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Fact Sheet- Forest Legacy Program Awards 2012:

The Importance of the Forest Legacy Program, Private Partners, and the LMF Program

- The Maine Department of Conservation has been awarded funding for two projects in the FY 2012 federal budget for the Forest Legacy Program (FLP):
 - Crocker Mountain Project, 11,800 acres to be acquired and developed by the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, under the Maine Department of Conservation (MDOC); \$7 million, total project cost, \$8.82 million.
 - Orbeton Stream Project, 5,808 acres in an easement, land owned by Linkletter Timberlands, managed by Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands, \$1.73 million, total project cost, \$2.42 million.
 - The Trust for Public Lands (TPL) is MDOC's partner on the Crocker Mountain and Orbeton Stream projects. TPL will raise an additional \$1.7 million for these two projects.
- FLP grants are highly competitive awards, ranked among projects submitted across the nation. A total of 47 states and three territories compete for these projects. Only 13 FLP projects were funded nationally for FY 2012.
- Maine has consistently submitted winning projects. Since FLP began its competitive process in 2000, Maine has been awarded funding for projects every year. Total FLP awards to Maine since 2000, including Crocker Mountain and Orbeton Stream, top \$74 million. One third of all acreage conserved in the U.S. through FLP is in Maine.
- Land for Maine's Future funds committed to Crocker amount is \$650,000 and to Orbeton Stream \$150,279. LMF funds are an important source of match dollars for these projects, amounting to \$800,279.
- The total value of all Maine projects (closed and pending) funded with FLP grants to date is approximately \$153 million. This has been leveraged by an investment of \$19 million in Land for Maine's Future funds, which secured \$74 million in FLP grants and \$60 million in additional funds raised through private donations and grant funds.
- Total acreage in pending and closed FLP projects in Maine is estimated at 779,500 acres.
- There are six pending projects including the newest, Crocker Mountain and Orbeton Stream, all involving non-governmental organizations, such as TPL, as partners to the Maine Department of Conservation.
 - These partners are important liaisons with the landowners and are critical in providing fundraising to push these projects to completion.
 - Other partners involved in pending projects include The Nature Conservancy and the Downeast Lakes Land Trust.

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