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LD 1529

I am submitting comments regarding LD 1529. The North Woods of Maine is an often unappreciated natural resource with great potential impact for Maine and the entire east coast. Being the last stronghold of undeveloped forest including some old growth, and sprinkled with unblemished water resources it should be recognized for its tremendous recreational and climate mitigation effects as well as increasing future benefits as more development takes place in and south of Maine. As one who years ago completed a Saint John River trip by canoe I came to appreciate the extent of wilderness and undeveloped lands in this part of Maine. The great North Woods deserves protection to preserve it as it is for generations to come.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony!!