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In Senate, February 24, 2009

**Resolve, To Authorize the Department of Conservation To Place
Priority on Access to Certain Prominent Water Bodies under the
Land for Maine's Future Fund**

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 MILLS of Somerset.
Cosponsored by Representative PINKHAM of Lexington Township.

1 **Sec. 1. Access to swift rivers and great ponds; Land for Maine's Future**
2 **Fund. Resolved:** That the Department of Conservation in its use of proceeds of the
3 Land for Maine's Future Fund shall adopt as a priority the creation and maintenance of
4 public access to prominent or heavily used public bodies of water, including swift-
5 flowing rivers and great ponds. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section
6 6207-A, approval is granted to the Department of Conservation to employ the State's
7 power of eminent domain to acquire, support and maintain public access to launching
8 points commonly used by rafters and kayakers on the Dead River and the Kennebec
9 River, including, but not limited to, the Dead River Road located in West Forks
10 Plantation, Lower Enchanted Township and T3 R5 and the Indian Pond Road, also
11 known as the Harris Station Road, located in The Forks, Moxie Gore, East Moxie
12 Township, Squaretown Township and Indian Stream Township.

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SUMMARY

14 This resolve requires the Department of Conservation to give priority under the Land
15 for Maine's Future Fund to acquire, support and maintain public access to swift rivers and
16 great ponds. Authority is granted to the department to use eminent domain, as necessary,
17 to acquire and maintain access to key launching points on the Dead River and the
18 Kennebec River.