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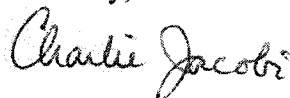
Dear Members of the Baxter State Park Authority:

Earlier this year, the Friends of Baxter State Park wrote to you expressing our support for the protection of the East Branch Lands adjacent to Baxter State Park. In that letter, we said "The Friends of Baxter State Park believe that the conservation of the East Branch lands, especially the area around Katahdin Lake, is of paramount importance. FOBSP supports efforts to conserve these lands through, in priority order, public acquisition, compatible conservation ownership by another entity, or easement." We hope discussions for protection of these lands are continuing.

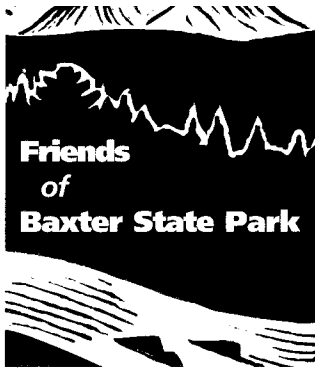
I recently flew around the Park and saw the timber harvesting and road building that has occurred to the south and northeast of Katahdin Lake. Any conservation of this area would be preferable to what will otherwise likely continue to happen. To the extent that it may be possible for some of these lands to be added to the Park and the Park Authority has any influence over the outcome, we urge you to press for the additional Park lands to be managed as wilderness sanctuary, in the same fashion that most of the Park is now managed. We believe that the addition of the lands around Katahdin Lake to Baxter State Park as wilderness sanctuary would be most in keeping with Governor Baxter's vision. We wish you the best of luck in accomplishing the protection of these lands and offer our services to help in any way we can.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify our position, and for all you do on behalf of the park and its wilderness values.

Sincerely,



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