Black Woods Byway Corridor Committee Meeting Thursday, September 24, 2012 1:00 AM – 3:00 PM

DERC&D Office- Route 1 across from EBS in Cherryfield Minutes

Attending: Rex Turner, Greg Burr, Jim Fisher, Ashby Bladen, Chuck Simpson, Dave Hammond (Warden), Larry Johannesman, Kathy Upton

Dave Hammond has been maintaining the Tunk Lake Facility

- Suspect that much of the trash is coming from camp owners
- Trash containers –being over filled
- Complaints about outhouse
 - o Trash in the hole
 - o Feces on the floor
- Management Options
 - Volunteers Ashby
 - o Notification to camp owners
 - Posting information about appropriate use information about alternative disposal sites
 - "Not for Household Waste \$1,000 fine"
 - "Camera Surveillance"
 - Pay a local person to manage the facility
 - Paying cost
 - Source of revenues
 - Frequency of visit
 - o Encourage local people to assist in surveillance
 - o Use of a camera
 - Identify perpetrators
 - Forest service
 - Fake camera / sign discourage

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- Byway Steward can we convince County to help fund a position
 - Use of TIF funds from First Wind program
 - Area Covered Fox Pond, Tunk Mountain, Dynamite Brook Road, Tunk Lake, Spring River
 - Site improvements
 - Trail head
 - Parking lot maintenance
 - Trail improvements
 - Trail signs
 - Public outreach
 - Training- leave no trace
 - Events

- Organizing volunteers
- Winter Maintenance
 - Plowing access for Tunk Lake, Tunk Mountain, Spring River Lake, Donnell Pond
 - More signage discouraging ATV's and Snowmobiles going into the hidden ponds – using the lake when it is frozen to trap bait fish
- Changing the culture
 - o Public participation cell phones, notifying Warden of violations

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Tunk Mountain

- Waste has not been a problem so far
- Trail maintenance Americorps / MaineCorps
- Positions for trail stewards

Interpretation and Information

- Black Woods Recreation map
 - o Campsites
 - o Trail Heads
 - Trails

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- Boat launches
 - Motor
 - Hand carry

Grants

- Interpretation plan and completed signs
 - o Forestry Practices
 - o Leave No Trace
 - o Ice Cutting
 - o Salmon reproductive cycle
 - o Maine Public Reserve Lands
 - What are Maine Public Reserve Lands
 - Wildlife
 - Ecological Reserves
 - Recreation
 - Refer to management plan
 - LMF
 - Forestry

Cherryfield

- Reviewed three interpretive sign options for Cherryfield Forest Mill Dam
- Larry and Kathy Upton provided several alternatives for changing graphics
- Kathy identified a good photograph that will compliment the others water coming over the dam
- Kathy will present the draft signs to her committee for more input and final design

Byway Implementation Grant – need to scope out the project for MaineDOT contract

- Three primary planning objectives
 - o CMP Update

- o Sustainability Plan
 - Forming the steward position
 - Identifying funds for future byway support
 - Marketing and promotion
- o Interpretive Plan
 - Themes
 - Locations
 - Specific signs, brochures and other informational materials conceptual or complete design

Timeline

- o Jim prepare a scope of work for the committee and MaineDOT to review
- o MaineDOT approve contract
- o Continue meetings this winter
 - Separate some meetings between UT and Cherryfield to optimize time of participants
 - Develop draft chapters of plan
 - Revise and complete sections with committee input
- o Prepare additional funding proposals to implement elements of the plan