

SAVING THE MAINE WOODS

A Century and a Half of Schemes and Dreams



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Policymakers, forest landowners, conservationists, regulators, local residents, philanthropists, and recreational users have been trying, often contentiously, to figure out how best to use and preserve Maine's vast forest lands.

This richly illustrated PowerPoint talk explores some of the most interesting ideas offered or implemented to conserve Maine's dual heritage of wilderness and "working forest" since Thoreau climbed Katahdin a century and a half ago. Learn what has worked, what has not, and where things are going.

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