

# EIGHTMILE RIVER WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN

The plan was developed by the locally-led Study Committee with input from town land use commissions, local citizens, the state and other stakeholders.

The Management Plan:

- ◆ Provides guidance for how local communities can protect and enhance the watershed's outstanding resource values.
- ◆ Recommends six priority management tools that are locally-led and locally implemented.
- ◆ Suggests additional management strategies to be implemented over the long-term that compliment the six priority tools.
- ◆ Informs decision-makers what constitutes sufficient protections to meet or maintain outstanding resource value goals.
- ◆ Demonstrates to the U.S. Congress that the watershed is suitable for designation.

## 7 STEPS USED TO DEVELOP THE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- ① Set Protection Goals for Each Outstanding Resource Value (ORV)
- ② Identify Indicators Affecting Quality of each ORV
- ③ Establish Goals for each ORV Indicator
- ④ Perform a Threat Analysis for each ORV Indicator
- ⑤ Determine Existing Level of ORV Protection
- ⑥ Identify Potential Gaps in Resource Protection
- ⑦ Establish Recommended Management Strategies Based on Gap Analysis

Development of the plan was guided by three fundamental principles . . .

Resource conservation and protection will rely on existing authorities

The plan will be developed and implemented in cooperation with river and watershed interests

Any land conservation initiatives will be based solely on voluntary willing seller arrangements

The **Eightmile River Watershed Management Plan** is a non-regulatory document. It is the outcome of a partnership among local, state and federal interests who voluntarily agreed to participate in its implementation and the realization of its purpose and goals. The roles and responsibilities of local land use decision makers will not change with a Wild & Scenic designation as no federal mandates or new regulatory powers will be created.

*Regardless of achieving designation, the Management Plan will help all stakeholders protect the Eightmile River Watershed's outstanding resource values*