

NOTICE: PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING JULY 10TH

U.S Fish and Wildlife Service Proposal for the High Peaks Region

A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING CONCERNING A U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE PROPOSAL TO EXPLORE DEVELOPING A NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE IN THE MAINE HIGH PEAKS REGION WILL BE HELD IN THE CARRABASSETT VALLEY LIBRARY AT 6:00 P.M. JULY 10TH.
(The library address is 3209 Carrabassett Drive)

The Town of Carrabassett Valley Select Board will be hosting this meeting for the public to learn about and participate in this process. The project proposes to acquire land or purchase conservation easements from willing sellers on approximately 5,000 to 15,000 acres in the High Peaks Region (roughly defined on their map). The Service is studying locations that hold high value for species they have management responsibilities for like migratory songbirds, waterfowl and endangered species. Local and statewide interests have raised concerns and questions about whether or not this specific conservation model is in the best interest of our area.

Paul Casey from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) will provide a brief presentation and the public will have the opportunity to comment and ask questions. This meeting is open to citizens of the region and other interested parties. Space is limited to approximately eighty-five people. Citizens can also participate using this zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5312682243?pwd=TGxrUExKcXdqQTdlZUZhYUVteG5GZz09>

You can obtain more information provided by USF&WS about this proposal via this link:

<https://www.fws.gov/project/evaluating-new-refuge-lands-maine-high-peaks>