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GREGG TO RECEIVE “CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR” HONOR FROM N.H. FOREST SOCIETY

DURHAM, N.H. -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) was honored this evening by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests with its annual “Conservationist of the Year” award in recognition of over twenty years of conservation leadership in the U.S. Congress and the New Hampshire Statehouse. The Trustees of the Society reversed a decades-long tradition of honoring only non-elected conservation leaders due to the Senator’s extraordinary record of accomplishment on many issues, policies and conservation projects important to the Forest Society. SPNHF honored Senator Gregg at its 102nd annual meeting at the New England Center in Durham.

Senator Gregg stated, “The quality that makes the Forest Society so special is its unique ability to effectively work with diverse and opposing interest groups to arrive at consensus in the New Hampshire tradition of collaboration and informed dialogue on environmental issues. I have had the opportunity to work with the Forest Society on numerous conservation projects, including the successful preservation of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters, and have a tremendous respect for the work they continue to do. All New Hampshire residents, and those who enjoy our forests and natural areas every year, owe the Forest Society a debt of gratitude for the leadership it has provided for over a century protecting New Hampshire’s natural resources. I am honored to receive this award and look forward to continuing to work with the Forest Society on future projects.”

Jane Difley, President/Forester of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, stated, “Senator Gregg’s commitment to conservation is both remarkable and quintessentially New Hampshire. Granite Staters may not agree on much else, but we share a deep connection to the land that has supported and shaped us as people for nearly 400 years. Perhaps more than any other leader this state has produced in the past century, Senator Gregg has worked to ensure that New Hampshire will always be New Hampshire—for our children and generations to come.”

Senator Gregg, a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, was instrumental in securing the \$11.6 million in funding needed to complete the federal share of the cost of the Connecticut Lakes Headwaters Land (formerly the International Paper land) last year, and served as co-chair of the Task Force charged with mapping out a long-term vision and usage for the land. He has also secured significant federal funds for conservation efforts stretching from Lake Umbagog through the Connecticut River valley to the Great Bay National Estuary and New Hampshire’s seacoast.

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