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Jeff Stern, Environmental Planner
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Dear Mr. Stern,

Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is pleased to offer this letter, in-kind services, and materials to support the “Lone Pine Brook culvert replacement and permitting” Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture grant application on Umbagog NWR in Errol, NH.

The refuge supports stream restoration and aquatic passage projects as identified in its Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) that was published in 2009. That document is a full Environmental Impact Statement that identified Eastern brook trout as a priority species for the refuge. The refuge’s position in the Northern Forest allows us to interpret and demonstrate aquatic organism passage and resiliency in an area that is extremely important for Eastern brook trout. The CCP also identified public uses that should be facilitated by the refuge including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, interpretation, and environmental education. This project will help provide access and opportunity for these priority public uses.

The refuge will support this project through all stages. We will assist with planning and development of engineering design, and provide materials, personnel, and equipment to construct the project and restore the stream. This project will open up the last barrier on Lone Pine Brook which flows unimpeded into Mollidgewock Brook and the Androscoggin River. We look forward to being part of this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Ian J. Drew
Deputy Refuge Manager