



## **Basis Statement**

### **Baxter State Park Rules and Regulations 2022-2023**

#### **Statutory Authority: 12 M.R.S. § 903(1)**

**Basis Statement: Rule 2.2 (Hiking or Mountain Climbing may be restricted...)** The Baxter State Park Authority interprets current Rule 2.2 as allowing the Park Director to issue special use permits, on a case-by-case basis, that authorize children under the age of six (6) to hike under their own power above timberline provided the applicant demonstrates to the Park Director's satisfaction the child's ability to hike under their own power above timberline. For example, the Park Director has issued special use permits to hike above timberline for children under the age of six who had previously hiked the entire length of the Appalachian Trail under their own power (e.g., not carried by an adult) before undertaking a hike of Katahdin. This proposed amendment to current Rule 2.2 would expressly codify in Rule 2.2. the Authority's interpretation of current Rule 2.2.

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