

MEMORANDUM

To: Greater East Grand Region Steering Committee

From: Sarah – Elbridge - Sue Szwed

Re: **Bullet Point Progress Update: Mid-Dec to date - Planning Group**

Sue Szwed: Water Trails Point Person (December – February) Exploring access to waterways, boat launch and campsite improvement, and possible elevation of Mattawamkeag River and Baskaheagan Stream to water trail status with numerous phone calls and emails with Doug Beck at BPL, Diano Circo at IF&W, trail planners at National Park Service, Northern Forest Canoe Trail; Landowners and stakeholders - Island Falls Town Manager, The Conservation Fund, Forest Society of Maine

The following is a chronological listing of items from calendars to-date.

December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created USGS and Google Earth comprehensive water trails maps and resource information
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft GIS mapping with Sarah compiled by students at UMM • Compose and launch press release community news – MCF Planning Funding requirement • Assemble recreational trails maps and content into draft comprehensive slide show (35 pages) • Initiate contact with Brian Bronson (ATV Coordinator for BPL) for upcoming ATV Meeting • Strategy & scheduling session with Sarah at Mill Yard • Recreational Trails Meeting Weston T/O – Strategy and Process (Memorandum of Meeting Attached) • Firming up communication and content with Jon McLaughlin for February 27th meeting involving SADC and others • Meeting with Korah Sole and Peggy White – Upcoming workforce/entrepreneurship project thru Rural Aspirations. • A conversation with Colin Bartlett – Discussion about Orient Store • Firmed up ATV meeting with Bronson from BPL
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting at BCO office – recreational trails con’t - landowner and philanthropic participation in economic matters • Meeting in Brookton – UT Assets & Recommendations – Buck Plummer Residence • Interview – Davis Forest Products • MCF Grant – Trails Development - East Grand Snowmobile Club • MDIF&W – Impact of campground & access on area fisheries • Response from Angela Wotton - SASWC and NRCS in Houlton • Interview – Hanington Bros – Stead Timberlands • 2/17 - Meeting with health center and employers on MeHAF and telehealth grant opportunities • 2/20 – ATV Club meeting
March Upcoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 3 – Portrait of a Graduate team meeting at EGS • March 5 – Water Trails planning meeting with BPL • March 26th - Economic development meeting with SADC and all planning team members