

CONCEPTUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN #4

MALBON'S WOODS

LOCATION: Skowhegan (Town Map 5 Lot 116), on east side of Malbons Mills Road, north of residences along Rte 2 and Parkman Hill Rd.. Parcel #4 on SWT map.

SIZE: 55.0 acres.

LAND COVER: Wooded.

FEATURES /PUBLIC VALUES:

1. Upland property very close to the Kennebec River and the Town.
2. Large white pine and hardwoods.
3. Scenic backdrop to Governor Coburn Drive (Rte 2), Parkman Hill Rd., and Kennebec River, and highly visible from Coburn Park.
4. Informal trail system used by public.
5. Wildlife habitat.
6. Remnants of old water supply system.
7. A 99 year lease was signed on June 19, 2010 with the Maine Appalachian Trail Club to use for a lodging/meeting facility and training area.
8. IF&W Beginning with Habitat Maps identify parcel as containing Undeveloped Habitat Block, Large Area of Interior Forest, and top 25% Valuable Habitat for USFWS Priority Trust Species.

FOCUS SPECIES:

1. None at present.

CONCERNS:

1. Uncontrolled and unmonitored use including by ATVs.
2. Property not signed to identify SWT as owner.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Manage the stand for timber, wildlife, scenic and recreational values.
2. Emphasize preservation of scenic values as viewed both from the river and the roads.
3. Manage in conjunction with SWT parcels on the Kennebec River.
4. Work with MATC to create a more formal controlled public trail system.
5. Put up signs identifying SWT as owner of property and saying what the appropriate uses are.
6. Do not allow use by motorized vehicles other than by MATC and possibly by snowmobilers.
7. Advise State natural and cultural resource agencies, such as MNAP, IF&W, and MHPC, of the location of this and other SWT properties and invite them to review and provide comments and recommendations regarding them.
8. Significant disturbance of the ground should not be allowed without prior review and approval by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or other accepted archaeological (prehistoric/historic) authority.
9. Work with MATC, neighbors, and appropriate State agencies regarding potential use

of property and trail system.

9. Evaluate for and determine appropriate Focus Species.
10. Put up signs identifying SWT as owner.