Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Completed Project Report Form

Project Title: EBTJV/NFHAP Carloe Brook ME Fish Passage Restoration

- Location: T27ED BPP Washington County, Maine
- Lat / Long Coordinates: -67.68 45.07
- Sponsor: Maine Forest Service
- Completion Date: August 12, 2011
- **Partners involved:** Wagner Forest Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service Maine Fisheries Resources Office and Gulf of Maine Coastal Program.
- Project costs:
- 1. Total cost: \$42,000
- 2. Non federal amount: \$18,200
- 3. Federal amount: \$23,800
- Final Funding: NFHAP Funding Through EBTJV: \$21,000 Total Federal Contributions: \$23,800 Total Non-Federal Contributions: \$18,200
- Action strategy implemented in the project (according to EBTJV range wide, regional, or state level habitat strategies).

This project addresses Regional Habitat Objectives: 1 – Maintain the status of 477 Northern subwatersheds classified as Healthy; 2 – Strengthen brook trout populations in 20 Northern subwatersheds classified as Healthy; 7 – Validate the predictive status model by contributing toward the assessment of 700 Northern predicted status subwatersheds.

- **Priority score of the sub-watershed where the project took place.** Protection of a 1.63 "best of the best" subwatershed (230467).
- Describe any additional species of greatest concern or the state wildlife action plan listed habitat conservation goal (s) supported by the project. American eel has been petioned to be listed under the Endangered Species Act and are found within the project area.
- Description: project objective(s):

The project replaced an undersized and failing stream crossing on Carloe Brook a major tributary to Clifford Lake that has wild brook trout. This stream crossing currently limits passage for trout and other aquatic organisms. The current crossing is also a significant sediment source do to improper construction and overtopping. The crossing will be replaced with a 1.2 bankfull open bottom arch culvert (15ft wide) designed to allow passage at all flows.

• Methods used:

New crossing was designed using stream simulation techniques to ensure proper sizing and placement of the new structure. A 1.2 x bankfull width open bottom arch culvert replaced 5 undersized and damaged round culverts.

• Project outcomes: Describe outcomes and whether or not the objectives were met. If not why? What lessons were learned?

Project restored natural stream function at a highly degraded stream-road crossing.

- What is the Brook trout population response to the project outcome? All aquatic organisms now have unhindered access upstream and downstream.
- If applicable, what is the number of stream miles and or acres of brook trout habitat?:

This project opened 3 miles of stream habitat.

• If applicable what is the number of stream miles and or lake/pond acres of brook trout habitat gained access to as a result of removing a fish barrier. Include the # of fish barriers removed?

One stream-road crossing

- If applicable, what is the number of stream miles and or lake or pond acres of brook trout habitat with sediment, phosphorous, or nitrogen inputs that were rehabilitated to within 25% of natural or other desired levels such as numeric state water quality criteria?
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******<u>Please include before and after photos of the project with a photo release form and</u> appropriate credit line for the photos.*******



Looking upstream to Old Culverts (n=5).



Looking upstream to new 15 ft wide Open Arch. Aug 12, 2011

Photo Credits- Bob Cousins (Old Crossing) Keith Kanoti (New Crossing)



Water Temperature of Carloe Brook (above road) in summer 2011.





Channel Distance (ft)

ngitudinal Profile- Pre Project.

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Channel cross section at location 219.8ft (Reference Area). Blue line= Bankfull, Red Line Flood Prone Elevation