

Black Woods Byway Corridor Committee
6/23/2011
Cherryfield – DART Office

Attending: Greg Burr IFW, Jim Fisher, Charlie Hitchings, Judy East, Gary Edwards, Fred Michaud, Chuck Simpson, Rex Turner, Ashby Bladen

Agenda

Review of Projects Complete, Incomplete and Yet to Start

Hidden Ponds

- Completed
 - Parking
 - Privy
- Kiosk – not delivered
 - Will be quite big
 - Can permit more information about the byway
- Trail improvements include
 - Maine Conservation Corps is working now and will resume working later summer-early autumn
 - Minor reroutes up to Tunk Mountain
 - Second session will work on the steeper section
 - Bog bridging
 - Trail Signage
 - Loop around Salmon Pond
- Rex handed out a draft brochure for the trail system

Boat Launch at Long Pond

- Sign board to be installed
- Interpretive information
- Now it is time block old access – guard rail (John Devin – regional engineer for MaineDOT)

Tunk Stream

- Shoulder washed out – needs fill
- Discussed possibility of a challenging 3 day paddle-portage loop trip
 - Spring River Lake, Hidden Ponds, long portage to Downing Bog, Bog Stream to Tunk Stream, Spring River Lake?
 - Very long carry from Hidden Ponds to Downing Bog, but there is a trail.



Spring River Lake

- IFW considering building a new boat ramp on the east end of Spring River Lake
- Looking at alternatives

Tunk Stream Campsite

- Otter Road
- Pit privy
- Campsite – will open in about a month
- There are some small wood yard turnouts on the road – some are being seeded and closed

Logging is done

- Site is open for horseback riding
- Will probably be back in about 15 years

Maps and Brochures

- Schoodic Byway
- Black Woods Byway
- Christian Gilbert Trail Map
- Center for Community GIS – www.mainetrailfinder.com
 - Added: BPL added Schoodic, Black, Sunrise Trail
 - To be added: Carribeau Loop, Tunk
- Nature Conservancy Property
 - Nancy Sferra would like to continue the Tunk Mountain trail on from the BPL peak to some scenic locations on their side
 - IF&W has helped with crossings
 - TNC has blocked off some of the logging roads that were used
- BPL Trail Brochure – looking for comments for revisions
 - Interpretation
 - Trails
 - Suggestions
 - Added a locator map
 - Capitalizing names – of birds?
- Cherryfield Business Brochure
- Sunrise Trail

Bold Coast Scenic Byway

- Designated as a Maine Scenic Byway
- Submitted funding request
- Discussion of tagging Black Woods to Bold Coast

Staffing Changes

- Jillian – hired by BP&L as a summer intern

- Misha – moved to MCHT
- Jeremy – moved to Portland
- DERC&D – unfunded

Part B: Byway Field Trip