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### **For Immediate Release**

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A new company, Bangor and Piscataquis Railway, LLC has announced the purchase of all former Bangor and Aroostook railroad trackage currently owned by CPKC (cpkcr.com) in the state of Maine.

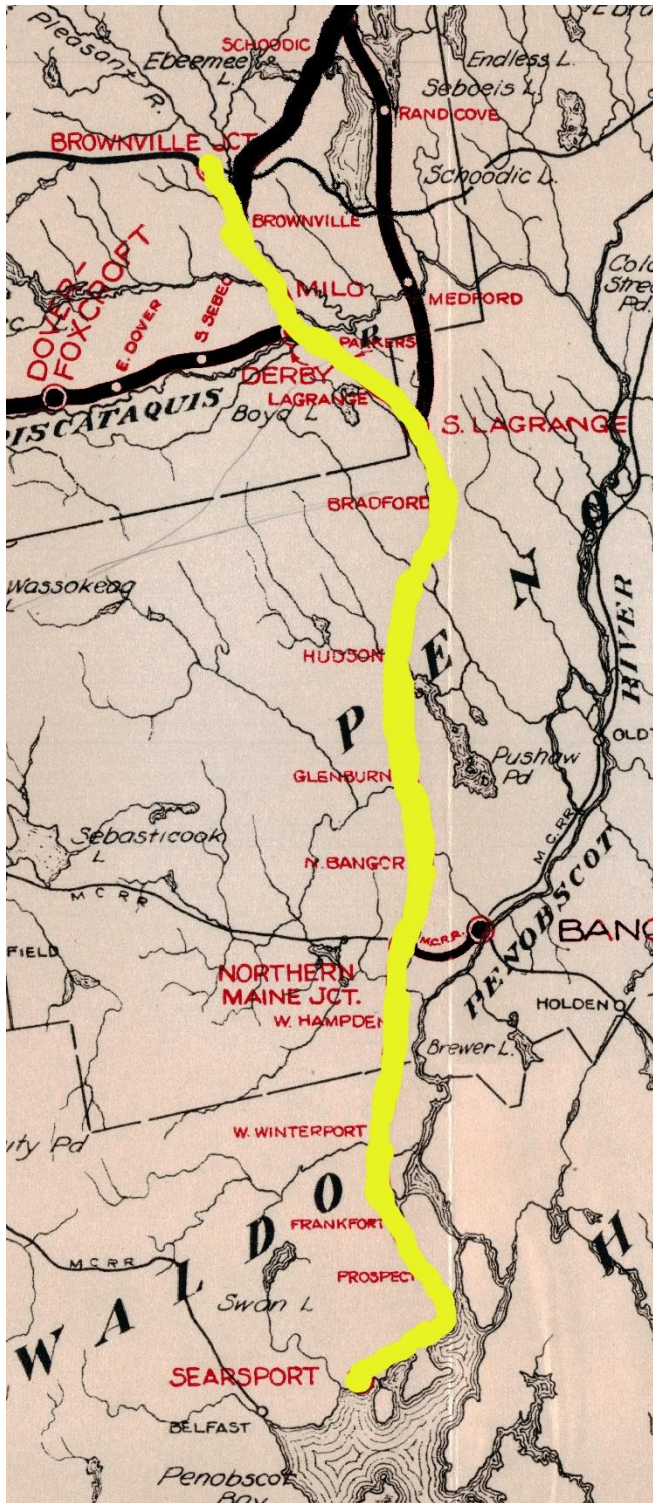
The line in question running from Searsport, through Hermon, Milo and Brownville Junction, comprises some 80 miles of main track and sidings. The new railway will interchange with CSX Transportation (csx.com) at Northern Maine Junction in Hermon along with CPKC and NBM Railways (nbmrailways.com) at Brownville Junction.

The new line will lease space in the former Derby Shops, just outside Milo, for car repairs, office space and light locomotive maintenance. The railway is a joint venture between Fortress Investment Group (ftandi.com) and the Colorado and Wyoming Railway Company (cwrailway.com). This combination of capital investment and efficient railroad management will provide a stable, affordable and dependable freight hauling railroad in Central Maine.

The name, Bangor and Piscataquis Railway, is a variation of a railroad in the State of Maine not seen since 1899 when it was purchased by the Bangor and Aroostook. It is therefore fitting that the name re-emerges in 2026 by buying the track it once owned.

B&P President and CEO C. Francis “Frank” McDonald commented that he was “excited” and “looking forward” to the challenges of establishing this new company.

Additional materials and background information are attached.



The route, highlighted in yellow, will run through three counties, connect with three other railroads, and offer an unprecedented level of service to the customers along this line

The line from Searsport to South LaGrange was completed in 1905 as the Northern Maine Seaport Railroad. The line from South LaGrange to Brownville was built by the original Bangor and Piscataquis. The line from Brownville to Brownville Junction was originally built by the Bangor and Katahdin Iron Works, later folded into the Bangor and Aroostook.

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We hope you have enjoyed this little work of fiction on April Fool's Day, but there are no current plans to recreate the Bangor and Piscataquis. Who knows what the future might bring!

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