Presidents' Community Partner Award



White Mountain National Forest

Plymouth State University

Proximity makes us natural partners and our mutual desire to preserve the environment around us while enhancing student learning opportunities brought Plymouth State and the White Mountain National Forest together in a formal partnership. In April of 2011, a Memorandum of Understanding between the White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) and Plymouth State University was signed, signifying an a formal cooperation between the two organizations. While the Memorandum solidified the partnership, the two entities had been collaborating through various projects for many years prior. Opportunities for research and data collection in the WMNF lent itself naturally to academic endeavors at Plymouth State. Environmental Science, Social Sciences as well as Historic and Cultural programs at PSU benefit from the vast White Mountain National Forest. Students are able to engage in meaningful research experiences, internship and volunteer opportunities that are in close proximity to Plymouth. Furthermore, partnerships between the Center for Rural Partnership, Office of Research and Engagement and the Center for the Environment are further strengthened through the commitment of Plymouth State University and the White Mountain National Forest working together in the region.