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To: Aroostook Hills Region Plan Advisory Committee Members

From: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands Re: 2nd Five-Year Review and Update of the Aroostook Hills Region Management Plan –

Final Report

By this memorandum, the Bureau is reporting the results of the 2019 Five-Year Review of the 2009 Aroostook Hills Region Management Plan.

The plan guides the management activities of the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands on public lands at Scopan (formerly Squapan); Scraggly Lake; and 11 small lots in the Towns of Hammond and Sheridan, in Moro, Nashville, and Oxbow Plantations, and in Townships T9 R5, T12 R8, and T13 R5. The Bureau is required to report to the Advisory Committee at five-year intervals on accomplishments and changing conditions that may warrant amendments to the plan.

The Bureau emailed its 2019 Five-Year Report for the Aroostook Hills Region Plan to the Advisory Committee members on September 19, 2019 and requested comments on the report via the attached memo. The Bureau did not identify any new issues that were not addressed in the 2009 plan or the first Five-Year Review.

One comment was received on the report, from the Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP). The comment recommended a revision to the plan language to clarify the Bureau's consultation with MNAP to define the boundaries of sensitive natural communities during the development of forest management prescriptions. The Bureau will revise the plan language as recommended.

With this memo, the Five-Year Review process is completed. Thank you for your participation.

