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*KMF's membership represents large forest
landowners, forest-dependent businesses,
recreation interests, Maine tribes, education and
advocacy groups, land conservation and wildlife
interests, and government agencies.*

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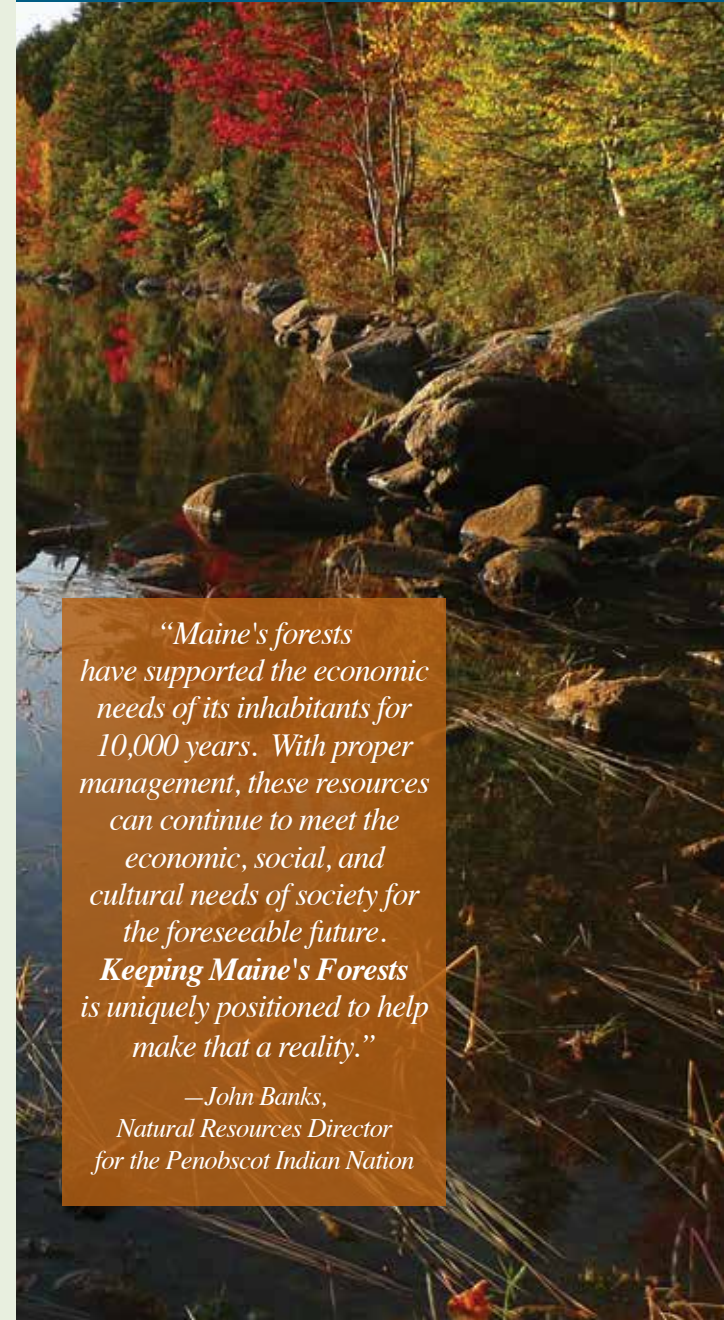
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Keeping Maine's Forests

*"Maine's forests
have supported the economic
needs of its inhabitants for
10,000 years. With proper
management, these resources
can continue to meet the
economic, social, and
cultural needs of society for
the foreseeable future.
Keeping Maine's Forests
is uniquely positioned to help
make that a reality."*

*—John Banks,
Natural Resources Director
for the Penobscot Indian Nation*





That a resource of such extraordinary value and national significance remains intact is a testament to those who have owned and stewarded these lands for generations.

Maine's Forests Have Global Importance

The 18-million acre expanse known as the Maine Woods is the largest stretch of nearly unfragmented forest in the Eastern United States. It is the largest intact temperate broadleaf and mixed forest in the nation and one of the best examples in the entire world.

Maine's Forests Drive the State's Economy

Maine's forests have been, and remain today, the very foundation of the state's economy. Maine's forest products industry contributes \$6.9 billion to the economy, more than any other state in the nation. The more than 200 forest products facilities in the state are diverse and innovative, creating more than 25,000 jobs for Mainers.

Maine's Forests Support World Class Recreation

Pristine lakes, cold streams, wild rivers, rugged mountains, abundant wildlife, remote camps and extensive trail systems. These are the signature features and landscapes that define Maine, attract visitors from home and away, and support a thriving tourism economy.

Keeping Maine's Forests

KMF is a proactive partnership representing large forest landowners, forest product industries, recreation, conservation, environmental and economic development interests. KMF's nearly 30 members believe that a healthy forest economy and a healthy ecosystem go hand in hand.



“Keeping Maine’s Forests represents a broad based and inclusive approach to conserving Maine’s productive forest lands for the benefit of future generations.

Collaborative approaches, like KMF, are the most effective way to ensure lasting results that benefit both landowners and the public.”

*—Patrick Strauch,
Maine Forest Products Council*

A Vision for the Future

The coalition envisions a future Maine Woods that is a mix of privately owned, sustainably managed working forests, some of which is protected by conservation easements, and public land that protects forests with unique conservation values. This mix will help assure the vitality of the forest products industry while it sustains a healthy and intact forest ecosystem, supports local communities, protects valuable habitat and assures access for public recreation for generations to come.

A Partnership Based on Trust

KMF is a forum to shape a common vision. Through KMF, those who care about the future of the Maine Woods can share information and resources, promote sustainable forest management and conservation, improve stewardship of forest lands, and speak with one voice to state and federal elected officials.

KMF's goals are to

- Maintain a stable or increasing flow of wood fiber
- Promote healthy sustainably managed forests
- Safeguard important natural resources, particularly water resources
- Conserve and enhance key fish and wildlife habitats
- Provide abundant recreational opportunities
- Sustain local economies