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Downeast Maine Forestry Partnership

Wildlife Forever recently awarded a \$10,000 challenge grant to a conservation partnership in Maine seeking to conserve a watery landscape of 342,000 forested acres. The Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership has targeted acres strategically positioned between more than 450,000 acres of conserved land in New Brunswick, Canada, and 200,000 acres of state, federal and tribal lands. The result is the conservation of a million acres of prime fish and wildlife habitat for angling, hunting, and outdoor recreation.

The high-quality waters at stake are impressive; 78,800 acres of lakes, 54,000 acres of wetlands, 445 miles of lake

shoreline, more than 1,500 miles of shoreline on rivers and streams.

This project will conserve and ensure public access to some of the nation's finest coldwater fisheries and forests. The project area supports smallmouth bass, landlocked salmon, moose, bear, bald eagles, waterfowl and many other species.

In addition to conserving and securing public access to some of the most productive wild lands and waters in America, the project will preserve a treasured way of life from the adverse effects of development. Outdoor recreation and a working forest have long been the lifeblood of the region.

According to Wildlife Forever President & CEO Douglas H. Grann, "Wildlife Forever is excited to support a plan to strategically connect a million acres of conserved land for public access. The project's team approach preserves a special way of life that depends directly upon the abundant natural resources of the region with support from local citizens, timber companies, and sportsmen," Grann said. "Fish, bears, moose, and migratory birds don't recognize national boundaries. This project is historic for bringing a million acres of habitat together in the East along the U.S. – Canadian border."

The Downeast Maine project will produce one million acres of contiguous project acres.



From The Field

Foreign Invaders In The Outdoors

A few weeks ago my son Nate was looking for an Eagle Scout project. We live near Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area, so Nate set up a meeting at Carlos Avery to see if they

could use some conservation help. My wife Karen drove him out for his appointment.

It seemed almost every option Nate suggested would not work for one reason or another. All that changed when Karen mentioned walking out

behind the house, down by the Carlos Avery swamp, and noticed a few plants of blooming purple loosestrife that had given her cause for alarm. That got everyone's attention.

That evil weed with the pretty purple flowers that chokes our lakes and marshes immediately hit a chord of common understanding. Bottom line: the loosestrife must be eradicated. Soon a plan was underway for an Eagle Scout project.

It woke me up. Invasive species are among us. The invasion had just hit my homeland, my little piece of the wild.

The list of invasive species is long and it is growing. We are under attack. Our quality of life is threatened. We cannot stand by and let our fish and wildlife become the next victim of our times.

Be vigilant. Educate yourself on the invasive species impacting your wild lands and waters. People can spread these invaders without even knowing it.

Wildlife Forever is mobilizing an effort to fight back, but only you can help stop the spread of invasive species.

Yours for wildlife . . . forever,

Douglas H. Grann
President & CEO

Jackson Hole Land Trust

Wildlife Forever members have helped ensure that waterfowl and other species of wildlife will benefit from a new wetland habitat outside Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Wildlife Forever partnered with the Scott Opler Foundation to provide \$20,000 for the Hardeman North Pond/Marsh Project undertaken by the Jackson Hole Land Trust (JHLT).

The JHLT's habitat creation and enhancement project created a wetland complex of extensive shallow-water wetlands and intermittent open water. The new habitat benefits a variety of waterfowl, including numerous species of dabbling and diving ducks and Canada geese, as well shorebirds, raptors, elk, and moose.

The wetland project area is located within a greater area of conserved land totaling 70 acres. With the tremendous growth and development

of the Jackson Hole community and the added pressure placed on wildlife, the wetland project will help maintain a diversity of available habitats and increase the overall productivity of the landscape.

The Hardeman North Pond/Marsh Project will also provide opportunities for community recreation and wildlife education. The new wetland is in close proximity to an elementary school and provides an excellent outdoor classroom for local students, as well as an interpretive area for Jackson Hole residents and tourists.

Wildlife Forever is proud to support a project that will not only create habitat for many species of Jackson Hole's waterfowl and abundant wildlife, but will increase public awareness about the importance of protecting the valley's spectacular open lands.



PHOTO BY JACKSON HOLE LAND TRUST

This project in Jackson Hole, Wyoming created new wetlands and educational opportunities for kids.

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New Web Site Debuts To Rave Reviews: www.wildlife-forever.org

Wildlife Forever's new web site recently went live, generating many positive comments from members and donors. Visitors were wowed by the expanded information on conservation projects and wildlife. The new site includes online

versions of the Wildlife Forever newsletter, Special Reports, event coverage and updates from Washington D.C.

Enhanced capabilities for joining, renewing memberships and making donations plus a new online store with

15,000 outdoor related products make supporting wildlife conservation easier than ever.

Staff is impressed with the ease of updating and adding to the site. So stop by frequently to see what is new.

1 Learn more about Wildlife Forever, read our most recent Annual Report, discover Wildlife Forever corporate supporters. **2** See projects completed in your state by clicking on a map, read newsletter back issues, read about national conservation projects. **3** Renew your membership, link to the State-Fish Art web site, read through a list of Life Members or Memorials and Tributes. **4** Learn about the tax benefits of planned gifts. **5** Read about the different types of grants and download a form. **6** Learn about different critters, read press releases, Special Reports. **7** Go to a map, click on your state and see some of the projects completed in your state. **8** This holiday season give the gift of membership. **9** Links to educational materials for homeschoolers, teachers and anyone with kids **10** Link to information on various species. **11** Choose from over 15,000 outdoor related products and Wildlife Forever merchandise. All sales benefit wildlife conservation. **12** Go see the winning artwork from this year's State-Fish Art Contest

The screenshot shows the Wildlife Forever website homepage. At the top is a navigation bar with links for home, about, join / donate, press room, and contact. Below this is a banner with six images of wildlife, each with a red circle containing a number from 1 to 6. A search bar is located on the right side of the banner. Below the banner is a menu with links for About, Programs, Get Involved, Planned Gifts, Grants, Resources, and Shop. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'How can you help' with links for Join / Donate, Newsletter Signup, and Shop to Support; 'Project Highlights' with a map of the United States and a red circle with the number 7; 'Features' with a red circle with the number 8 and a wreath icon; 'OUR MISSION' with a red circle with the number 12; 'STATE-FISH ART CONTEST' with a red circle with the number 12 and a cartoon fish; 'Teachers' with a red circle with the number 10; 'Deadline' for the 7th Annual State-Fish Art Contest; 'COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN' with a red circle with the number 11; 'CRY OF THE WILD' with a red circle with the number 10; 'Partners' with a red circle with the number 11 and the Jiffy Pop logo; 'For Educators' with a red circle with the number 9; 'Wildlife Information' with a red circle with the number 10; and 'Online Store' with a red circle with the number 11. The Online Store section shows two products: a Turkey Vest for \$119.99 and 8 x 25 Lite-Tech Binoculars for \$79.20.

El Dorado Union High School District

Populations of largemouth bass and other warm water sport fish in El Dorado County, California, received a boost while area high school students received a hands-on lesson in conservation thanks to the support of Wildlife Forever members. Wildlife Forever partnered with the FishAmerica Foundation to provide \$2,700 in support of El Dorado Union High School District's Largemouth Bass

Fisheries Enhancement program.

Wildlife Forever provided the needed funds to purchase 25 Aqua Cribs that were installed as adult and juvenile fish habitat structure in reservoirs in El Dorado County. Local high school students completed a comprehensive assessment of the targeted aquatic habitats, including gathering and evaluating data on water quality, shoreline habitat, and the availability of

food sources, before installing the habitat structures and stocking the waters with largemouth bass.

Today, sport fish populations are greater in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and local residents have greater angling opportunities thanks to the support of Wildlife Forever and the hard work and conservation ethic of the students and faculty of El Dorado Union High School.

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