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## **Maine Water Employees Partner with Coastal Mountains Land Trust in Volunteer Efforts**

**Rockport, ME- November 20, 2019-** A team of a dozen Maine Water employees recently worked together with Coastal Mountains Land Trust staff on the Round the Mountain Trail to clear brush and small trees on Hope Street at the parking area for the trail as well as along the section of trail currently under construction. The work will allow hikers, cross country skiers, snow shoe enthusiasts and bikers to pass in the winter safely when the branches are weighted down with snow.

Both the Coastal Mountains Land Trust and Maine Water employees are passionate about the trail being constructed, the land being preserved for future generations and working with the local communities.

Richard Knowlton, president of Maine Water, stated, "We are proud of our team for volunteering to work on the trails. We are committed to being stewards of the environment and this is just one way we foster that commitment."

On September 27, 2018, Coastal Mountains Land Trust completed the purchase of an historic conservation easement protecting 786-acres of land, owned by the Maine Water Company, on the south side of Ragged Mountain surrounding Mirror Lake in Rockport and Hope. The Land Trust also selected a contractor, after a comprehensive bid process, to begin construction of the Round the Mountain Trail. This trail will expand recreational access to the protected property as permitted under the terms of this agreement.

Maine Water and the Coastal Mountains Land Trust are currently in the process of completing a second conservation easement on land surrounding Grassy Pond in Hope. The partnership creates a unique opportunity to provide permanent protections for critical water resources and open space land.

**###About Maine Water:** The Maine Water Company is a public water utility that currently owns 12 public water systems engaged in the collection, treatment, and distribution of drinking water for homes, businesses and fire protection service. The Maine Water Company serves more than 32,000 customers, or approximately 85,000 people, in 21 communities across Maine.