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Date: November 6, 2026

To: Bradbury Mountain State Park & Pineland Public Land Management Plan Advisory Committee Members
From: Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands
Re: Talking Brook Management Plan; Review and Update of the Bradbury Mountain State Park & Pineland Public Land Management Plan

Attached to this memo is the draft Talking Brook Public Land Management Plan (see attachment 1). Development of the plan was initiated with the Advisory Committee meeting held on June 24 in Pownal, and we now offer this draft for your review and comment.

In addition, we are initiating the 15-year review and update of the 2011 Bradbury Mountain State Park & Pineland Public Land (BMSP-Pineland) Management Plan, which some of you contributed to. The plan was developed to provide resource protection and management guidance for a 15-year period. The Bureau's Integrated Resource Policy (IRP) requires that "existing plans…be revised following the initial 15-year period and amended according to the policies in place at that time."

As part of the plan update, we will finalize the Talking Brook Public Land Management Plan and incorporate it into the updated BMSP-Pineland Management Plan.

This winter, we will schedule an Advisory Committee meeting to discuss the plan update and the Talking Brook plan and will inform you via email of the details well in advance.

The 15-year plan review table (see attachment 2) summarizes the actions taken in response to the BMSP-Pineland Management Plan recommendations. The table lists plan recommendations (left column) and actions taken (right column) to implement each recommendation (entries from the 1st and 2nd five-year reviews have been left in the table, followed by entries for 2026 in **bold** font).

The Bureau has not identified any new issues to address in the updated BMSP-Pineland Management Plan.

Members are invited to identify any new issues or circumstances they feel warrant Committee input and which may justify changes to the plan.

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As was the case in the development of the 2011 Plan and past 5-year updates, your knowledge of the region and the issues will be helpful as we update the BMSP-Pineland Management Plan.

Please review the attached materials and reply with any comments by December 7, 2026.

I would be happy to mail hard copies of the documents to anyone upon request. Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

As Plan Coordinator, I look forward to our continued collaboration.

Sincerely,



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Attachments:
1. Draft Talking Brook Public Land Management Plan (26 pages)
2. 15-Year Plan Review table (14 pages)