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### MEDIA ADVISORY

#### **Maine State Governor to attend Maine Huts & Trails Groundbreaking Ceremony**

**WHO:**

John E. Baldacci, Governor  
Pat Eltman, Director of Tourism  
Chief Kirk Francis, Penobscot Indian Nation  
Dave Cota, Carrabassett Valley Town Manager

**WHAT:**

Governor Baldacci will participate in a ceremony to celebrate the ground breaking of Maine Huts & Trails first hut, located at Poplar Stream Falls. This 180-mile hut-to-hut trail system is expected to generate economic benefit to the western maine region through increased tourist visits. The emphasis on people powered recreation is in keeping with Governor Baldacci's "Get in the Outdoors" campaign.

**WHERE:**

Poplar Stream Falls Hut Site  
Carrabassett Valley, Maine  
(207) 415-7411

**WHEN:**

Thursday, September 6, 2007  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**DETAILS:**

The Poplar Stream Falls Hut construction is expected to be completed by February 2008, and will provide overnight lodging and meals for up to 40 guests per night. Two more huts will follow by summer 2008, to create a 36-mile, 3-hut trail destination, the first segment of a 180-mile hut-to-hut trail system through western Maine.

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS:**

From Farmington, take Rt. 27 North to Kingfield. Parking is provided at the Maine Huts & Trails office, at 375 N. Main Street. A shuttle to the remote hut site will depart at 10:30 a.m. following brief opening remarks on the lawn of the Maine Huts & Trails office. The shuttle will return by 12:30 p.m.