



## PRESS RELEASE



The Downeast Scenic Railroad announces that effective Saturday June 26, 2010 at 12:01p.m. EDST, the following railroad grade crossings in the Town of Hancock and the City of Ellsworth shall change status from exempt-inactive to fully active with no exemptions:

In the Town of Hancock: Wyman Road and Washington Junction Road. In the City of Ellsworth: Beal Avenue, Main Street, Lincoln Street, Park Street, Birch Street, Davis Street, and the Ellsworth High School crossing.

The activation of these crossings for trains to traverse means the following to motorists:

All crossings should be approached with caution. Even if there are no scheduled trains, a train may pass at any time of day or night. Maine law requires all vehicles carrying hazardous materials or buses, occupied or otherwise to stop at all non-exempt railroad crossings, observe the tracks in both directions, and if clear, may then proceed.

Motorcyclists and bicyclists are also reminded that to safely traverse a railroad crossing always cross railroad tracks at a 90-degree angle to the rails.

**WHEN APPROACHING A RAILROAD CROSSING-ALWAYS EXPECT A TRAIN!**

For more information you may visit our web site at [www.downeastscenicrail.org](http://www.downeastscenicrail.org)

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