

# Don't trade real potential for empty promises

## No way the park will provide 1,000 jobs

Proponents say the proposed national park will create up to 1,000 jobs. That's quite a stretch, when you consider Baxter State Park – more than twice its size – employs only **21 full-time and 40** seasonal workers and that a University of Maine study on Baxter's economic impact concluded it provides the equivalent of **87** full-time jobs.

**How many jobs will a park cost?** \$1 out of every \$16 in Maine's gross state product and 1 of every 20 jobs is associated with the forest products sector, including nearly 14,000 jobs in Penobscot, Piscataquis and Aroostook, where a forest products resurgence already is under way. The average state wage for forest products jobs tops **\$50,000**. The Katahdin region has wood supply, a skilled workforce and great infrastructure. But the environmental and development restrictions that inevitably come with a national park will discourage or prevent forestry-related development.

**Don't close the door on jobs, opportunity and access. Vote NO on June 23 and June 29.**

Maine forest products sector employment impact by county

