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Blue Hill
LD 1529

I have been a resident of Maine for over 50 years. I had purchased a lot of 100 acres to build my home on. this land was once a portion of a quarter section farm that was abandoned in the 1930s. this portion included a section of steep ground leading down to a stream below that was inaccessible by logging equipment at the time the earlier owner abandoned it.

This was a magical place to walk, as it was old growth and it taught me to respect it and leave it untouched.

In those early years here in Maine I testified at hearings for bills to promote better forest practices. I could see first hand the devastation caused by the paper industry. Other large tracts of land around me became as good as clearcut with the meager regulations that were in place.

I also had occasion to camp in an area accessible only by pontoon plane. Those friends I went with were from out of state and it was great to see them enjoying the resources we have here in Maine.

LD1529 would insure that those remaining forests and ponds will stay as they are for future generations.

Thank you in advance for your interest and support for this bill.