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Mark Berry
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Dear Mr. Berry,

I am writing to support proposals to restore stream connectivity and enhance native brook trout populations in an unnamed tributary to Fourth Machias Lake, Billy Brown Brook, West Branch of Amazon Brook and Grand Lake Brook within the Downeast Lakes Land Trust conservation area.

If fish passage is restored at all of these crossings it will help rebuild wild eastern brook trout populations and enhance sport fishing in the St. Croix and Machias River drainages. Additionally by installing the proper size crossings it will protect the integrity of the roads and as well as the stream habitats from high flow events that catastrophically washes road material into streams and negatively impact aquatic habitat.

I feel strongly that all of these projects are well worth partial funding through Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture grant program.

Sincerely,

Gregory Burr
Regional Fisheries Biologist
Grand Lakes Region
Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife