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Dear Eve:

The Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) is proud to be a part of the Winter Harbor and Gouldsboro communities here on the Schoodic Peninsula. I am pleased to have the opportunity to report to you and to the town of Gouldsboro on our activities over this past year and on our plans for the coming year.

This has been a busy year. We were proud to once again host the Schoodic International Sculpture Symposium, which brought more than 8,000 visits to the SERC campus. Our Schoodic Education Adventure program brought more than 800 grade school and middle school students to SERC for 3 days of work with tidepools, geology, mapping, and other activities that are integrated with classroom studies. It is wonderful that Schoodic has become a place where kids can be outdoors and busy learning. We live in a special place, and it is great to be able to share it with children from across the state.

As you know, we are in the midst of enormous change at SERC. With the help of money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act we have removed 16 unused buildings on campus and removed a great deal of asphalt. We are rehabilitating the former chapel and childcare centers as classrooms and reconstructing the clinic building as instructional lab space and a model of energy conservation. The entire campus will be landscaped to open up views, improve walkability, and make it feel more like a campus. All lighting will be replaced to protect the night sky. Using \$500,000 in fee revenues, the Park Service has expanded Schooner Commons so that it can serve as the primary dining facility on campus. All of this reconstruction will be complete by the summer of 2011. The renovated campus will enable us to support new programs that connect SERC's research and education mission to the community.

This summer will be unusual because of all the construction. We will work around the construction to continue our work with researchers and teachers, but will have less public activity than usual; there will be times when the roads will be so torn up that it will be hard to get around on the campus. We WILL continue to conduct our regular "Second Saturday" talks each month at 7 PM, where we bring in speakers from a wide range of disciplines to talk about natural and cultural resource issues. We will also continue our newly established program of "Muffins at Moore" each month, where SERC Coordinator June Devisfruto and I are on hand to provide short presentations of activities at SERC and to answer questions. That's not all -- there will be more as we know more about the construction schedule. We will get word out in the town newsletter and elsewhere.

I am always happy to talk about SERC. My phone number is 288-1328.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Bill Zoellick
Executive Director