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Chapter: Draft for Review March 15, 2010 – April 15, 2010 [TOC]

No mention of acid rain and its effects on forest health. Studies show trees, water and soils are adversely impacted and aluminum is leaching from the soil, weakening plants and further stressing the forest.

Without the additional burdens imposed by acid deposition and other airborne chemical pollutants, our forests would have a better chance of resisting attacks by insects and disease.

Soil health is important. Microorganisms and other natural predators keep the the life cycle in balance. All of these are impacted by pH, by chemicals, and by endocrine disruptors. Calcium is essential for plant health and it is being steadily depleted.

We are downwind of much damaging air pollution, mainly from the coal producing states, but also from our own coal fired power plant in Bow. New regulations by the EPA may be forthcoming to help regulate acid rain and we should all support this, and recognize that what we are seeing is not only a result of warming and exotic pests. There is a clear and tangible reason our forests are susceptible.

Healthier trees would also resist storm damage better.

This is a very important issue, one I would like to see receive more attention -

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Chapter: Draft Forest Health – Invasive Plants

If burning of invasives is to be done it has to be done in compliance with RSA 227-L:17.

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Chapter: Draft Appendix – Wildlife Species of Greatest Conservation Need

It would be nice to have a key fo what the Status means.

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Chapter: Non-Timber Forest Products, Non-Traditional Forest Products

Hello: The subtitle of this section says non-traditional, which may be a typo. These products are very traditional. You may want to add fiddleheads to this grou as they are significant economically and culturally. UMaine Extension has a good fiddlehead publication: www.umext.maine.edu/onlinepubs/htmpubs/4198.htm

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