

April 8, 2020

**Letter of Commitment to
First Light Conservation Community Delegation on Wabanaki Land Access and
Land Issues**

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

Wabanaki Leaders and Conservation 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. Attached is a working document outlining the initial goals of such a Delegation.

This Conservation Community 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 spend approximately 2 hours a week working on specific projects or other facets of this work. Understanding that, AMC will commit staff in the person of Steven Tatko, Director of Maine Conservation and Land Management, to represent AMC on this Delegation until at least June of 2021. As part of his role, Steve will keep AMC apprised of this work and progress.

AMC understands that this delegation will incur costs and need funding. Currently, we all find ourselves in very uncertain times in terms of fundraising. Therefore, at this time, AMC is unable to offer a financial commitment to the Delegation effort beyond the in-kind donation of Steven Tatko's participation. However, this is something we may be able to consider in the future. In the meantime, we may be willing to write letters of support when appropriate to help fund the effort.

AMC is very fortunate to be engaged in meaningful conservation and community building work in the 100 Mile Wilderness region of Maine. As part of the organization's commitment to the continued stewardship of its fee owned lands and the important role of those lands in supporting public access and community vitality, AMC is honored to join the Delegation and initiate a discovery process with Wabanaki representatives to explore mutual goals, potential partnerships, and avenues for deeper engagement. AMC appreciated the opportunity to participate in the First Light Learning Journey, and now commits and looks forward to continued participation in this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Arnold".

Susan Arnold
Vice President for Conservation