



April 9, 2020

**Letter of Commitment from the Maine Mountain Collaborative to  
First Light Conservation Community Delegation on Wabanaki Land Access and Land  
Issues**

This letter documents the commitment of the Maine Mountain Collaborative (MMC) to serving as a member of the Conservation Community Delegation on Wabanaki Land Access and Land Issues.

Wabanaki Leaders and Community Members engaged with the First Light Journey have requested that the conservation community form a similarly sized Delegation to work with the Wabanaki Task Force being formed. The attached working document outlines the goals of this Delegation and will guide our work.

This Delegation is envisioned to meet mostly by phone but occasionally in person, approximately every 6 weeks or a total of about nine times a year, plus approximately 2 hours a week work time on products or other aspects. Understanding that, the board of the Maine Mountain Collaborative voted unanimously to commit our executive Director, Bryan Wentzell to represent the MMC on this Delegation at least until June of 2021. As part of this role, Bryan will keep the MMC and its 9 organizational members apprised of this work and progress.

The Maine Mountain Collaborative is a coalition of nine statewide, regional, and national conservation and forestry organizations bringing a shared focus and innovative financing to accelerate the pace and scale of conservation in one of the world's most intact temperate forests. We recognize that the region that we are working to conserve is the homeland of the Wabanaki People, and that work will be better served by our commitment to sincere listening, learning, dialogue, and building of relationships with Maine's Tribes. The MMC is honored to commit to continued participation in this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert Perschel", written in a cursive style.

Robert Perschel, Board Chair