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Update to the Penobscot County Commissioners:

Progress continues with the Katahdin Region Economic Development program with Eastern Maine Development Corporation. Current totals of business and municipalities who have directly benefitted from our services and resources are as follows:

Municipalities	5	New Businesses	15	Existing Businesses	22
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- Collaboration continues with colleagues in EMDC Workforce and KHEC, making connections to address employee attraction and training for businesses in the Katahdin region.
- Steering and working collaboratively with other organizations in the region continue, addressing and minimizing overlaps and duplications of effort.
- Actively working with the Tri-Town Broadband Utility to implement service and connectivity to broadband in the tri-towns and surrounding unorganized territories.
- ME DECD Jobs & Recovery Small Business Grant Program – I am the lead resource for business and organizations in the Katahdin region to access this program. I will also be taking lead on the upcoming Forestry Recovery Initiative in the area, connecting potential applicants with the proper resources and provided technical assistance.
- I continue to work with and serve on the Northeast Workforce Development Board, provided a voice for the Katahdin region and Northern Penobscot County.
- I continue to meet with existing and potential clients with interest in establishing their operations on the Katahdin region mill sites and at other locations within the area.

Your continued support is appreciated. As always, I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding my work here in the Katahdin region.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Jamieson", is written over a light gray circular graphic that contains a stylized house icon.

Peter Jamieson
Katahdin Region Economic Development Director