

March 14, 2019

Ms. Sharon Nelson
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Dear Sharon,

You did it! A new conservation area – the ***Kimball Hill Wildlife Management Area*** – has been born.

On Friday, March 1st, The Nature Conservancy transferred ownership of the 2,731-acre Kimball Hill property to the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department. In doing so, the Conservancy has retained a conservation easement that will ensure the land's conservation values are protected.

You understand what was at stake here. When Kimball Hill went up for auction in the summer of 2017, community members and conservationists were deeply concerned about the risks to this special landscape.

In quickly pulling together a nearly \$2 million bid to purchase the land, The Nature Conservancy made a leap of faith. We were counting on forward-thinking people - both within and beyond the Newfound Lake region - to get it. To get why saving Kimball Hill mattered so very much.

And you responded! Dozens and dozens of individuals stepped forward, contributed, and propelled our effort forward. Thanks to you:

- ✓ *More than four square miles of irreplaceable land on Kimball is now conserved.*
- ✓ *A spectacular ridgeline will remain unspoiled.*
- ✓ *Nearly 10 miles of rivers and streams in the Cockermouth and Baker river watersheds will be safeguarded, ensuring a future of clean water flowing into Newfound Lake.*
- ✓ *Opportunities for hiking and climbing, hunting and fishing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling are assured — Kimball Hill Forest will be open to the public, a place for outdoor adventure, inspiring vistas, restorative silence.*

You made a BIG difference on this project! You own a piece of this success, and I'm so happy that the project helps conserve a landscape that is meaningful to you.

With deep appreciation.



Mark Zankel
State Director