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Forestland steward Erica found these nuts last week in the Moosehead Lake region. They belong to the *Corylus cornuta* shrub, the variety of hazelnut native to Maine.

Recent News & Updates

Have You Made an Annual Contribution?

There's still time to support forestland conservation by helping FSM meet its annual fund goal by July 31. The annual fund supports all aspects of our work—new conservation projects, outreach, and stewardship of conserved lands.

FSM's fiscal year began August 1, 2015 and ends July 31, 2016 (in just three more weeks). Thanks to those who have already contributed to the annual fund we are within \$30,000 of reaching our annual fund goal!

If you haven't yet contributed it's not too late! You can donate through our [website](#), or by phone or mail.

Annual Board Meeting in Grand Lake Stream

The annual meeting of FSM's board of directors in Grand Lake Stream in June provided a great opportunity for our board and staff to see these lands up close, to learn first-hand about the vision and accomplishments of Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT), and to get to know the DLLT board and staff and the Grand Lake community. The two days spent in Grand Lake Stream set a solid foundation for a lasting partnership between FSM and DLLT.



Amazon - Musquash closing

The Forest Society of Maine has been working with Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT) to complete a decade long landscape conservation initiative in the Down East Lakes region. DLLT recently closed on their 21,000-acre Grand Lake Stream Community Forest project, and, as part of that transaction DLLT donated a 7,100-acre conservation easement to FSM.

This donated easement covers the core area of very high ecological significance, including a bog ecosystem, an unpatterned fen ecosystem, a birch-oak talus woodland, and an ironwood-oak-ash woodland. There are also two small waterfalls on the property, which is uncommon in the Downeast Lakes region.



A view of the Amazon - Musquash conserved lands, June 2016.

Moosehead Trails

Last month 11 people participated in the first-ever work trip hosted by Moosehead Trails (MT). MT is a new volunteer group helping to maintain walking, hiking, and biking trails in the greater Moosehead Lake region.

Volunteers painted blazes and cut brush along 1.6 miles of two trails, Little Wilson Falls and Goodell Brook Falls. They officially opened Little Wilson as a side trail to the Appalachian Trail, and installed signs at the junction to help keep hikers on the right path.

You can get involved with MT by joining a work trip later this summer. The next trip is July 16 at the Number Four Mountain Trail.

FSM's Erica Kaufmann is the coordinator for Moosehead Trails and can be [emailed](#) for more information.

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