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As a graduate student at UMaine doing field work in Maine's ecological reserves, I see the immediate positive impacts of the establishment of ecological reserves on education, the advancement of ecological research, and the prevention of habitat fragmentation. If Maine is able to designate more ecological reserves, we will have more public lands for scientific research, education, recreation, and for preserving Maine's wilderness. In a time where global climate change and habitat fragmentation are changing our landscapes, Maine can be a leader and role model in land conservation.