

Annual List of Rule-Making Activity
Rules Adopted January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023
Prepared by the Secretary of State, pursuant to 5 MRSA, §8053-A(5)

Agency name: **Baxter State Park Authority**
Umbrella-Unit: **94-293**
Statutory authority: 12 MRS §903(1)
Chapter number/title: **Ch. 1, Baxter State Park Rules and Regulations**
Filing number: **2023-132**
Effective date: 8/20/2023
Type of rule: Routine Technical
Emergency rule: No

Principal reason or purpose for rule:

To expressly codify the Baxter State Park Authority's interpretation of current Rule 2.2.

Basis statement:

Rule 2.2 (Hiking or Mountain Climbing may be restricted...) The Baxter State Park Authority interprets current Rule 2.2 as allowing the Park Director to issue special use permits, on a case-by-case basis, that authorize children under the age of six (6) to hike under their own power above timberline provided the applicant demonstrates to the Park Director's satisfaction the child's ability to hike under their own power above timberline. For example, the Park Director has issued special use permits to hike above timberline for children under the age of six who had previously hiked the entire length of the Appalachian Trail under their own power (e.g., not carried by an adult) before undertaking a hike of Katahdin. This proposed amendment to current Rule 2.2 would expressly codify in Rule 2.2. the Authority's interpretation of current Rule 2.2.

Fiscal impact of rule:

N/A