

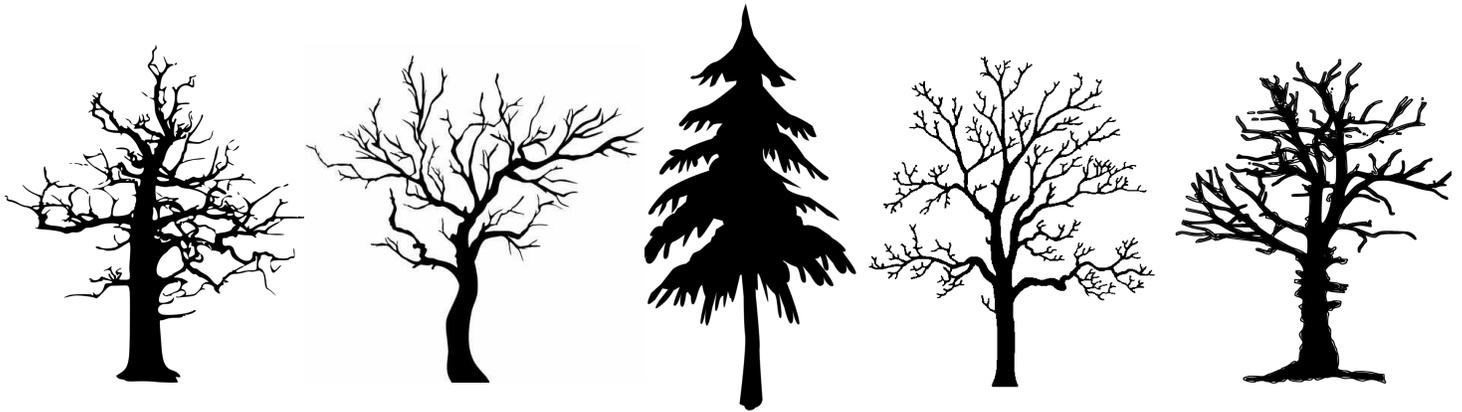


FOLK Friends of the Land of Keweenaw

Grassroots Stewards of the Western Upper Peninsula

WINTER 2018 FOLK NEWSLETTER

FOLK is about to celebrate our 30th Anniversary in 2019 and as we reflect back over the years, a common thread emerges. **Our sense of place, born out of a deep love and respect for the natural world has guided us all these years.** We are grateful to all the "Friends" past and present who have helped protect our common home. As we look to 2019, we know that "speaking out for future generations" is still important, if not more important, in 2019 and beyond. So as we move forward, FOLK will be setting new goals and looking to find new ways to work with other groups who share our common goals. Not only is monetary support important but donating time and talent is equally important. If you have an urge to make a difference, we would welcome additional members to our board or to a working committee. Please drop us an email and let us know what YOU are interested in: keweenawfolk@gmail.com
With sincere gratitude, Your FOLK Board of Directors.



FOLK Activities

During 2018 FOLK members have been working on a number of issues. Some highlights are listed below.

Highway Clean-up Community Service: A big thank you to the volunteers who successfully picked up nearly 20 bags of garbage along FOLK's two-mile stretch on US 41 near the Houghton-Baraga county line.

Torch Lake Superfund Site: The Torch Lake Public Action Council (PAC) is working toward approval to finally make the Lake safe for human and aquatic life. In the next few months the EPA will decide whether we qualify for funding that could allow the PAC to finish by 2024 to 2029.

North Country Trail Boardwalk: A 110-ft. boardwalk across a wet area has been completed on FOLK section of the North Country Trail southwest of Alston. The boardwalk is below a scenic beaver pond. A bench and table overlooking the pond are in the works.

Updates:

Three DEQ permits for the L'Anse Warden Electric Company (LWEC) are coming up for review. They are: 1. Permit to Install (PTI) for the addition of manufactured pellets to the fuel mix. 2. Renewable Operating Permit (ROP) and 3. Stormwater Prevention Plan. Comment deadlines have not yet been announced.

Friends of the Huron Mountains successfully collected 410 signatures out of a list of 454 registered voters in L'Anse Township. Fewer than 100 were needed to force a referendum vote on zoning changes that currently allow Industrial Wind Development in the forest district. The proposed project site consists of 28,000 acres including Mount Arvon and Mount Curwood. A May vote is expected.



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Membership Form

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Dear FOLKs, Please consider adding a donation to your annual membership. Thanks!

Please print) Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Optional) Email _____ Phone (____) _____ Date _____

Individual (Annual Membership / Jan-Dec): \$10

Senior Citizen, Unemployed, Student (Annual): \$5

Organization (Annual): \$35

I would like to contribute to FOLK's legal fund. \$ _____

I cannot afford the annual membership fee but would still like to be listed as a member.

I am not a member but I would like to receive the newsletter.

I want to get involved with FOLK! Please contact me by: (circle one) email or phone.

Other _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____