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"To say that things are changing by the minute would be an extreme understatement."

Saturday morning a top Maine official, who I know is very busy and have never met personally, called me from his home. For a conversation about my take on the state of affairs we are dealing with today both in the utility world and in our part of Maine. It was a casual conversation, the quote above being my summary of what we discussed. I do feel comfortable that the State of Maine is doing what they have in their powers the ability to do. And from the verifiable sources that I can find the Federal Government is stepping up to the plate. Please use verifiable sources (World Health Organization, CDC, coronaviris.gov) to educate yourselves. Please. Collectively we are the only ones that can alter the course in Maine. Please do your part.

My oldest daughter (blended family, not the eldest daughter) turned 17 on Saturday. She went for a ride by herself for her birthday this year. The parents in our blended families have all agreed to tighten the circle. So that we all can continue to have our precious time with our girls. And we all realize that if one of us gets sick, our circle will have to be tightened a little more. Even if that means quarantining from each other. And we all have agreed to stay out of my parents' house. We visit in the yard at a distance; drop things in the yard if they need something. Suddenly this is the new reality. KLPD employees are practicing the same with their families.

I grew up locally (unfortunately not in KLPD territory). My wife and I decided to take the dogs for a walk in the woods where I grew up because there were so many people on the local trails. (That's phenomenal so long as we continue to manage social distance.) I was actually surprised to find that those woods that I remember so fondly haven't changed much at all in my absence. With the exception of the land being transferred to a land trust and the blazed trail. But there wasn't a single other person to be seen and it was an exceptional weather day. Seek those places out. There are thousands of them in this beautiful state we live in. I'd guess hundreds just in our county.

Week 2 of the new norm begins today. I'm sure lots will change this week as well. Please, verifiable sources and do your part. Spread the facts. I will continue to do my part to keep not only KLPD healthy, but anyone that will listen. With the best interest of all of KLPD's customers and community in mind.

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