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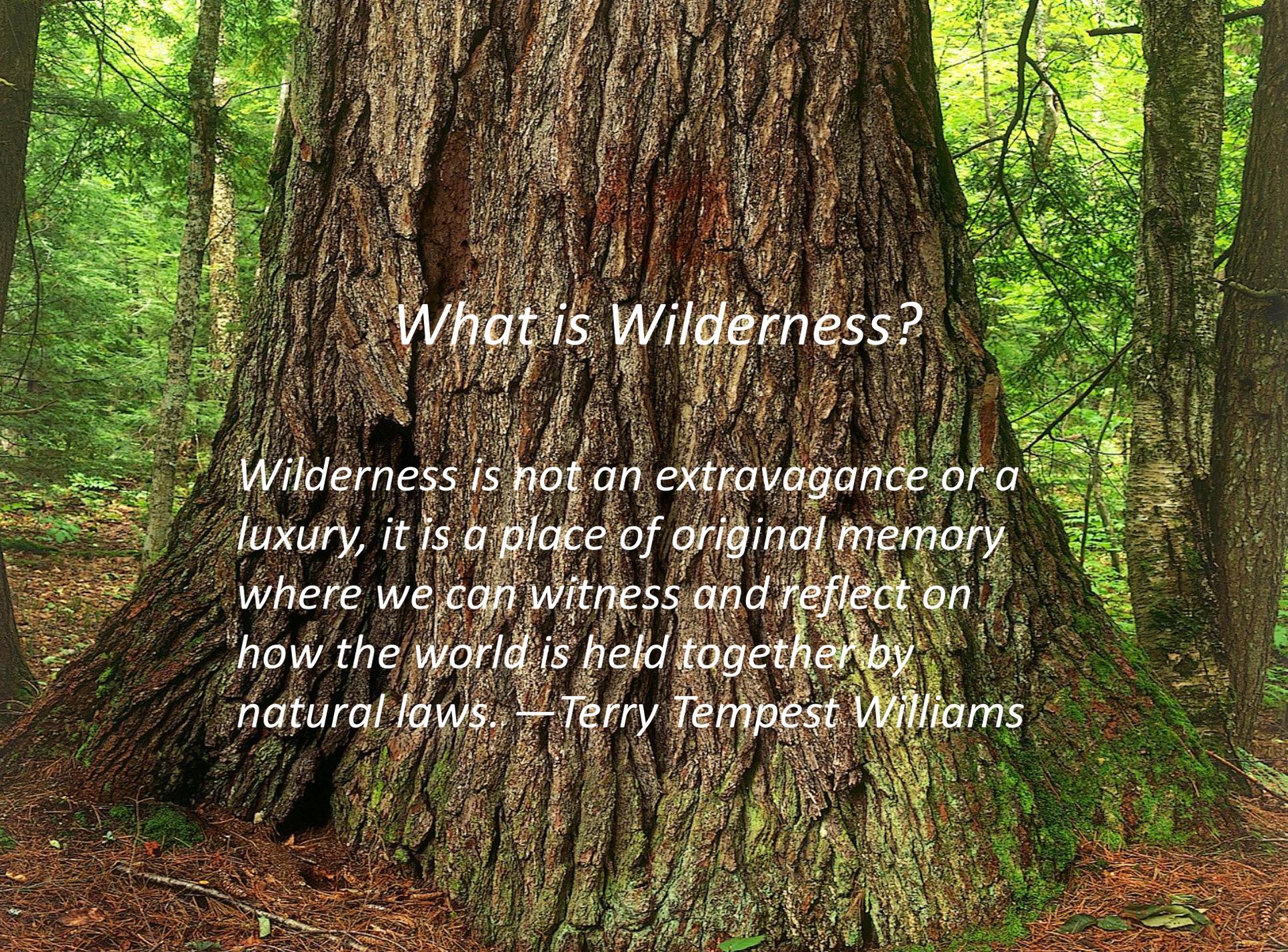
Wapack Wilderness easement, NH
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Eagle Mountain Wilderness Preserve, NY

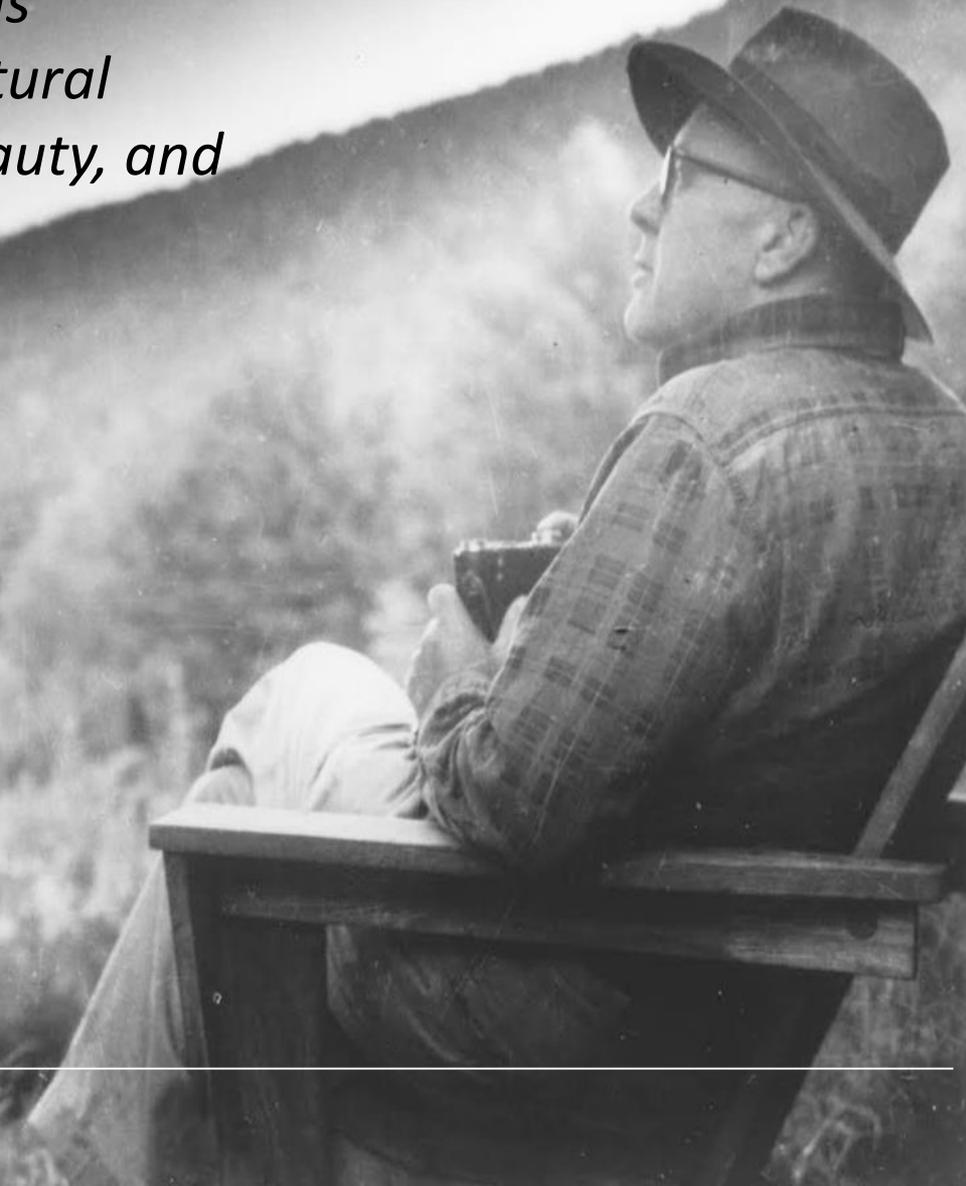
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A large, textured tree trunk in a forest with green foliage in the background. The tree trunk is the central focus, showing deep grooves and a rough bark. The background is a dense forest of green trees and foliage, slightly out of focus. The ground is covered in brown pine needles and some green moss.

What is Wilderness?

Wilderness is not an extravagance or a luxury, it is a place of original memory where we can witness and reflect on how the world is held together by natural laws. —Terry Tempest Williams

Wilderness is not simply a special kind of place, but rather a special commitment we make to a place. That commitment is freedom—to animals, and to the natural processes that produce integrity, beauty, and diversity of the land community.



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Muddy Pond Wilderness Preserve, MA

What happens in Wilderness?

What else happens in Wilderness?



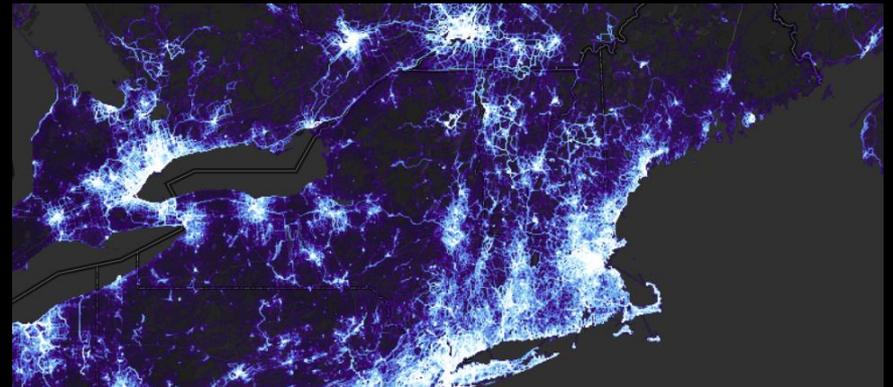


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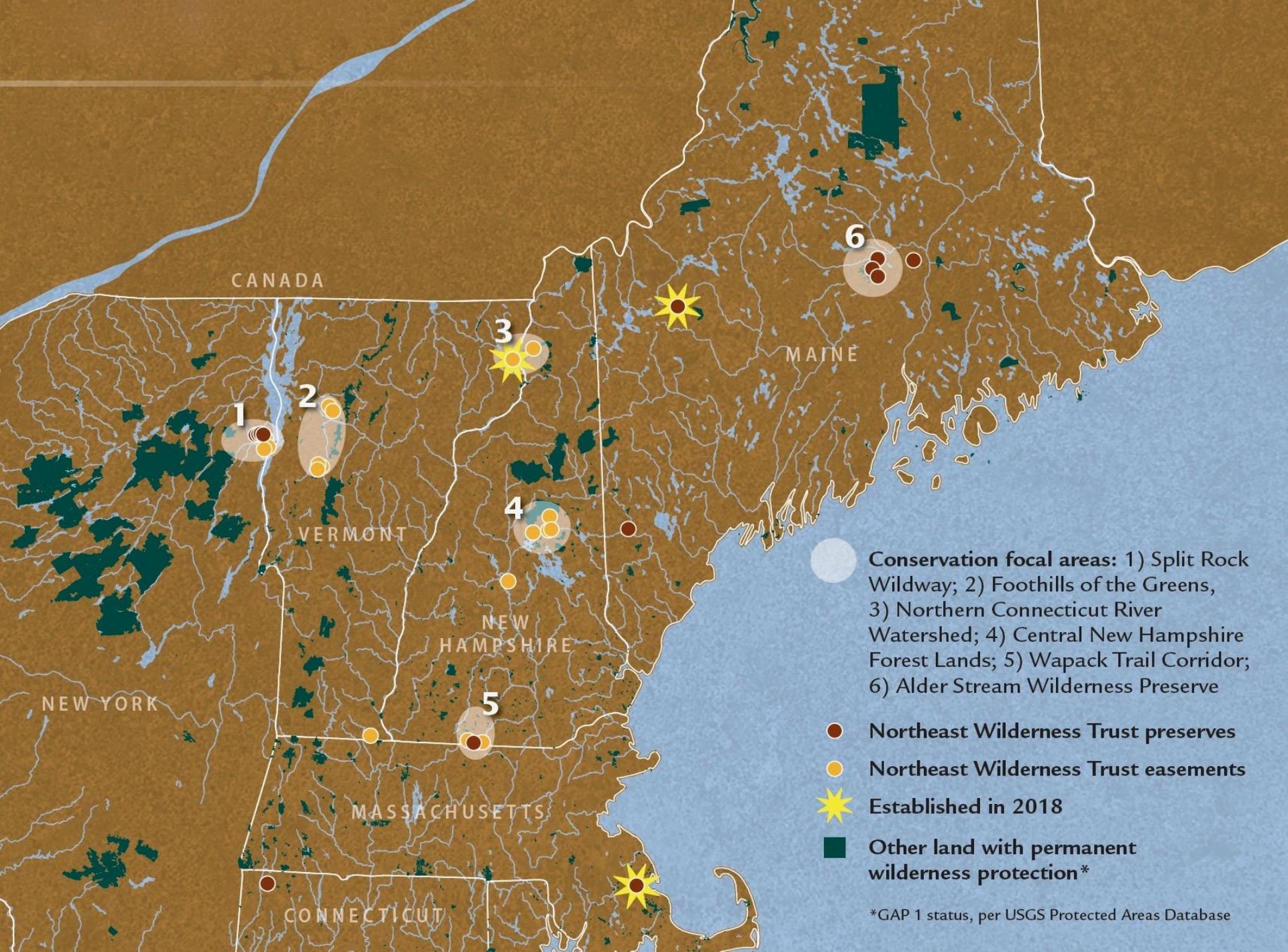
Wilderness and Access: *A Balancing Act*

- De-emphasize developed recreation
- Primitive and unconfined





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Conservation focal areas: 1) Split Rock Wildway; 2) Foothills of the Greens, 3) Northern Connecticut River Watershed; 4) Central New Hampshire Forest Lands; 5) Wapack Trail Corridor; 6) Alder Stream Wilderness Preserve

- Northeast Wilderness Trust preserves
- Northeast Wilderness Trust easements
- ★ Established in 2018
- Other land with permanent wilderness protection*

*GAP 1 status, per USGS Protected Areas Database



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Lone Mountain Wilderness Preserve, ME
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The Wildlands Partnership – A Northeast Wilderness Trust initiative

“We are between two forested worlds—the natural forest of pre-settlement North America and the recovered forest of the future...The earlier forested world is not dead. We are putting the wildlands side of W&W into action. We are partnering with local land trusts all over the region to scale up the amount of legally and perpetually conserved wildlands. We are studying and struggling to preserve its living remnants. And we do not believe that the future forest is powerless to be born. These remnants—with our help—will become the seeds from which a renewed forest spreads.”

- Mary Byrd Davis, *Eastern Old-Growth Forests*





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