MaineDOT Wildlife Passage Planning using past Experience

Monitoring structures throughout the MaineDOT Transportation infrastructure

MaineDOT has 2 projects that include new highways on new location. We reviewed existing structures, some intentionally installed and some are existing culverts and bridges.



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This will recap what strategies MaineDOT has used and what we be planning for future projects



MaineDOT has found that crossings fall into a variety of different categories

1. Bridges

- a. Fenced
- b. Unfenced

2. Large culverts

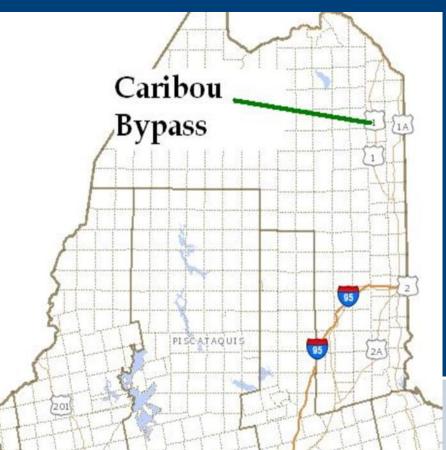
a. Fencedb. Unfenced3. Small culverts

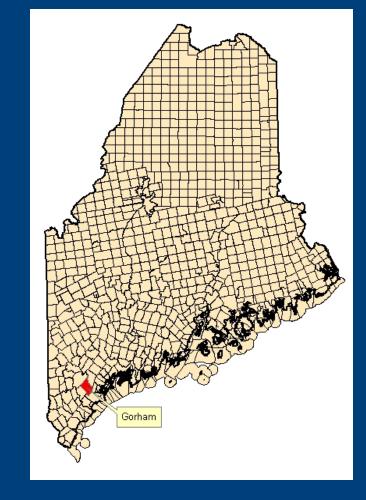




Use of Wildlife Underpasses

- New 2 lane highway built north of Caribou.
- Mostly in farm fields





- Longer bridge overpasses
- A 2.4 m (8 foot) fence was
- installed 0.8 km (0.5 mile)



1. Bridges 1. Fenced 2. Unfenced



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Use of Wildlife Underpasses Gorham, Maine Longer bridge overpasses

Stealth Cam



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Bridges
 <u>Fenced</u>
 Unfenced
 Large culverts
 Fenced
 Unfenced







Caribou Box culvert – Mixed used at trail head (High use by snow machines and ATVs-

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HC500 HYPERFIRE

Ellsworth

- 1. Bridges
 - 1. Fenced
 - 2. <u>Unfenced</u>

2. Large culverts

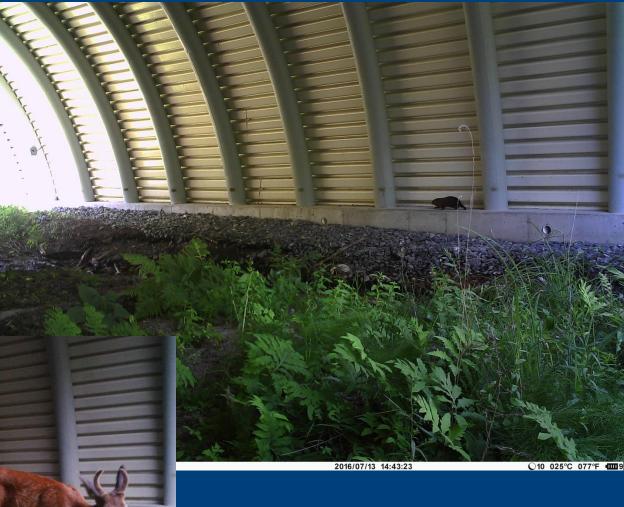






Bridges Fenced <u>Unfenced</u>

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Fenced Culverts

MaineDOT has installed for valous crossings, from 48 to 96 inches in diameter. The target species for these are medium to small animals, size of a black bear and smaller



Caribou Large 1. culverts a. Fenced b. Unfenced

HC600 HYPERFIRE







1. Large culverts



Species Observed

Caribou

Black Bear Canada lynx Coyote Domestic Cat Domestic dog Chipmunk Fox Fisher Pine Martin Raccoon Skunk

Weasel White tail deer Woodchuck



 Large culverts
 a. <u>Fenced</u>
 b. Unfenced







 1.4 (54 inch) high culvert with concrete pad as shelf (Cameras at each end have shown through passage)







1.2 (48 inch) round culvert use by large and small





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 1.2 m (48 inch) round culvert use by large and small



 1.4 (54 inch) high culvert with concrete pad as shelf winter use (Cameras at each end have shown through passage)





Not meant for moose







Attempts to get over 8 foot fence Caribou in Caribou

Observed attempts to get over 8 foot fence Caribou in Caribou Photos are 2 minutes apart



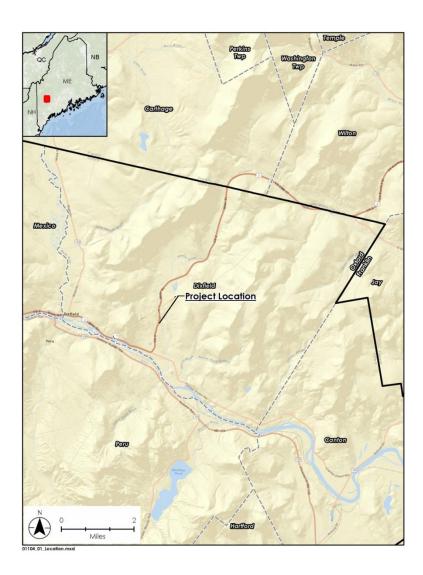
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Use of Wildlife Underpasses

Dixfield, Maine 1.2 m (40 inch) Culvert that are overflow culverts for a brook Dry

Un-fenced



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• Species observed:

Mink Weasel, Raccoon Skunk Chipmunk Mouse Shrew Yellow belly snake **Un-identified Bird** Groundhog House cat



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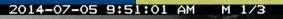
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Use of Unfenced Culverts Small Culverts (18 to 24 inches), Southern Maine,





Use of Unfenced Culverts Southern Maine, Maine

- Species observed (incomplete)
- Chipmunk
- Groundhog.
- Virginia possum
- New England Cottontail
- Red Fox
- Coyote



Use of Small Culverts Southern Maine, 2015-06-02 5:30:43 AM M 1/3

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Use of Culverts Southern Maine, Maine



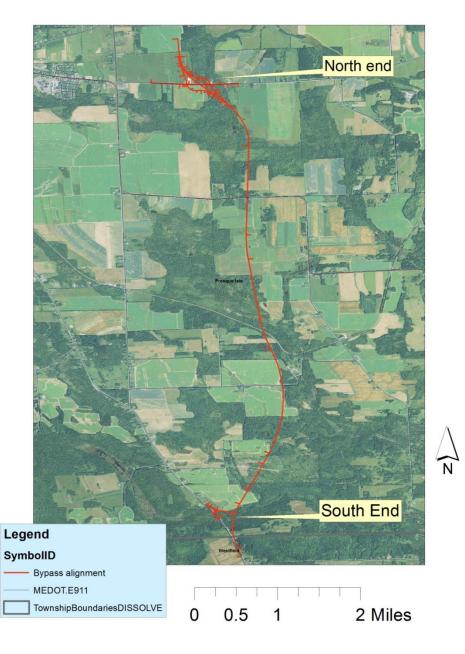
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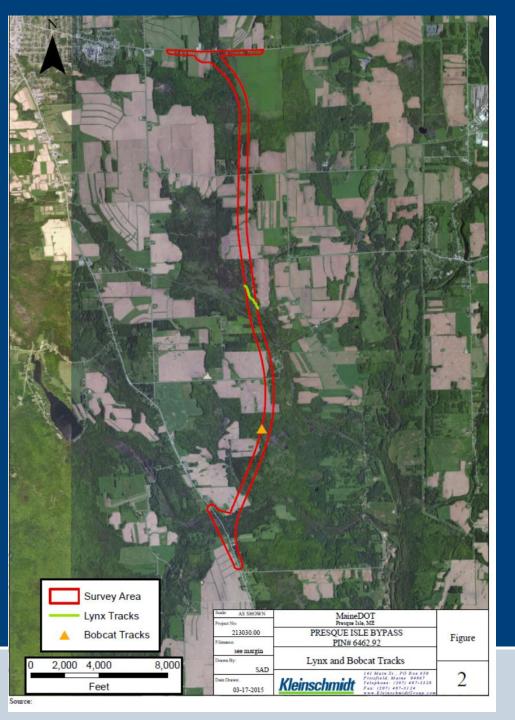
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Presque Isle Bypass Segment 1, Phase 2 Location and landcover map



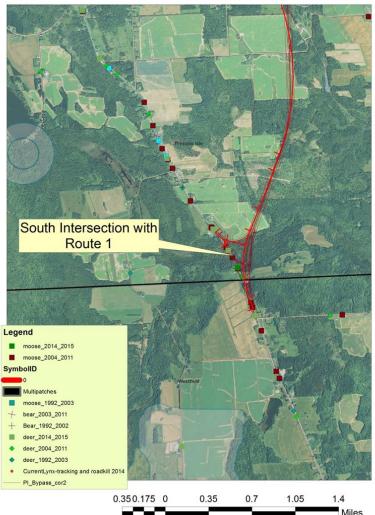
Presque Isle Bypass area



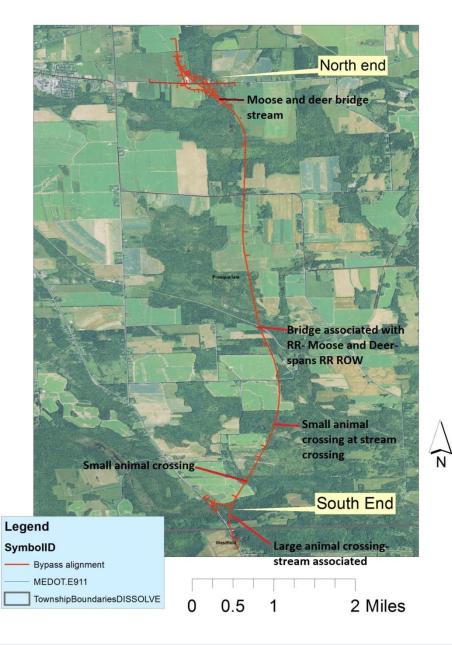


Presque Isle

Presque Isle Bypass Large Animal Crash Hotspot WIN 6462



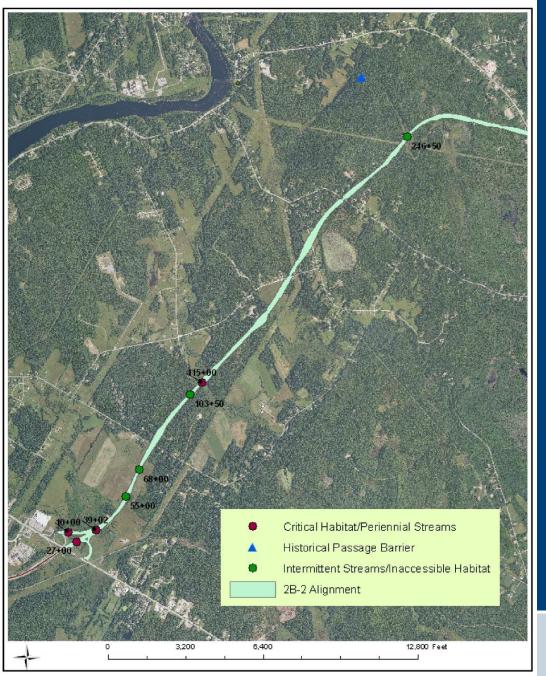
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Presque Isle Bypass area



I-395 to Route 9 Connector



Brewer-Eddington Connector

