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No. 143

S.P. 49

In Senate, January 13, 2005

An Act To Improve Access to Public Lands

Reference to the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator NUTTING of Androscoggin.
Cosponsored by Representative SAVIELLO of Wilton and
Senators: MILLS of Somerset, WOODCOCK of Franklin, Representatives: MILLS of
Farmington, PINKHAM of Lexington Township.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. I.B. 1975. §3 is amended to read:

Sec. 3. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to set aside land to be retained in its natural state for the use and enjoyment of the public. The Preserve shall must be managed for outdoor recreation such as hiking, fishing, and hunting, and cross-country skiing and for timber harvesting. Timber harvesting within the Preserve shall must be carried out in a manner approved by the Department of Conservation, Bureau of Forestry and consistent with the area's scenic beauty and natural features. All motor vehicles, not including vehicles engaged in timber harvesting or trail maintenance for cross-country skiing, shall-be are restricted to roads designated for their use, except that snowmobiles shall are also be allowed on designated trails. Designated roads shall must be limited to those easily accessible to automobiles as of the effective date of this Act. ~~No buildings~~ Buildings, ski lifts, power transmission facilities, or other structures shall may not be built in the Preserve except for open trail shelters, essential service facilities, temporary structures used in timber harvesting, small signs, and other small structures that are in keeping with the undeveloped character of the Preserve.

SUMMARY

This bill amends the laws governing the Bigelow Preserve to permit cross-country skiing and the use of vehicles engaged in trail maintenance for cross-country skiing within the boundary of the Bigelow Preserve.