

*The following are suggested draft conservation easement recitals offered by the Maine Mountain Collaborative for voluntary use by land trusts working within the Maine Appalachian Mountain Corridor for commemorating and raising awareness of the unique ecological importance of the region.*

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WHEREAS, this property lies within the region of the Maine Appalachian Mountain Corridor and is interconnected with similar properties; and

WHEREAS, this connectivity is vital for the movement of flora and fauna in adapting to climate change; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remove any barriers that would impede the natural patterns of wildlife movement; and

WHEREAS, it is also important to minimize fragmentation of habitats through unnecessary roads or similar activities as this hinders wildlife reproduction; and

WHEREAS, The Maine Appalachian Mountain Corridor serves as a refuge for endangered species so that such species can repopulate regions where they no longer exist; and

WHEREAS, the biodiversity in the region is unique and crucial for the environmental future of the mountains and surrounding areas; therefore, critical habitats, both terrestrial and aquatic, need to be protected and the use of pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides should be minimized;