

I'm sorry to have missed the Hearing on LD 29. This is dealing with a railtrail convention, Gardiner to Brunswick. I think I can offer a lot of information/expertise because I was the Director of the Off Road Division in the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands. I retiring after 38 years in 2016. I was responsible for managing snowmobile, ATV, and Maines Multiuse Railtrails across the state.

I managed the program that successfully encouraged Maine leaders for the first time to approve acquisition, development, and creatively managed the 300+- miles of department owned abandon rail corridors and the famous 90 miles of the Downeast Sunrise Trail convention owned by MDOT managed by the department of ACF. The first aquisition/conversion started in the mid 80's. So the total that already exists 400 miles in Maine has a very solid history. Under my supervision Maine was/is one on the only states in the country to develop these trails for true multi use including motorized (atv/snowmobile) and non-motorized. We have done this very successfully with a lot of local help.

I would still love to offer my help/knowledge for this project. I'm happy to answer any question now or later. Please distribute my support letter to the committee as my personal testimony if I had made the hearing.

Sincerely Scott Ramsay