

## CONCEPTUAL MANAGEMENT PLAN #7

### KENNEBEC PINES

**LOCATION:** Skowhegan (Town Map 5 Lot 109), between Route 2 and the Parkman Hill Road, westerly of Philbrick Drive, easterly of the SWT Governor Coburn Drive Larch Plantation. Parcel #7 on SWT map.

**SIZE:** 44.35 acres.

**LAND COVER:** Wooded.

#### FEATURES /PUBLIC VALUES:

1. Across Route 2 from Kennebec River.
2. Exceptional scenic resource.
3. 100+-year-old stand of white pine.
4. Tree farm.
5. Active bald eagle nest site (designated by IF&W).
6. Encompasses some of original Kennebec Proprietors lots.
7. Hardwood seepage forest present.
8. Remnant of what land cover likely appeared to Arnold Expedition in 1775.
9. Likely of at least local historic significance.
10. Archaeological resources dating back at least 3,000 years.
11. Partly within Skowhegan Shoreland Zoning Resource Protection District.
12. Philbrick Drive portion of tract donated to Town for use as a town way in 1993.
13. IF&W Beginning with Habitat Maps identify parcel as containing High Value Plant and Animal Habitats and top 25% Valuable Habitat for USFWS Priority Trust Species.

#### FOCUS SPECIES:

1. Bald eagle.

#### CONCERNS:

1. Threatened by MDOT proposed bridge/bypass alignment E3E(3).
2. Not adequately signed to identify SWT as owner of property (just one Tree Farm sign present).

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue to manage for bald eagle in partnership with IF&W and FPL Energy.
2. Manage the white pine as an old growth stand.
3. Manage to preserve scenic values as viewed both from the river and the roads.
4. Contact MNAP regarding management of the hardwood seepage forest and other plants and animals of interest.
5. 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.
6. Manage in collaboration with the proposed Run of River Project.

7. Manage in collaboration with Dudley Corner Schoolhouse restoration project.
8. Oppose any MDOT project alignment that would impact this or the other associated SWT Kennebec River parcels directly or indirectly.
9. Do not allow significant disturbance of the ground without prior review and approval by the Maine Historic Preservation Commission or other accepted archeological (prehistoric/historic) authority.
10. Put up signs identifying SWT as owner.