

Black Woods Byway Meeting
Tuesday, April 23rd 1:00 – 3:00 PM
DERC&D / DART Office Cherryfield

MINUTES

Immediate:

- Installation of the Forest Mill Dam Interpretive sign in Cherryfield (The sign is ready to install)
- Historical Society prefers that the sign go in the Veterans Park

Independence Day committee

- Weekend before the 4th – Steve Wade is organizing
- Cherryfield Band – playing in Columbia Falls

Town of Cherryfield – Community Page

Destination Cherryfield Day – July 20 – on Facebook

- Historic House Tour
- Abbe Museum
- Black Woods Byway information will be displayed

Historical Society – exhibit from the Penobscot Museum

- Open Saturday 1 – 4

Edits to the Black Woods Adventure panel – to be installed at the Tunk Mountain kiosk and perhaps others

[Rex Turner has provided many suggestions. See attached.](#)

Maintenance plans for the privies

- **Possible contract with Ashby – cost sharing between IF&W and Conservation**
- Donnell Pond
- Schoodic Beach
- Tunk Mountain
- Tunk Lake
 1. Privy
 2. Recycling
 3. Trash
- Tunk Lake Campsite
- Spring River Lake
 1. Ashby – will keep an eye on it
- Spring River Lake Campsite

Tasks

- Power wash
- Replace toilet seat
- Paint interior – dark color

New Ranger – Mathiew Scaccia

Chuck – looking for a steward

- Can contract for up to one day a week
- Walk the loop trails
- Clean privies
- Carry out trash – pay per bag

Longer Range

- Improvement of Route 182 - including paved shoulders where feasible.
- Coordination with Bold Coast Scenic Byway
- Cherryfield Historic Tour – Museum in the Streets
- Trail Improvements and new trails
- Sustaining the byway
 1. Possibility of TIF Funds from wind power projects to assist in recreation management of the UT section of the byway
 2. Jim will meet with Hancock County Commissioners to determine options

Map

- See www.mefishwildlife.com – google map
- Fish Symbols
 1. LKT – Lake trout
 1. Tunk
 2. Donnell
 2. SAL – Salmon
 3. BKT – Brooktrout
 1. Little Tunk
 2. Tunk Stream
 3. Hidden Ponds
- Swimming logo

I have posted a revised draft Black Woods Adventures Map to www.blackwoodsbyway.org
– or specifically http://www.blackwoodsbyway.org/images/maps/BlackWoodsTrails2424_040213s.pdf

Rex Turner Comments:

You've got some good stuff shared here, though there are a number of issues we (Parks and Public Lands) should raise. In no particular order:

- The online adventure map shows a number of trailheads that we don't recognize. We really want to focus on sharing what the designated trailheads and trails are. While off trail exploring is certainly a fine use of our lands, we don't want the public to have an expectation that is not met; we don't want disappointed, confused, or frankly – endangered- people. We don't really have authority on what you post online, but we'd really like the opportunity to ask that some of the access points come off. Black Mountain Beach and Trail Head, the General Cobb Rd. access to hiking on the side of Schoodic Mt. we don't own, the Donnell Pond Trailhead, Catherine's Mt. trail/trailhead, and the Round Pond Mt. trailhead should come off, in my view. None of these are designated or managed for public use nor do they meet standards for what we want to

promote. Additionally, the Spring River Lake outlet hiking and camping icons are in the wrong spot.

- The potential kiosk map shown online has potential but is lacking some items and should not show others. In this case, where it would go on our kiosk and use our logo, we do have review authority. I don't mean to be too stuffy, but I thought I should be clear.
- The kiosk map really needs to show our property boundary. We can help if you need this data. The hiking trail from Black Mt. to Tunk Lake needs to come off, along with the paddle route across Tunk. The trail to the Spring River Lake outlet campsite is not that long; more than half of that is drivable road. Again, we can help if you need data.
- There are a number of missing campsites. I believe I sent you a file of campsites but I can send again if need be.
- I would remove the hiking symbols from Catherine and Round Mountain.
- I would remove the trail to Little Tunk.
- There appears to be a misplaced boat launch symbol on Donnell Pond.
- While I know you can carry from Long into Round Pond, I would not show a kayak symbol as it implies some type of access.
- I would shy away from promoting Tunk Stream as a kayaking destination. I think it's a cool opportunity when the time is right and people are prepared/know what to expect, but this map is for general users.
- The map makes it look like the Sunrise Trail is a bike path. It needs ATV and snowmobile icons.