

## 2012-2013 Annual Report of the Black Woods Scenic Byway Corridor Management Committee

The Corridor Management Committee of Black Woods Scenic Byway is happy to report on our progress in 2012 and the start of 2013.

### **New and Improved Visitor Facilities**

- ♦ A new trail sign was installed at the Tunk Mountain Trail head information kiosk.
- ♦ A new interpretive sign was designed and manufactured to be installed at the Cherryfield River Park.
- ♦ A draft recreation map for the region was prepared and reviewed by committee.
- ♦ Agreements were made for maintain turnouts along the byway. Ongoing concerns with the Tunk Lake turnout must be addressed.



### **Transportation Improvements**

- ♦ Bold Coast Scenic Byway and Black Woods Scenic Byway received new byway signage.



### **Funding for Future Improvements**

- ♦ The Black Woods Byway received a \$22,000 planning grant through the National Scenic Byways program. These funds will pay for writing and updated corridor management plan and providing visitor information.
- ♦ First Wind constructed 18 large wind generating towers in Township 16. These towers have been placed within a tax increment finance district that will yield future revenues for improvements in Hancock County Unorganized Territories. Additional wind towers have been proposed.

### **Public Information and Participation**

- ♦ HCPC met with the Franklin Selectboard on 2/27/12 to discuss extension of the byway. HCPC then attended the 4/14/12 Franklin Annual Town meeting to discuss extension of the byway through Franklin. The measure was tabled.
- ♦ Corridor planning meetings were held in Cherryfield and Franklin with site visits along the byway.
- ♦ [www.blackwoodsbyway.org](http://www.blackwoodsbyway.org) continued to attract attention of prospective visitors and area residents.
- ♦ The Tunk Mountain Hike was featured in the Bangor Daily News September 4, 2012 including an online-video <http://actoutwithaislinn.bangordailynews.com/2012/09/04/one-minute-hikes/1-minute-hike-tunk-mountain-near-franklin-maine/>
- ♦ The Catherine hike was featured in the Bangor Daily News November 27, 2012 including an online-video <http://actoutwithaislinn.bangordailynews.com/2012/11/27/one-minute-hikes/1-minute-hike-catherine-mountain-near-franklin/>
- ♦ The Schoodic Mountain hike was featured in the Bangor Daily News March 13, 2012 including an online-video <http://actoutwithaislinn.bangordailynews.com/2012/03/13/one-minute-hikes/one-minute-hike-schoodic-mountain-sullivan-maine/>
- ♦ The Sunrise Trail held meetings and events including Franklin and Cherryfield.
- ♦ The Bold coast byway corridor plan is being written in coordination with Black Woods and Schoodic Byways.

We thank the Cherryfield and Franklin select boards, planning boards, staff, historical societies and other organizations for their advice. We also thank the Maine Division of Parks and Public Lands, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Department of Transportation for their technical and financial support.

The Black Woods Byway Corridor Committee is a collaboration of the towns of Cherryfield, Franklin, unorganized Townships 9 and 10 and state agencies to protect and promote this scenic corridor. Area residents are always welcome to attend byway meetings. You can learn more at [www.blackwoodsbyway.org](http://www.blackwoodsbyway.org), or by calling Jim Fisher, Hancock County Planning Commission at 667-7131.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "James H. Fisher".

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