

CONCEPTUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN #11

WESSERUNSETT STREAM POINT

LOCATION: Skowhegan (Town Map 5 Lot 96-1), south of Route 2 on west bank of Wesserunsett Stream where it enters the Kennebec River; located across stream from commercial campground. Parcel #11 on SWT map.

SIZE: 4.0 acres.

LAND COVER: Young white pine.

FEATURES/PUBLIC VALUES:

1. Point with frontage on Kennebec River and Wesserunsett Stream.
2. Archaeological resources.
3. Historic and prehistoric significance.
4. White pine stand.
5. Within feeding area of bald eagles that nest on nearby SWT parcel.
6. Scenic resource visible from Route 2, Wesserunsett Stream, Kennebec River, and commercial campground on opposite shore.
7. Undeveloped shoreline.
8. Enhances value of commercial campground across stream.
9. Entirely within Skowhegan Shoreland Zoning Resource Protection District.
10. IF&W Beginning with Habitat Maps indicate parcel contains Riparian Buffer and Wetlands.

FOCUS SPECIES:

1. None at present.

CONCERNS:

1. Property not signed to identify SWT as owner.
2. Any shift of MDOT proposed bridge/bypass alignment E3E(3) easterly to avoid the bald eagle nest could directly or indirectly affect this parcel.
3. Archaeological resources vulnerable to damage.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Thin out white pine carefully with long-term objective of creating a scenic mature stand.
2. Protect the archaeological resources present; do not allow significant disturbance of ground without prior review and approval by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or other accepted archaeological (prehistoric/historic) authority.
3. Manage in conjunction with the other SWT parcels along the Kennebec River in this vicinity to enhance public educational opportunities regarding cultural, natural, and scenic resources.
4. Keep shoreline vegetated and undisturbed.
5. Evaluate and determine Focus Species.
6. Put up signs to identify SWT as owner.

7. There is no discernible access point and should keep it that way to minimize potential of disturbance of archaeological resources.
8. Oppose any MDOT project alignment that would impact this parcel directly or indirectly.