated to Timber Management as a multiple use working forest. Timber resources where allocated will provide a diverse forested environment and generate high quality-high value products to support Bureau operations and Maine's timber-based economy. The Bureau will practice multi-aged management with a long-term focus primarily on mature quality timber. - Harvesting within areas allocated to Remote Recreation adjacent to the AWW Restricted Zone will be light and will seek to mimic harvests	On going

in Visual Class I areas, aimed at retaining the appearance of an essentially undisturbed forest.	
The portion of the Unit visible from the AWW waterbodies will be subject to Visual Class II considerations. The AWW will be notified when harvests are planned within the one-mile zone.	On going
The Bureau will consult with MNAP when planning harvests in the vicinity of the Chamberlain fen.	On going
Administrative Issues <u>Signage and Visitor Information</u> Assess signage and visitor information provided at Chamberlain parking/camping area for possible improvements.	
<u>Boat Storage at Ponds</u> Take steps to bring boat storage at Coffeelos Pond into compliance with BPL policy as stated in the IRP; the focus will be on removal of unusable and abandoned boats and ensuring all remaining boats are properly marked with owner identification. BPL will make a rigorous effort to contact boat owners before usable boats are removed. Removed boats will be stored by BPL off-site for a period of time, and owners will be given the opportunity to retrieve them if desired.	Old boats removed, signage in place and all boats currently being stored are in compliance. Yearly monitoring is ongoing.

Round Pond Unit (Plan page 48)	Actions taken/Comments:
Recreation and Access Develop interpretive information and displays, in cooperation with AWW staff, to be installed at the rehabilitated fire tower (and potentially in the new cab) related to fire lookout function of the original tower.	Map table and map are in place
Move the existing gate near the southeast entrance to the Unit to just south of the location where the trail to the fire tower crosses the management road, about ¼ mile from the tower.	Completed
Continue coordination with AWW staff for the maintenance of the fire tower trail.	On going
Wildlife/Rare or Exemplary Ecosystems and Habitats	On going

Continue implementation of the Deer Wintering Area HMA, in cooperation with MDIF&W.	
Timber Management The Bureau will manage areas allocated to Timber Management as a multiple use working forest. Timber resources where allocated will provide a diverse forested environment and generate high quality-high value products to support Bureau operations and Maine's timber-based economy. The Bureau will practice multi-aged management on most acres (aspen excluded) with a long-term focus primarily on mature quality timber.	On going
Because of the presence of the AWW across the middle of the Unit, certain areas nearest the AWW (mapped Visual Concern Areas) will be subject to Visual Class I considerations.	On going

Chamberlain Unit (Plan page 64)	Actions taken/Comments:
Recreation Continue coordination with AWW staff for the maintenance of the Allagash Mountain fire tower trail, Tramway portage trail and Lookout trail; reroute steep portions of the fire tower trail.	On going
Public Access and Management Roads The Bureau will conduct maintenance on some access roads off the parcels to facilitate harvesting, as needed, when they have not been maintained recently by the landowners.	On going
Timber Management The Bureau will manage areas allocated to Timber Management as a multiple use working forest. Timber resources where allocated will provide a diverse forested environment and generate high quality-high value products to support Bureau operations and Maine's timber-based economy. The Bureau will practice multi-aged management on most acres with a long-term focus primarily on mature quality timber. Even-aged management will be applied in certain areas where it will benefit forest stand condition and regeneration.	On going
Because of the presence of the AWW adjacent to all of the tracts where timber management will occur, certain areas nearest the AWW	On going

will be subject to Visual Class I considerations and other areas will be subject to Visual Class II considerations.

Chesuncook / Gero Island Unit (Plan page 78)	Actions taken/Comments:
Recreation Continue coordination with PRC staff for the maintenance of the Gero Island campsites, and the Graveyard Point boat access.	On going
Public Access and Management Roads Develop a maintenance plan for the roads and named streets within the Chesuncook parcel, in collaboration with Piscataquis County.	No progress
Develop a lease for the Chesuncook Lake House seasonal dock and use of the cove on the lakeshore near the facility, in conjunction with public use.	Completed
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Because of the presence of the historic village and of the PRC adjacent to the Chesuncook tract, certain areas nearest the village and the lakeshore will be subject to Visual Class I considerations.	On going
Administrative Issues The Bureau will consider selling remaining leased lots to lessees and undeveloped camplots to abutting landowners, with any such proposals evaluated on a case-by-case basis. A third-party appraisal would determine fair market value. Any such sales that the Bureau wishes to pursue would be presented to the legislature for approval.	No progress
The Bureau will evaluate whether to repair or remove the Graveyard Point bunkhouse, in coordination with the State Historic Properties Office. If repair is not reasonably practical or is cost prohibitive, the Bureau will seek to remove it as an attractive hazard.	Bunkhouse removed, site seeded to lawn

Allagash Lots (Plan pages 85-86)	Actions taken/Comments:
Timber Management - NW Lot – The next harvest should include considerable work in the hardwood/ mixedwood stands which were either bypassed or sifted for spruce-fir in the 1980s harvest. That will hinge on pulpwood markets for hardwoods. Management of softwood stands near the river should work toward conforming winter cover for deer. - NE Lot — The next harvest on this lot should include considerable work in the hardwood/mixedwood stands which were either bypassed or selectively harvested for spruce-fir in the 1980s harvest. This objective is dependent of pulpwood markets for hardwoods. - SW Lot – Continue to manage for retention and expansion of quality winter cover for deer along Campbell Brook. - SE Lot – The Bureau needs to maintain good communication with MDIF&W and other stakeholders for harvests involving the deer wintering area. Plan harvests to move mixedwood stands to softwood, with removal of mostly low-grade hardwood, to improve deer shelter. Monitor public demand for improved river access at the Wesley Brook site. - Because of the presence of the St. John River and Route 161 (SE lot), certain areas visible from the river and the highway will be subject to Visual Class I considerations. - The Bureau will consult with MNAP when planning any timber management activity in the vicinity of the rivershore exemplary natural communities and rare plants on the SE and NE lots.	On going On going On going On going Planned harvest winter 2027 On going
Falls Pond Lot (Plan page 90-91)	Actions taken/Comments:
Recreation	On going

The Bureau will continue to partner with NMW for the maintenance of the boat access and campsites.	
The Bureau will consider steps to address the erosion observed at the boat launch area on the pond.	No progress
Wildlife Collaborate with MDIF&W on potential fisheries project in Falls Brook pond outlet stream to benefit native brook trout, if MDIF&W elects to pursue the project.	No progress
Timber Management Coordinate with MDIF&W regarding any harvests planned for the DWA.	On going
Within the next two years, determine whether it remains worthwhile to conduct precommercial thinning in the sapling stands, and conduct the work if so.	No progress
The Bureau will consult with MNAP when planning any timber management activity in the vicinity of the exemplary Northern White Cedar Swamp.	On going

T14 R11 and T15 R11 Lots (Plan page 95)**Actions taken/Comments:**

Timber Management Coordinate with AWW prior to timber harvests within the AWW visual zones.	No Activity
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Monitoring and Evaluation (Plan pages 97-98)

Actions taken/Comments:

Implementation of Plan Recommendations The Bureau's Northern Region is responsible for implementing, accomplishing, and tracking the management recommendations put forth in the Plan. This generally includes determination of work priorities and budgets on an annual basis. The Bureau will document, on an annual basis, its progress in implementing the recommendations, its plans for the coming year, and adjustments to the timing of specific actions or projects as needed.	The Bureau implements plan recommendations through the process of calendar year planning, during which it schedules and budgets for projects for the coming year. Priorities are established within each Public Lands administrative region based on urgency of need (e.g., public safety, environmental impact); availability of resources (e.g., funds, staff, equipment, contractors); and opportunities available at the time (e.g., combining projects for efficiency and cost-saving, favorable weather). Yearly accomplishments are reported by administrative region in an annual report to the Legislature, which is posted on the Bureau's website.
Recreation The Bureau will generally monitor use to determine: (1) whether improvements to existing facilities or additional facilities might be needed and compatible with general objectives; (2) whether additional measures are needed to ensure that recreational users have a high quality experience (which could be affected by the numbers of users, and interactions among users with conflicting interests); (3) whether use is adversely affecting sensitive natural resources or the ecology of the area; (4) whether measures are needed to address unforeseen safety issues; (5) whether changing recreational uses and demands present the need or opportunity for adjustments to existing facilities and management; and (6) whether any changes are needed in the management of recreation in relation to other management objectives, including protection or enhancement of wildlife habitat and forest management.	As a practical matter, most monitoring of public use occurs as observations made by seasonal recreation staff in the course of their routine duties; or as a result of conditions reported or requests made by visitors and others to field staff or to Bureau regional and central offices. At limited and select locations, the Bureau may use monitoring tools to supplement these observations and reports, including trail counters and visitor surveys.
Wildlife The Bureau, through its Wildlife Biologist and Technician, routinely conducts a variety of species monitoring activities statewide. The following are monitoring activities that are ongoing or anticipated for the St. John Uplands Region: (1) The Bureau will cooperate with the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife in the monitoring of game species, including deer, moose, and black bear;	DIFW tracks deer, moose and bear harvests through harvest registrations, which are compiled and reported annually from registration station across the state. Ongoing. Process continues as described.

(2) The Bureau will identify and map significant wildlife habitat such as vernal pools and den trees in the process of developing its detailed forest management prescriptions. The boundaries of any sensitive natural communities will also be delineated on the ground at this time. Any significant natural areas or wildlife habitat will then be subject to appropriate protections.	
Timber Management Unit work plans, called prescriptions, are prepared by professional foresters in accordance with Bureau policies specified in its <i>Integrated Resource Policy</i>, with input from other staff. These documents are then peer-reviewed prior to approval. Preparation and layout of all timber sales involve field staff looking at every acre to be treated. Trees to be harvested are generally hand marked on a majority of these acres. Regional field staff provides regular on-site supervision of harvest activities, with senior staff visiting these sites on a less frequent basis. After the harvest is completed, roads, trails, and water crossings are discontinued as appropriate, although some management roads may remain open to vehicle travel. Forest managers assess harvest outcomes on all managed lands, including water quality protection and Best Management Practices (BMP's) utilized during harvest activities. Changes in stand type resulting from the harvest are then recorded so that the Bureau's GIS system can be updated.	Process continues as described.
Third party monitoring is done mainly through the forest certification programs of the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI). Each program conducts rigorous investigations of both our planning and on-ground practices. The Bureau's forest management program successfully underwent full recertification audits in December of 2011 and December of 2016 and will host annual surveillance audits until the next full audit in 2021. Most recently, concurrent annual surveillance audits were conducted in the North Region in October 2017.	A surveillance FSC/SFI audit was conducted in 2022 in the BPL Northern Region. Auditors visited both the Telos and Round Pond Units.

Issues for Advisory Committee Attention

New Issues or Circumstances Not Addressed in the Plan:

None.

Other Items of Special Concern or Interest:

As reported in a memo sent to the Advisory Committee Feb. 2, 2026, the Bureau concluded public review of our proposal to expand the Chamberlain Ecological Reserve by adding the 690-acre Allagash Mountain subunit to the existing 3,502-acre reserve and finalized the decision to expand the reserve. From that date, the Allagash Mountain subunit was designated as ecological reserve, with a Special Protection – Ecological Reserve allocation.

That change will be made to the St. John Uplands Management Plan as part of this 5-year plan review and update with the Plan Amendment included as a companion to this review table in the plan review memo that will be sent to the committee.