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Cupsuptic Campaign a Success Thanks to Challenge Grant From PARC Foundation

We are delighted to share that thanks to a generous challenge grant made by the PARC Foundation, we have paid off the mortgage on our Cupsuptic parcel. RLHT member and founder of the PARC Foundation, David Deutsch offered an amazing 3 to 1 challenge to the RLHT membership and this provided the catalyst which raised the final \$300,000 due on the note. This exciting challenge grant was met by over fifty additional donors who seized this golden opportunity which has now secured this magnificent parcel in RLHT conservation ownership...forever. The 125 acres feature natural gems such as Big Birch Island, over 29 acres of important wetlands, over 80 acres of wildlife habitat, nearly two miles of shorefront and a family campground. RLHT will assume operational responsibilities at the campground in 2011. The Cupsuptic Campaign was chaired by Tony Schulte, who did a magnificent job of navigating the campaign through some challenging times. We want to thank Tony, David Deutsch, all at PARC, and all of the wonderful donors who helped make the acquisition of these beautiful lands possible. Thank You!

Important Dates

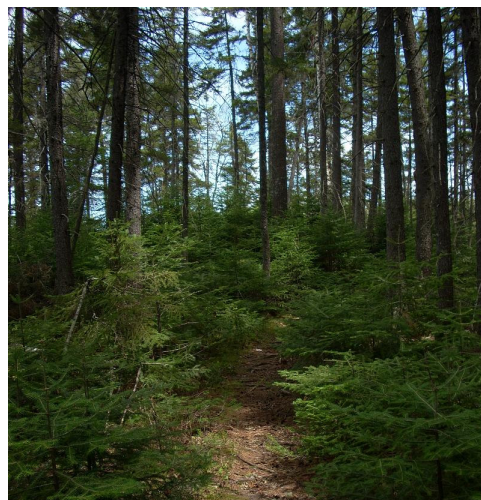
Annual Meeting - July 30th
Annual Picnic - August 7th

2010 Outdoor Adventure Series



Keep an eye on your

RLHT's Forests Receive FSC Certification



After several months of on the ground inspections and review of management plans, RLHT has earned Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification administered by the Trust to Conserve the Northeast Forestlands (TCNF). Markets for FSC certified products including lumber and paper products are growing as consumers become more aware of this designation and then

mailbox in April for the 2010 Outdoor Adventure Series Sign-up Form! We will offering some great hikes and paddles and nature walks for our members to choose from. All events have limited space and are first come first served so be sure to make your selections and mail it back promptly to ensure your spot. I look forward to the fun we'll have together this summer as we explore and enjoy this beautiful region!

Thank You & Happy Trails,

Bill Pierce

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demand products which have been produced in an environmentally responsible way. The Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust has always managed its working forests in a manner that provides for a healthy mixed age forest that features high quality wildlife habitat, while providing outdoor enthusiasts with outstanding year-round recreational opportunities.

We are very pleased to have earned this highly respected independent verification of our forest management plans and practices. We feel it further emphasizes our commitment to providing a higher standard of environmentally responsible stewardship of our forestlands. We thank you for the support that allows us to do just that, for all who love these forests... now and in the generations to come.

To learn more about the Trust to Conserve the Northeast Forests, go to www.tcnef.org

RLHT is Reigning "Land Owner of the Year"



The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Snowmobile Association have named RLHT as a recipient of their "Land Owner of the Year Award". This statewide honor recognizes "RLHT's commitment to providing multiple year

round outdoor recreational opportunities to the general public through their conservation of some of the finest and most notable natural assets in the state." Executive Director Nancy Perlson accepted the award on behalf of the staff and board of directors, but gave credit to RLHT's membership for "their heart for the region and faithful support of our efforts to retain its natural character and beauty for the generations to come." Perlson also shared "that the Heritage Trust works hard to ensure that the trust and confidence our members place in us reflects well in the kind of conservation and stewardship results that warrant such wonderful recognition". RLHT was one of two statewide winners in the "small landowner category", but when one considers results like the 12, 500 acres the Heritage Trust already conserved, "small" seems rather inappropriate. IFW Deputy Commissioner Paul Jacques added, "Considering all that they (RLHT) have already accomplished and the quality of the resources they have conserved for the public to enjoy, they'll probably move up to the large landowner category and then they'll win that one too."

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