



SERVING THE WESTERN MOUNTAINS OF MAINE WHERE THE KIDS GROW STRAIGHT AND TALL AND THE WOMEN ARE ALL GOOD LOOKING.

Marketplace: [Miscellaneous](#) [Real Estate](#) [Health](#) [Dining & Entertainment](#) [Photo Galleries](#) [About Us](#)

News October 15, 2008 Search Archives:

- News
- Front Page
- Arts & Entertainment
- Op-Ed
- Letters
- News
- Sugarloaf Magazine
- Community News
- Sugarloaf Homecoming
- Sports & Outdoors
- News from our Schools
- Western Mountain Activities
- Features
- Maine Energy & the Future
- Archives

Managing for multiple values in the working forest

RANGELEY — The Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust acquired over 1,000 acres on South Bog of Rangeley Lake in December of 2006. This regionally important parcel —which includes many significant features such as streams, wetlands, and lake front, waterfowl, wading bird and deer wintering habitats, a major snowmobile trail and hunting, fishing and hiking opportunities— is now the trust's second largest working forest tract.

Recognizing that the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has identified the property as one of the region's most important fish and wildlife areas and acknowledging the long history of logging, fishing and hunting on the land, prompted the trust to craft a Forest Ecosystem Plan that maintains traditional uses while ensuring the protection and enhancement of its fish, wildlife, and timber resources.

In 2007, RLHT and its team of licensed professional foresters designed the plan in consultation with IFW. The management objectives covered in the plan include the improvement of the overall health, growth and diversity of the forest, providing fisheries and wildlife habitat enhancements, low impact outdoor recreational opportunities, attention to aesthetics and scenery and producing an income from the sale of any commercial forest products that result as a bi-product from the improvement of the forest. As a result of the plan, a forest management activities schedule was adapted which serves as a timeline of recommendations over the next 10 years.

With approval by the IFW, Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection and the Maine Forest Service, RLHT is now moving forward on the recommendations set forth in the plan. A combination of single-tree and commercial improvement thinning of two separate "stands" of trees are required to improve these areas which are currently at an undesirably high level of density within the canopy, having a negative effect on tree growth, health, vigor and regeneration. Conducting multi-stand operations within the same timeframe greatly reduces the level and duration of impact on the property and improves the efficiency of professionals and the costs associated with them.

RLHT's goal is to have this phase of the operation completed over this winter season. During forest operations the important

Click ads below for larger version

Powder Dreams

Ski Shop
 (207) 864-2100
 powderdreamskishop@yahoo.com

Come see us in our new location, Evergreen Inn & Golf Course at the intersection of Dallas Hill Rd and Saddleback Mt Rd

New this season:
 Seasonal Lease Program for Alpine, Cross-Country and Snowboard Equipment.
 They are now TUNE-UP CARDS, pay for 4 runs-ups get the 5th free \$100.
 Makes a great gift!
 Hours: Sunday thru Thursday 9 am to 6 pm • Friday & Saturday 9 am to 5 pm

BackTracks:
Irregular gems
Student
Inspiration Corner
Classified
Advertising
Public Notices
Services
Advertiser Index
Contact Us
Classified Order
Subscribe
Copyright© 2008 The Irregular All Rights Reserved

snowmobile trail that connects South Shore Drive to Route 17 and continues across the Bald Mountain property to Oquossoc village will not be closed. The organization is currently improving an existing timber haul road that crosses the trail at one location. RLHT will coordinate with the Rangeley Lakes Snowmobile Club to post notice of the road crossing.

In addition to the timber stand improvement work, RLHT is actively working on fisheries, wildlife and recreational enhancements to the South Bog property. South Bog Stream is an important tributary to Rangeley Lake contributing to the highly valued cold water fishery, but erosion and siltation over many years have impacted sensitive fish habitat. In a partnership with the IFW and the Rangeley Guides and Sportsmen's Association, several phases of a multi-year stream restoration project on South Bog Stream have been completed and are beginning to show results.

With grant funding from the Maine Recreational Trails program, RLHT is working with IFW biologists to educate visitors to the property on fish, wildlife, wetlands, flora/fauna, stream ethics and more through the development of low-impact interpretive trail. Look for this new opportunity to be ready for the public by next summer.

For more information regarding these projects, contact Shelby Rousseau at 864-7311, ext. 4 or email srousseau@rlht.org.



Web services by
our-hometown.com
Newspaper web site
content management
software and services

[DMCA Notices](#)



**DECLARE
YOUR ENERGY
INDEPENDENCE THIS WINTER**

Lopi
ESTABLISHED 1979

Beat the high cost of heating this Winter with an efficient, clean burning wood stove or insert by Lopi. After 29 years, Lopi's is not so much a brand name as it is a tradition. Lopi are made to the highest standards in craftsmanship and construction by America's premier stove builder. We take as much pride in building our products as do the families who own them. We invite you join this proud tradition.

**Rangeley Fireplace
& Stove Co.**
661 Loon Lake Rd
(across from transfer station)
Rangeley, ME 04970
207-864-5577
Mon.-Fri. 9-4:30 • Sat. 9-2
sales@rangeleyfireplace.com
www.rangeleyfireplace.com



**RANGELEY LAKES
BUILDERS SUPPLY**

Hours: Mon-Fri 7am - 6:30pm & Sat 7am - 4pm
Tel: 864-5577 • 800-452-3639
www.rangeleybuildersupply.com

THE TEAM THAT WORKS FOR YOU!

25% OFF
ALL IN
STOCK
CHRISTMAS
ITEMS!!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUN-MAR
Composting Toilets



LIMITED TIME OFFER - ASK ABOUT FREE DELIVERY TO THE AREA

Off-grid or on... Consider a Sun-Mar Composting Toilet. Available with or without electricity. Convenient & odor free. Good for the environment. Great for "problem" locations.



SACO SOLAR STORE

Solar Systems & Components, Wind Turbines, Green Living Products & Supplies
 Rte. 1, 743 Portland Road - Saco, ME 04072
207-283-1413 *Sugarloafers Since 1968!*
 sacco@usasolarstore.com

Threads Galore Quilt Shop
 Quilt Inn Rangeley Retreat Center

FABRIC • SUPPLIES • BOOKS
 QUILTED ITEMS • GIFTS
 Open Tuesday - Saturday 10AM to 5PM

27 Pleasant Street
 Rangeley, Maine 04970
 www.threadgalore.com

Carol & Don Perkins
 (207) 864-5752
 carol@threadgalore.com

Year-End Clearance Sale!
 EVERYTHING in the store
50% off
 Dec. 30, 31 & Jan. 2
Bag Sale — Jan. 3
 Fill a bag for \$2.00
 Closed Jan. 1 & Jan. 6 to restock with all new merchandise



The United Methodist Economic Ministry
 Route 142, Salem
 (8 miles west of Kingfield)
 Open Tues - Sat 9:00 - 4:00
678-2611

All proceeds to local community outreach