



# year in review 2022



This year we're presenting a simplified report, improving our carbon footprint and saving on printing costs. We invite you to look at this "year in review" not as an end, but as a starting point for conversation. So much was accomplished in 2022; we ask you to read about this past year and then, please be in touch. We want to talk to you about what we've done so far and what we plan to do next. Thank you for your support. "Friends" is in our name, and relationships make this work possible.

Sam Deeran  
Acting Executive Director

## our impact

### Legislation Introduced

Friends was proud to support the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument Access Act, introduced by Senators Collins and King in 2022. While the bill did not advance in the last session, we will continue to advocate for road access from the southern gateway communities into the monument.

### Improving Infrastructure

In 2022, we provided rent-free office space for NPS staff at the Patten House, funded visitor contact stations in Millinocket and Patten, and paid for snow plowing at the North Gate to provide winter recreation access. In the spring, we purchased a CAT mini-excavator so NPS maintenance staff can efficiently maintain trails and repair culverts.

In the summer, we funded an environmental steward with the Maine Conservation Corps who supported key projects, including the improvement of two trailhead parking lots.

### Katahdin Learning Project

KLP is growing! Last year, we reached 3,453 participants in nature- and community-based programs. We held our 6th annual Teacher Camp and introduced Leave No Trace courses and two Vacation Kids Camps. KLP supported the Wabanaki Youth in Science Ancestral Lands Crew. We now officially partner with the NPS through a signed Interpretation and Education Services Agreement.

# gratitude



The Friends of Katahdin Woods & Waters team is deeply grateful for each one of our members and supporters, who together make up the Friends community. In 2022, we received donations from over 940 individuals, foundations, businesses, and organizations and benefitted from hundreds of hours of volunteer service in support of our programs and the monument. The impacts and accomplishments reflected in this report would not be possible without your generous support. Thank you for all you do to make a positive difference for Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument and for the communities and individuals to whom these lands and waters are so meaningful.

Meghan Cooper  
Development Director



# happenings

## 6th Anniversary

More than 150 Friends and partners gathered in August to celebrate the monument's sixth year at our annual Anniversary Celebration. Speakers and delicious food were followed by the music of Firefly the Hybrid at the New England Outdoor Center.

## Stars Over Katahdin

Stars Over Katahdin returned with our largest crowd ever! Folks of all ages spent a September afternoon and evening viewing the spectacular skies above us, guided by volunteer astronomers.

## New Moon Teachings

New Moon Teachings, a monthly webinar series produced in partnership with a Wabanaki Advisory Board, concluded early in 2022. The yearlong series centered Wabanaki voices in shaping historical and cultural narratives about the national monument and surrounding landscapes.

# financial snapshot

- \$865 thousand raised to support the organization's operations and ongoing success
- \$5.5 million raised for a multi-year capital campaign that will be announced May 23, 2023
- Functional expenses were 91% program, 5.5% general and administrative, and 3.5% fundraising
- Audited financial statements from PGM Accounting will be available and linked in this document after the Friends' June board meeting

