Happy holidays friends! During this season of giving, please support the protection of land as wilderness in the Northeast by supporting our work with a donation today. Read on for project updates and other happenings....

Connecting the Wapack Wilderness to Massachusetts

The Binney Hill Project is an extraordinary opportunity to bridge a critical gap in southern New Hampshire. By purchasing and protecting the over 400 acres on Binney Hill in New Ipswich, Northeast Wilderness Trust would establish connectivity for wildlife and people in this region. The lands are directly adjacent to the Binney Pond Natural Area and Ashburnham State Forest, and would connect our own Wapack Wilderness with the protected areas surrounding Mount Watatic in Massachusetts. The successful protection of Binney Hill will also protect over a mile of the historic Wapack Trail.

Read more and view a map.

Ecologist Mark Anderson Joins Board

Mark Anderson has joined the Northeast Wilderness Trust's Board of Directors. As Director of Conservation Science for The Nature Conservancy's eastern U.S. region, Mark provides science leadership, ecological analysis, and landscape assessment tools for conservation efforts across eighteen states. Mark's deep ecological knowledge will be a true asset to the Wilderness Trust, and we're very happy to welcome him to the board.

Read more.

Intern Alison Adams Travels Across Northeast

A graduate student at the University of Vermont, Alison Adams is studying changes in land use and land cover in the Northeast. Her particular focus is on how changing species composition in northeastern forests affects ecosystem services like carbon storage. This past summer Alison was an intern for the Trust and monitored twelve of our easements in New Hampshire, Vermont and New York. Alison says, "I learned a
I lot about how different kinds of mechanisms to conserve land work, what common challenges for those projects are, and what it takes to make sure those projects are effective. I also loved the opportunity to explore the region! We thank Alison for her help stewarding our properties as forever wild.

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**We’re Re-Accredited**

Northeast Wilderness Trust has been re-accredited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission through 2020. Accreditation is a rigorous process, and recognizes land conservation organizations that meet national standards for excellence, uphold the public trust, and ensure that conservation efforts are permanent. Our accredited status demonstrates our commitment to best practices and to forever-wild protection of natural places.

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**Holiday Giving**

2015 is coming to a close, and we still have significant dollars to raise to reach our goal. Your generous donation makes a difference for wild nature and for people, by allowing us to protect essential wildlife habitat, provide solace for the human spirit, sequester carbon, and ensure a wild future for the Northeast. Can you please make a gift to support wildlands protection today?

[Read a letter from Executive Director Daryl Burtnett.](#)

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Wishing you a peaceful and joyful season,  
Daryl, Marisa, Cathleen, and Jennifer