

### #3 - West/East Branches Mattawamkeag

#### West Branch Features

- 24 miles from Island Falls to Haynesville
- Remote/wild
- Good trout fishing
- Class 1-2 rips below lake and fast water seasonally
- West branch more dependable water level over summer season
- 2 town-maintained boat launches on Mattawamkeag lake
- (#) BPL campsites on Mattawamkeag lake
- Bible point historic site (?)

#### West Branch Limitations

- Low water may occur below lake outlet during extreme drought

#### East Branch Features

- 19.9 mi
- Remote/Wild
- Good fishing
- Spring fast water rapids at upper river below Red bridge and ledge drop
- 2 Campsites listed on ME Atlas

#### East Branch Limitations

- Can only paddle in spring or fall during high water
- Flat water at bottom of river

#### Benefit to Local Economy

- Regional waterway recognition will attract more interest
- Extends spring water trips for tri-county region for 1-3 day trips for guided or DIY trips
- Increases access for fishing and boating for local cabins/lodges
- Good fishing

#### West Branch Infrastructure Priorities

- Site scouting needed to locate minimum of 2 new campsites on West Branch below lake.
- Haynesville – improve existing use take-out/put-in on Route 2A.
- Add new boat launch mid-way on branch.

#### East Branch Infrastructure Priorities

- Ground proof 2 campsites listed in Me. Atlas
- Evaluate put-in and take-out sites

