

# Forests

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down version (pending appropriate redrafting) with identified points of concern of all parties. This draft is expected to be shared publicly in the near future, as the group intends to hold public meetings around the state for interested members of the public.

So, you might ask, what does all this mean for the Maine

woods and sportsmen? Well, put simply, I believe that this means we as a state have started a very significant discussion about the future of Maine's forests and can now test some of these new ways of conservation thinking through very selective pilot projects. Despite the outcome, landowners will be better off knowing what environmental organizations are concerned about, and in return, environmental organizations will be better off knowing the dynamics of private landownership and