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# NH Rivers Management Advisory Committee

NH Rivers Management and Protection Program



February 11, 2026

The Honorable Robert Harb, Chair  
House Resources, Recreation, and Development Committee  
Granite Place, Room 288  
Concord, NH 03301

**RE: HR 44** *Concerning the protection of public lands.*

Dear Chair Harb and Members of the Committee,

The Rivers Management Advisory Committee (RMAC) is writing to express its **support of House Resolution 44**, which urges congress to advocate for the protection of public lands.

The RMAC supports this bill because:

- Public lands offer benefits for both the environment and the citizens of and visitors to New Hampshire;
- Maintaining the preservation of these lands is critical for protecting habitat, unique natural environments, recreational areas and open space;
- The White Mountain National Forest, subject to the Roadless Rule, encompasses many rivers, including the state designated Saco, Swift, Ammonoosuc, and Pemigewasset rivers; and
- Limiting road construction and logging in these areas allows for these rivers to maintain their standing as outstanding resource waters within the National Forest.

The RMAC is a legislatively created body charged to work with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to administer RSA 483, the Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Governor and Council appointed Committee is composed of members from business, agriculture, hydroelectric, municipal government, water supply, conservation, recreation, fish and game, and historical interests.

Should you have any questions regarding our testimony in support of HR 44, feel free to contact me at 603.796.2615 or [MLT@naturesource.net](mailto:MLT@naturesource.net).

Sincerely,

Michele L. Tremblay, Chair

cc: Representatives Burroughs, Gregg, Knab, Spier, J. Sullivan, J. Smith and R. Brown  
RMAC Representatives  
Robert R. Scott, Commissioner, NHDES