LESTER DECOSTER HONORED AS NESAF DISTINGUISHED FORESTER

In ceremonies at the 69th NESAF annual Winter Meeting held in Portland, Maine, the Distinguished Service Award for 1989 was presented to Lester A. Decoster. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to recognize professional achievement in forestry, make known to the general public outstanding contributions of individual foresters to their profession, and enhance the public perception of the forestry profession. Although Lester is not currently a member of NESAF the award still recognizes his outstanding contributions to the practice and profession of forestry while he lived and worked in New England, but also for the influence he continues to exert over New England forestry from his Washington, D.C. office.

While in New England for 23 years, Lester worked to publicize forestry and forest management to the great masses. He used his skills to publicize, educate, and inform through the print media. He exposed forestry to the press institutions through positive actions. He organized press tours, cultivated contacts and introduced the media to the concept of forestry issues, not just events and he introduced foresters to the press. Lester organized many workshops to teach foresters how to write for the press, how to make and maintain contacts, and how to present ourselves and our profession to the media. He tried to make us realize that the practice of forestry is no longer its own reward, but that we need to let the rest of the world know what we are doing, and why.

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MAINE WOODS RESERVE PROPOSED

In a Portland press conference on March 16th and at an address to the 370 NESAF Winter Meeting attendees a day later, George Frampton, President of the Wilderness Society presented a proposal to the citizens of Maine for the establishment of a 2.7 million acre Maine Woods Reserve which would surround Baxter State Park.

President Frampton (above) highlighted the information contained in a 48 page paper entitled A New Maine Woods Reserve Options for Protecting Maine’s Northern Wildlands in an hour discussion at the NESAF meeting. The Michael J. Kellett authored paper outlines the resources and traditional uses at stake, threats to those resources, and options for protecting them.

The basis of the Wilderness Society option is the establishment of a land management entity combining public and private ownership with the purpose of protecting forever, the three principle benefits of these lands:

Wildlands and other backcountry areas where clean air and water, wildlife habitat, scenic beauty, solitude and primitive recreation, and natural ecosystems are maintained;

Areas for public use and recreation including hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing, camping, nature study, and other recreational pursuits; and

The foundation of a sustainable economy.

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For many years, New Englanders have been aware of the northward migration from the crowded seaboard. The creeping nature of these changes, although decried by many, was generally accepted as inevitable in a land of expanding population. But these changes were relatively insignificant in the far north where jobs were scarce, climate extreme, and the infrastructure of community services poorly developed. Our northern woods were thought to be inviolable -- they would remain for decades into the future as they had for decades in the past. Large landholdings would be retained by the forest industry for wood production and open to recreational use by local people.

Suddenly, Diamond International sold, in May 1988, 90,000 acres in New Hampshire and Vermont to Rancourt Associates and the disappearance of the unique and changeless north woods appeared to have commenced. This action resulted in intense emotions and several actions resulting from the sale. After some intensive negotiations, much of this land was eventually purchased for inclusion in existing public land holdings. Congress appropriated $259,000 to establish a Northern Forest Lands Study and the Governors of New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and New York simultaneously appointed a three member panel to serve as a steering committee for this study.

A more recent indication of interest, resulting at least in part from the Diamond sale, was a proposal by the Wilderness Society that was released via a press conference in Portland during the Winter Meeting. President George Frampton was on our program on the 17th and further explained the Society's plans. There were and are many questions to be answered.

The Society proposes that 2.7 million acres surrounding Baxter State Park in northwestern Maine be protected in essentially its present state. The plan envisions a multiple use forest with some areas purchased by public agencies, and the bulk remaining in private hands with easements and zoning restrictions controlling development. The Society wants to promote this plan nationally but emphasizes that it will not move forward without the support of Mainers.

Every reader of these words can cite examples of fragmentation of forest lands and changes that are detrimental to continued production of goods from the working forest. Governments and conservation organizations have their reaction to these changes, driven by their constituencies. We, both as individuals and collectively as NESAF members, must also be involved in the processes that will help direct responses of our state and Federal governments. Accordingly, the Executive Committee, NESAF, at its March 14th meeting, directed me to maintain contact with the various groups that are examining our natural resources and making proposals that will influence significant public actions. Where pertinent, I will provide input at meetings and will comment on written proposals, following direction of the Executive Committee. I am not in a position to formulate policy, but rather to be aware of developments, report them to the Executive Committee, and obtain their considered directions for action.

I look forward to this new assignment which will provide professional input to important decisions that will eventually promulgate long-lasting direction for the future. I'm sure that you realize that I can better monitor developments if you will send me notes on actions in your locality that I may not be aware of. I am on the mailing lists of those organizations that will be involved in the dialogue that is taking place, and that will be stimulated by the Wilderness Society's determination to bring national attention to the north woods situation in Maine. Your readings of local sentiment will be important to the Executive Committee and to me.

Working In The Woods

I'm proud to work in the forest
Be its ally and often its guest
And I love to spend time hugging trees
Watch them grow and feel inner peace.
But I no longer just think of trees
More and more of creatures that move as they please.
Most of all I enjoy the challenge
Of combining my beliefs and knowledge.
So I listen to what landowners and loggers demand
Balance that with the needs of the stand.
The result - I'm energized by what I do
And enjoy walking in a foresters shoe.
I strive to learn from the trees
How to be rooted yet dance in the breeze.

(presented by Lynn Levine as she accepted
the Austin Cary Practicing Professional
Award for 1989. Portland, Me 3/16/89)
1989 NESAF AWARDS

The Young Forester Leadership Award for 1989 is presented to Charles A. Levesque, the Program Director for the Trust for New Hampshire Lands. The trust is a non-profit organization working to conserve and protect open space. Previously Charles was Executive Director of the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association and urban forester for the City of Manchester. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of New Hampshire in 1979.

The Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of the New England Society of American Foresters who has been practicing forestry for less than ten years and has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry.

The Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award for 1989 is presented to Lynn Levine of Dummerston, Vermont. Lynn is the owner of Forest*Care, a consulting forestry business she began in 1976. She is dedicated to providing each of her clients with practical services that protect the future resource values of their forest. She encourages landowners to become inquisitive about their land and about forestry. Lynn is a Project Learning Tree workshop leader, a Tree Farm inspector, and the co-author of a practical guide for woodland owners, Working With Your Woodlot.

The Austin Cary Award recognizes NESAF members who have shown outstanding achievement as practicing forest managers.

The Ernest M. Gould Jr., Technology Transfer Award for 1989 is presented to Stephen H. Broderick of Brooklyn, Connecticut. Steve is the Extension Forester for the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Connecticut. He has a B.S. and an M.S. from Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is the author of thirteen publications and has chaired a variety of organizations, including the Connecticut Tree Farm Committee, the Connecticut Maple Syrup Producers, and the Northeast Forest Resources Extension Council. The Ernest M. Gould, Jr., award is presented annually to a New England SAF member who has made outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service.

NORTHERN FOREST LANDS STUDY

As the midpoint of the Northern Forest Lands Study neared, over four thousand people were given the vision statement and have responded by letter or attendance at one of several public meetings in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. While revision of the vision statement is an ongoing project, the Study has moved on toward another important phase, identifying lands with important resources and suggesting strategies toward realizing the vision.

To make the vision for the northern forest lands a reality, the resources that make these lands special need to be identified. Nine general types have been identified and specific criteria within each resource has been rated by importance. The general types are Wildlife Habitat, Scenic Areas, River Corridors, Recreation Opportunities, Productive Forest Land, Natural Areas, Lakeshore, Large Contiguous Blocks of Forested Land, and Historic Areas.

Six strategies have also been developed that combine different possible actions to work as effective tools toward reaching the vision. They include the development of financial incentives to encourage the use of forest land for wood production; strengthening state and local planning and zoning to preserve forest land and current uses while encouraging development in the most suitable places; establishing new State Forests and Parks, National Forests and Parks, Wild and Scenic Rivers, and National Trails and create a system of public ways; designing a new land planning and management system directed by a federal-state commission; establishing a land protection area which a state or federal agency or a federal-state commission would acquire and manage selected property rights; and creating new ways to make public monies available on short notice for purchase of land and easements.

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Editor's Notes

Three items occupy what's left of the Editor's mind as this issue goes to print: a thank you, a concern, and future dates.

First a sincere thank you and best of luck to Les Sargent who retires as the New Hampshire news correspondent with this issue. To keep abreast of the forestry news on a state-wide basis and summarize it every 90 days certainly keeps one apprised of current forestry issues but it is the kind of work that takes its toll over time. Especially as Les says "if you live out of the mainstream, are retired, and have to beg for news." I thank you for both your dedication and for keeping New Hampshire informed via your column.

Second is a concern which, for lack of a better description, I’ll call the "Second Page Syndrome." It is a dependence and myth that the people on page two are responsible for the work of NESAF. They see that it works, provide a little leadership, set policy and direction when needed, and are available for comment to name a few functions. However, with land fragmentation, Northern Lands Study, a Wilderness Proposal for Maine, pear thrips, Hemlock wooly adelgid, quarantines, and the potential for every community in New England to pass separate harvesting ordinances, there is certainly work for every forester to be involved in and just as certainly all the work that the page two people can handle. So, take a stand, write a letter, join a committee, tell the public what you know about the subject, run for office, nominate someone to run for office, get another forester to help you, vote, or voice your opinion. It's not a matter of 1,300 NESAF foresters being wrong, but of being heard. The issues will be resolved whether or not we are heard from as professionals or not, but the voices of the page two people will be louder on these issues with your voice added to it. To paraphrase Les Sargent don't be begged for news, become a part of the news or the organization responding to it. Volunteer.

Finally, the deadlines for material for the remaining issues of the 1989 Quarterly are June 15th for the July issue and September 15th for the October issue.

Enlist New Members
CALL FOR NESAF AWARD NOMINATIONS

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN SERVICE TO THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS (NESAF) or its Division or Chapters. Given to an individual who, in the eyes of fellow SAF members, has rendered outstanding service, either recently or over a period of years, to the NESAF.

Any professional society requires the tireless efforts of many people to fully serve a progressive membership of dedicated people. Many times the efforts of a few require that either in the short term or over a period of years, other professional activities get less emphasis. It is fitting and necessary that the collective membership recognize those whose talents and efforts are directed toward the efficient functioning of the NESAF.

PRACTICING PROFESSIONAL AWARD. Given to an NESAF member who has shown outstanding achievement recently or over a period of years as a practicing forest manager or consulting forester.

The heart of forestry is land management service in practice. What the public sees and can comment on through legislation is what is created by the forest managers - public, private, industrial, or private consultants. When an individual manager or consultant has created a favorable image of what a professional forest manager should be, the rest of the practicing foresters and the profession as a whole, benefits. Individuals with exceptional talent and drive in this area should be recognized.

To be in nomination for any of these awards, a copy of the individual's biographical sketch, including education, experience, and professional responsibilities in the area of the award, should be sent to the NESAF Executive Director. Anyone can nominate an individual for these awards. The only restrictions are that the nominee must now be a member of the NESAF and can only be nominated for one of the awards in any year. All sketches should be no more than four pages long and be sent to the Executive Director by October 1st to be considered for the award presented at the next winter meeting.

YOUNG FORESTER LEADERSHIP AWARD. Given to an NESAF member who has been practicing forestry for less than 10 years and has shown leadership in the production of a project or program benefitting the practice of forestry.

To encourage young professionals to enter and stay in the field of natural resources it is necessary to recognize and reward leadership potential early in their careers. By searching for and rewarding such talent the membership will insure healthy growth and insure continued effective leadership in the future.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AWARD, given annually to an NESAF member who has given outstanding contributions or performances to forestry or the more general field of natural resources, in the area of education, extension, or youth service.

Professional educational activities take many forms, from the formal kind found in colleges and universities whose faculty and staff in forestry and forestry extension are dedicated to teaching, research, and extension; to the less formal but no less important activity carried out by practicing foresters in workshops, small group meetings, and one-on-ones with interested citizens. Youth activity is singled out because of its importance in recruiting future professionals and future informed citizens. These citizens will be the ones who influence legislatures to further the aims of the professional.

Ted Howard, NESAF Chair, presents SAF Fellow Awards to Abbott B. Ladd of Belgrade, Maine and to Thomas F. Quink of Gilbertville, Massachusetts at the Winter Meeting in Portland on March 16th. Peter Hannah of Burlington, Vermont was also honored as a Fellow in 1988.


ENDOWMENT ANNOUNCED

The University of Massachusetts recently announced the establishment of the William P. Macconnell Faculty Endowment in Forest Management. Established from a $250,000 gift from Professor Bill Macconnell, the endowment is a unique and special award designed to benefit the Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management at the University. Income from the endowment will be used as an incentive to attract or recognize faculty of distinction or promise who can make a special contribution to the teaching, research, public service, and reputation of the Department. An annual award will be made to the professor selected as recipient and may be used as the recipient determines. Bill Macconnell is a 1943 graduate of the University and has taught forest management and photogrammetry in the Department since 1948. He is a former member of the New England SAF Executive Committee and was recently recognized as the Distinguished Forester of the Year by the Yankee Division.

BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

The State Forestry Agencies of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, and Cooperative Extension in Massachusetts and Connecticut have cooperatively produced "1988 FOREST PRODUCTS MARKET TRENDS IN SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND: ANNUAL REPORT." This 20 page booklet reviews the results of the quarterly stumpage price survey and discusses the past and future market outlook for such commodities as lumber, chips, export grade lumber, maple products, Christmas trees, fuelwood, and witch hazel. To obtain a copy, send a check for $1.00 to "University of Connecticut, Bulletin Room, Box U-35, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut 06269.

Information presented at the Continuing Forestry Education Workshop on White Pine Regeneration ("Decisions in Eastern White Pine Regeneration," 8 December 1988, sponsored by the Yankee Division, SAF, and Cooperative Extension in Massachusetts and Connecticut) has been compiled in a small booklet format (suitable for cruiser vest pockets) and is available for $1.00. This 12 page booklet includes the collective wisdom of Bill Leak, David M. Smith, Phil Auger, Bob Burke, Dave Kittredge, and Steve Broderick, and covers topics such as white pine regeneration ecology, pine site identification, and methods to regenerate pine naturally and artificially with different overstory species compositions. To obtain a copy, send a check for $1.00 to "Yankee Division, SAF" to David B. Kittredge, Jr., Extension Forester, Department of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Holdsworth Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, 01003. (Note: All members of the Yankee Division and all workshop attendees will be mailed one free copy).

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Lester is a Maine native and a graduate of the University of Maine in forestry (1959). He began his forestry career as a service forester in 1962 and ascended to Assistant Information and Education Supervisor for the Maine Forest Service in 1965. From 1969 - that I couldn't enjoy one way or another in all these years. I'm pleased that as part of all this fun I've had, more trees are growing on more land than when I started and more people know about forestry and tree farming. I'm pleased that I'm not done having fun yet. And I'm very pleased to receive this honor from people I value, like you."

(Maine Wilderness From Page 1)

As the Conclusion of the paper states, "today much is at stake in the Maine Woods. While the area has yet to be substantially altered by the land development pressures that are now directed at northern New England, it is only a matter of time before the traditional land ownership and management patterns are substantially disrupted. If nothing is done, it will soon be too late to save the Maine Woods from the major changes in landscape and land use that have already occurred throughout most of New England.

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LU RC Changes Recommended The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission must balance "its historical emphasis on developing and implementing land use policies and regulations with developing sound management systems" according to a report prepared by the Boston management consulting firm of Peat Marwick Main and Company. The study recommends the Legislature add 3.5 new positions to the Commission's current staff and make an additional appropriation of $315,000 in fiscal years 1990 and 91 for new computers, training programs, and contractual services.

The $25,000 study calls for better management procedures including expanded employee training, improvements in automated information and word processing systems, additional administrative and planning staff, and the utilization of standardized internal and external communications methods.

Forest Laws Compendium Available - The Department of Conservation was directed by the 113th Legislature to publish by January 1, 1989 a "compendium of laws affecting forestry including, without limitation, laws regarding boundary lines, trespass, timber harvest, wood measurement, forest fire prevention, forest land taxation, shoreland zoning and the site location of development law." The compendium was also to be made available to the public at cost. The first edition of The Forest Laws of Maine is now available at a cost of $11.00 from the Maine Forest Service, Department of Conservation, State House Station 22, Augusta, Maine 04333. Existing supplies will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

Law Enforcement Course Graduates - The first graduating class of state forest and park rangers, park managers, and a land use investigator to complete the new Conservation Law Enforcement Course was honored at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy on February 16th. The 30 Maine Department of Conservation employees participating in the four week course were recognized with certificates by Department Commissioner C. Edwin Meadows, and Criminal Justice Academy Director Maurice Harvey.

The 170 hour comprehensive course, covering the basics of law enforcement and conservation law, was designed jointly by the two Departments and presented by the Academy's staff trainers and a range of visiting specialists from the Offices of the Attorney General, District Attorney, State Police, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Marine Resources, Liquor Enforcement, and Department of Corrections. Department of Conservation employees enforce land use, forestry, snowmobile, forest fire, ATV, State Park, and environmental laws and regulations.

Lost Plantations - Maine Department of Conservation Commissioner C. Edwin Meadows, Jr. says trees planted decades ago during the state's greatest reforestation program now need management attention for continued proper growth. Meadows says that thousands of acres of surplus Maine agricultural land were planted with trees provided through the Federal Soil Bank Program in the late 1950's and early 60's. These plantations have reached the stage where the first thinning is needed to improve spacing, lessen competition, and increase access for sunlight, all needed to increase growth and health of the plantation and help offset Maine's first projected timber supply shortage due at the turn of the century. Some plantations are being managed by their owners, but many plantations have been forgotten, as parcels of land have changed hands. For this reason the Maine Forest Service is attempting to identify Soil Bank plantations five acres or more in size.

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Paul Memmer, a resident of South China, was elected Chair of the Maine Tree Farm Committee at the Committee's meeting in December. In his new position, Memmer will direct efforts toward increasing awareness of the Tree Farm program. Currently Maine has 1,800 Tree Farms representing 7.3 million acres of managed woodlands. Memmer, a forester with Scott Paper Company, has been involved with the Tree Farm Program for twelve years and has served as Vice Chair for the last two. Memmer is also active with Project Learning Tree.

Joel Swanton of Brewer, was elected Vice Chair of the Tree Farm Committee at the same meeting. Swanton, a forester with Champion International, has been involved with the Tree Farm program for eight years and is also involved with Project Learning Tree.

Richard W. Schneider has been named to the newly created position of Vice President, Woodlands, Great Northern Paper Company, effective January 15, 1989. Schneider will have responsibility for the company's woodlands management and wood procurement activities in Maine. He previously was Manager, Northern Woodlands, for Nekoosa Papers.

Leroy (Lee) M. Bingham has been named Mill Manager of Great Northern Paper's East Millinocket mill. Mr. Bingham succeeds Arthur Dentremont, who has retired. Mr. Bingham brings 25 years of experience in the pulp and paper industry with significant accomplishments in the manufacture of newprint and groundwood specialty papers. He is a native of Auburn, Maine and a University of Maine graduate with both B.S. and M.S. degrees. He also holds an M.B.A. from Johns Hopkins University.

MFPC Launches Outstanding Logger Contest - The Board of Directors of the Maine Forest Products Council has launched a new program to recognize outstanding Maine loggers. According to Edward J. Johnston, Executive Director, the Council will hold its first annual Outstanding Logger Contest with the winner being announced at the Council's May 12, 1989, Annual Membership Meeting.

Johnston explained, "Technological innovations, severe price consciousness, workplace safety, environmental management, a changing labor supply and demands for increasingly sophisticated business practices have all increased pressure on the logging industry. Logging now provides an uncertain future, and employment figures confirm the problem." Johnston further reported that in 1985 there were approximately 6,000 woods workers in Maine; today there are only 3,500. Maine's outstanding loggers can serve as role models for other loggers in the state.

Newsmakers - Thomas A. Morrison of Waldoboro has been appointed Director of the Maine Department of Conservation's Bureau of Public Lands. The Bureau manages recreation, wildlife, and timber on 450,000 acres of public land and is responsible for management of U.S. capable administrator with strong experience in natural resources management and will be an effective leader and manager for an important state agency."

January News Blackout - I feel I should apologize for missing getting the New Hampshire news into the January Quarterly. October through December is a hectic time for the Sargent's. With a Christmas tree and wreath business, I simply had no time or energy to call and beat the news items. It has become more difficult as time goes on to get interesting items for this column and it is for this reason that I am tendering my resignation to the Division effective with the closing of this issue. I feel that this is not a job for a retiree ... but rather for someone who is in the mainstream, paid to go to meetings and with someone to do their typing and phone calls. I want to thank all of you who have been helpful in keeping this column alive.

Wetlands Bill Passes Senate - The most important legislative initiative in the NHTOA's history has passed in the Senate and now heads to the House. The Wetlands/Forestry Bill (Sen. Bill 22), if passed and becomes law, will exempt most timber harvesting activities from the wetlands permit process (RSA 483-A). The bill proposes to use an attachment to the Intent-to-Cut Form to serve as sufficient notification to the Wetlands Board. The bill addresses a major problem faced by natural resource managers in the last year, inconsistent and unreasonable enforcement of the Wetlands Protection Law.

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Division Annual Report Highlights - The Policy Committee drafted a forester licensing bill supported by the membership in a 104-98 vote. The bill was sponsored by SAF members and legislators Dave Scanlon and Gibb Dodge. The bill is being studied by a legislative sub-committee and will be voted upon during the next legislative session.

Ethan Howard of Manchester was recognized for his outstanding contributions to the 4-H forestry program. The grant from NESAF was used to purchase plaques to recognize foresters who make significant contributions to forestry education. Continued to support UNH in its two and four year forestry programs in times of continued declining-enrollment. The Division is developing a program on educating youth about the mitzvah of forestry education.

The Division participated in the 3 day Farm and Forest Exposition. Attendance was 25,000 - 30,000. A forestry display developed with a NESAF grant was used here and later at the Forestry Festival at the Hopkinton State Fair. Members represented the Division at a forest forum on the Future of the Forests on New England in Durham. The Division continued the financial support of the Forestry Communications Council, Project Learning Tree, and the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest Youth Conservation Camp. We cosponsored with several other organizations two workshops on Wildlife and Forest Management and the Visual Resource.

Members attended the Fall Forest Forum on forester licensing and biomass harvesting, the Spring Forest Forum on Northern Hardwood Silviculture, and the annual Winter Meeting. Fifteen members were trained in the use of the computer program IDVENT, an inventory program and twenty members participated in a specialized computer training for hardwood management.

Clearcutting Legislation - Representative Kay Ward of Littleton is sponsoring legislation to regulate the practice of clearcutting. The Bill will limit the maximum size of a clearcut in "sensitive" areas, i.e. steep slopes, high elevation, or formerly identified deer yards. Size limitations will be set at 75 acres in the "boreal" region of NH and 30 acres elsewhere.

The bill provides a variance process when it can be demonstrated that larger clearcuts are silviculturally appropriate. NHTOA is following the progress of this bill.

Granite State Winter Meeting - More than 160 foresters gathered for the meeting held in Campton on February 17th. Reports from J.B. Cullen on the 'State of the State,' Al Avery on 'What's Bugging Us,' Bob Edmonds on 'New Directions for Cooperative Extension Service,' and Charles Levesque on 'the Trust for New Hampshire Lands,' highlighted the morning session. A rather sobering report followed by Richard Burkhart, Environmental Scientist for EPA on 'Global Warming - What's Ahead,' which raised as many questions as it answered. There is a very serious problem at hand and solutions must be found.

Phil Bryce recieved the "Outstanding-Forester of the Year" award and Outstanding Forestry Student awards were given to Christina Malitz of the Thompson School and to Richard Johnston of the four-year program. Jack Wardsworth of SD Warren Company was recognized as the Outstanding Tree Farm Inspector of the Year and was presented with a Husqvarna chain saw. Also noted was the fact that 440 Tree Farms are due for re-inspection this year.

Newsmakers - Steve Rice, former Marketing Director at Mt. Cranmore has replaced George Jones as Director of the N.H. Division of Resources and Economic Development. Jones has been appointed to head up Administrative Services.

Mike Butts has been hired by Monadnock Forest Products as a scaler and has joined the Granite State Division as has Joel Hockinson who joined the White Mountain National Forest as a Timber Staff Officer. Both transferred from the Allegheny Chapter.

International Thrips Conference - An international pear thrips conference was held in Burlington on February 21-23. Nationally and internationally known entomologists and pest control scientists gathered to assess last year's damage and discuss ways of combating the potentially devastating threat to the northeast hardwood forest.

While the conference was largely an exchange of work between researchers, it was interesting to note that (1) there are 1,000 species of thrips in North America that attack anything from pears to soybeans, (2) the population increases in drought conditions in orchards, (3) the population in our maples originated in Europe but thrips is not a problem in Europe's hardwoods, (4) the long term solution for control is in Europe where there appears to be a natural control, and (5) a major hypothesis proposed for the thrips invasion of sugar maples is the "preferred stressed trees hypothesis."

Green Mountain Winter Meeting - The Division's annual winter meeting was held in Montpelier on February 11 with about 75 foresters attending. Although the morning session was a review of current issues related to the resource including the harvesting impact study, northern lands study, and insects impacting Vermont's forests, the afternoon riveted everyone's attention with a forum on the possibility of licensing foresters in Vermont. The panel presented the who, what, why, and how of getting involved in the process and the conclusion reached was to do a more thorough investigation and begin to outline a strategy for initiating legislation.

Loggers Workshops to Continue - The UVM Extension Service's "Silviculture Education For Loggers Project" will be replicated for a second and final time in 1989. According to project forester, Yuriy Bihun, over 65 loggers have signed up for this year's session, Goal for 1989 is 75-100 loggers to participate in the three-part workshop.

Thanks to seed money from the USFS Northeast Forest Experiment Station, the UVM Extension Service will initiate a regional or possibly national technology transfer program to expand the methodology used for teaching this popular project. Depending on the amount of interest and additional funding, the technology transfer will consist of a day long workshop and materials package. Joe Michaels, State and Private Forestry, Northeast Forest Experiment Station, will coordinate these efforts.

Tree Farm News - Burlington Electric forester and Tree Farm Chair Bill Kropelin announced in March that James and Lucille McCullough of Williston have been selected as the 1989 Vermont Outstanding Tree Farmers.
National Forest Expansion Approved - After months of meetings with citizens, communities, public and private interest groups, and the Forest Service, eight towns voted on Town Meeting Day to allow the expansion of the purchase boundary of the Green Mountain National Forest to extend west in the Taconic Range from its present boundary to the New York State line. Ballot votes in Arlington, Pownal, Rupert, Sandgate, and Shaftsbury ranged from 59% to 84% in favor while voice votes in Bennington and Manchester were nearly unanimous. Dorset tabled the motion until more information became available.

Spearheading this effort was the Bennington County Regional Commission who provided a study and the public forum to bring this issue to a vote. The actual ballot question was "Are you in favor of expanding the Green Mountain National Forest potential purchase area to include the Taconic Range?"

Northeast Biodiversity Workshop - Regional USFS personnel, the World Wildlife Program, the Wilderness Society, the Nature Conservancy, and numerous eastern universities including UVM, Cornell, Harvard, and the University of Maine will gather at Smugglers Notch to discuss a strategy for maintaining biological diversity in the region. The conference is being organized by UVM Wildlife professor David Capen.

Newsmakers - Richard Carbonetti of Round Top Woodlot Management was elected chair of the Forestry Communications Council for 1989. The FCC is an ad hoc umbrella organization striving to improve the cooperation between private and public natural resource organizations in Vermont. In addition to re-initiating the Forest Festival each fall, the FCC is responsible for endorsing Project Learning Tree and monitoring Vermont Act 200 as it relates to forest management.

Tom McNulty, UVM Extension Forester, helped present a workshop for absentee woodland owners living in the Washington, D.C. area in mid March entitled "Caring for Your Family Woodlands." More than 74 woodland owners with at least a half dozen from Vermont turned out.

A new faculty position in the School of Natural Resources in terrestrial ecology will be filled by Dr. Deane Wang from the University of Washington. Dr. Wang was recently released Forest Service statistics on R.I. for services, proposed Tree Farm program being developed by the City of Providence, town forest program(s), and sludge disposal on state forest lands.

YANKEE Division

Rhode Island by Chris Modisette

Chapter Activities - The first chapter meeting of 1989 was held on February 1st in Coventry. High on the agenda was the Zachariah Allen silviculture plot commemorative sign scheduled for Lincoln Woods State Park. Plans call for dedication of the sign during the June 1st. This project is being funded cooperatively via funds from NESAF, Yankee Division-SAF, Forester's Fund, and the R.I. Division of Forest Environment.

Additional topics discussed dealt with the existing Arborist Laws as they apply to forester registration, recently released Forest Service statistics on R.I. forests, proposed Tree Farm program being developed by the City of Providence, town forest program(s), and sludge disposal on state forest lands.

Division of Forest Environment - Governor Edward DiPrete recently signed an executive order establishing a task force on Agriculture and Forest Lands. It will be chaired by SAF member and Chief of the Division of Agriculture, John Lawrence and will be charged with determining how to protect the future of agriculture and forest lands in Rhode Island.

Marc Tremblay was hired by the Yankee Forest Cooperative Project and is working out of the DFE offices at the George Washington Management Area in Glocester. DFE has assisted in the review of 23 open space parcels being considered for purchase in 18 R.I. communities. These 23 parcels comprise an estimated 4,000 acres of forest and open space land.

In April DFE hopes to dedicate two new town forests, one in Westerly and one in Glocester. DFE has been working with the Town Forest Project to assure that forest management is an integral part of the management plans for these areas.

April is dedicated as Tree Awareness month with a variety of activities planned at various locations across Rhode Island to help make the general public more aware of the role of trees and forests in our environment.

CPAV Annual Meeting - Royalton was the setting in January for the annual meeting of the Consulting Foresters Association of Vermont. Major focus of the meeting was a discussion of land trusts and other conservation alternatives to keep land part of the working landscape.

Providence Water Supply Board - Because of concerns about the public health implications of water quality degradation, the Rhode Island General Assembly passed legislation entitled Title 46, Chapter 15.3, Public Drinking Water Protection Act of 1987. Each water supplier can impose a surcharge on the sale of each 100 gallons of water at a rate of .01 cents with the funds to be used under a formula that allows (1) no more than 10% for administrative expenses, (2) no less than 55% for use in the purchase of land or other protective measures utilizing land and (3) the remainder for other projects that are directly related to protecting drinking water quality.

The Act further established a state grant fund of $10 million to be used as matching funds for systems that exceed the 55% use for land purchases, and requires the development of a Water Quality Protection Plan by each water supplier.

The PWSB undertook the development of a comprehensive and integrated Water Quality Protection Plan which details in writing efforts that have been pursued since the early 1950's in the area of watershed management by the staff.

Part of this plan is the identification of forest and/or open space land that the PWSB deems important to long-term protection of water resources. The PWSB plans to utilize revenue from the water surcharge to obtain many of these properties either through purchase or through development rights acquisition. Recent legislation introduced by the City of Providence, if passed, will give it the right to acquire by eminent domain, those parcels it considers absolutely critical to protection of its surface water supply.

Tree Farm-News - The Tree Farm Committee announced that it's new Chair is Gregg Cassidy and it's Vice-Chair is Craig Heilman.
High-Tech Wooden Bridge - John Hibbard reports that a 14-foot wide timber bridge was installed at Wadsworth Falls State Park in Middlefield. The 48-foot span has a center pier and is rated for 37 tons. The bridge construction was a cooperative project between the University of Connecticut and the Conn. Transportation and Environmental Protection departments. The prestressed timber deck, made of creosote-treated southern yellow pine 2x14's, was built by a crew of four using hand tools, and lowered onto abutments using a 100-ton crane. The bridge cost $90,000 and was completed in just two months. A similar concrete and steel bridge being built nearby is projected to cost $2-1/2 million and require 18 months to complete. The wooden bridge was featured in the spring issue of Connecticut Woodlands.

50th Season Not So Sweet - Ted Childs began his maple sugaring operation on Great Mountain Forest after attending a 1939 SAF meeting in Vermont that included a sugarbush tour. His 50th season was preceded by an infestation of pear thrips, anthracnose, and aphids. GMF forester Darrell Russ said that because of the stresses on the trees, only one-quarter as many taps were made and most of those were on trees not tapped since the 1960's.

At mid-season, syrup production was far below normal. Russ said that by March 20, 1988, he had put up 500 gallons. This year, only 12 gallons had been made by that date. Russ attributes the poor production to unusual weather, not the sugar maple pests.

Other producers also curbed their tapping. Rob and Jean Lamothe of Burlington, Conn., spread their taps over a larger number of trees. Richard Norman of Woodstock put out only half his usual number of taps.

New Publication - At Home in the Country: the Value of Connecticut forests to her people, is an attractive booklet developed by the U.S. Forest Service, in cooperation with the Resource Conservation and Development forestry subcommittee. It lists various statistics on the social, economic and timber values of the state's woodlands. Members of the RCLD forestry subcommittee distributed copies to legislators and local land-use decision-makers.

Urban Forestry - The Forestry Bureau will award a $25,000 grant to the city of Middletown for developing an urban forestry program. Funds are provided through the U.S. Forest Service for a Model City Urban Forestry program. Middletown, with a population of over 41,000, was one of seven applicants for the grant.

The More Things Change ... - DEP forester Jim Pronovost provided the following historical perspective, taken from the History of Forestry in Connecticut by Austin F. Hawes. "Forestry has three branches: aesthetic forestry, protective forestry and commercial forestry. The professional forester is almost exclusively interested in the protective and commercial features, while too often the public interest is exclusively devoted to the aesthetic side." The statement is attributed to H. H. Chapman at a Conn. Board of Agriculture meeting in 1907.

Hemlock Adelgid Sought - DEP foresters completed a statewide survey of hemlock stands to identify locations of woolly adelgid populations. Peter Merrill will analyze the results.

Nevsmakers - William H. Reid of Stratford, Albert C. Worrell of Chesire, and John H. Noyes of Old Lyme were presented 50-year membership awards following the NESAF annual meeting.

Celeste Prussia was named director of the James L. Goodwin Conservation Center. Primary emphasis of the center is on educating teachers, using such curricula as Project Learning Tree and Project Wild.

Jennifer Hockla was promoted to the position of Forester I in the DEP's eastern district.

Mike Ferrucci and Tom Walicki have renamed their business "Ferrucci and Walicki" and have hired Peter Vagnini, formerly of Perma Treat Corporation.

Mary C. Vaughan, administrative assistant for the Forest & Park Association, retired after serving 25 years in that capacity.

Howard Hinman died on Dec. 31, 1988, after a long illness. Hinman owned a sawmill in Burlington and was one of the founders of the Conn. Wood Producers Association. He also served two terms in the state legislature and was active in town government.

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EOEA OFFICIAL SCRAPS MULTIPLE USE - At the recent MFA annual dinner meeting the principle speaker was William Eichbaum, Undersecretary of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. His topic for the evening was "Our Common Heritage." Citing intensive development that results in rapid disappearance of the natural environment as the state’s greatest threat, Eichbaum stated that EOEA needs to act and will begin with the over 500,000 acres owned by EOEA agencies. Since the multiple use conservation concept gives priority to immediate societal demands, Eichbaum said "If we are to provide an ecologically healthy heritage for future generations then we must make the protection of the land and water, flora and fauna, a priority." To replace multiple use the new EOEA doctrine will base management on a two-tiered theory of values. The first value will protect and enhance the long-term functions of the environment. The second value will accommodate values important to the quality of life, including cultural heritage, aesthetic sensitivities and mandated public uses for state lands.

In summary Eichbaum stated that to accomplish EOEA's vision requires reeducation, reprioritization of values and realign on of "our consumptive desires second to the need to maintain a healthy, naturally functioning, environment."

MFA GOALS - At the MFA annual meeting in January, Charles Thompson, newly elected president listed four major areas where MFA can play an important role: (1) publicize the variety of techniques and options that landowners can use to manage woodlands in a diverse Massachusetts forest landscape, (2) improve communication with the general public regarding forestry and the importance of forests, (3) serve as a watchdog of proposed new laws and programs to ensure that any regulations provide real and significant environmental benefits, and (4) actively promote an "integrated approach" to preserve the state's forest land base, including continued MFA support for Chapter 61, use of creative (limited) development strategies and cooperation with a growing land trust movement.

Focussed Funding Project Under Way - The DEM’s Division of Forests & Parks, Cape Cod Cranberry Growers Association, US Soil Conservation Service and the Pilgrim RC&D Area Council have sponsored a forestry project called "Expanding,Managing and Retaining Woodland Acreage by Informing Owners of Incentive Programs and Forestry Services" (EMRWAIOIPFS?). The project’s purpose is to help landowners enroll more land in the state’s forest and agricultural land tax programs (Chapters 61 and 61A) and in ASCS incentive programs, as well as increasing management of lands already enrolled. This project will begin by targeting cranberry growers in this area. A prime cooperator is Ocean Spray Cranberries, Inc. of Plymouth which is one of the largest agricultural cooperatives in the world. The program will expand later to include other landowners. DEM and Pilgrim RC&D will hire a forester to manage the program. Initial federal funding will be for a two year period.

NEWPEX ’89 SUCCESSFUL IN Pennsylvania - The 1989 NEWPEX forest products trade show in early March drew 800 to 1,000 attendees at its debut in Hershey, Pennsylvania, which is also the first time that this event has left the Boston area. Exhibit space was sold out for the 99 available booths. The DEM booth included materials from eight hardwood producers while the Massachusetts Wood Producers Association booth focused on white pine producers in the state. NEWPEX 90 will also be held in Hershey.

Marketing and Utilization news - Doug Leab, DEM's FPM&U Coordinator, reports that the forest biomass fuel availability section of a proposed new power plant study at UMass-Amherst has been completed. According to the report, the amount of new available biomass fuel in the five western counties is estimated at 1.8 million tons per year. An additional 240,000 to 315,000 tons/year would be available from the integration of whole tree chipping with current timber harvesting operations.

Two major studies of Massachusetts' forest products industries have recently been completed and published. The study entitled "A Strategic Marketing Plan for the Western Massachusetts Wood and Wood Products Industry" was conducted by Mater Engineering Ltd. of Corvallis, Oregon. The Strategic Marketing Plan proposes a two-pronged approach to help the industry. The report recommends actions and strategies that the wood industry itself can undertake to improve its competitive position and take advantage of market opportunities.

The other major approach is directed at state institutions to provide an economic climate conducive to the industry. The report concludes with ten major recommendations for action. For more information contact Bob Schrader, Cooperative Extension Service at 413-545-0060.

The second major study is "Investment and Financing in the Massachusetts Wood Products Industry: Analysis and Recommendations for State Action, which was prepared for the Massachusetts Government Land Bank by Mt. Auburn Associates of Somerville, Ma and the Irland Group of Augusta, Me. The study identifies two major financing needs for the industry: financing for new, more advanced production technologies and working capital for inventory and receivables. The report concludes that "the role played by capital in constraining industry development and modernization is probably overstated. Financing alone is not sufficient to significantly strengthen the wood products industry. Financing issues must be placed in the context of the broader challenges facing the industry including a number of serious market, technological and organizational challenges. Any state sponsored financing initiatives will be more effective if tied to marketing management and technological assistance."

Cooperative Extension Activities - PLT will be offering training for urban teachers in Boston. A western Massachusetts PLT group has also been formed with an ambitious agenda. Contact Christina Petersen (413-545-2665) if interested in co-facilitating a workshop for teachers. Bob Schrader, of MA Cooperative Extension, in conjunction with Anne Marie Loud, Jon Breed, and Doug Leab of MA Department of Environmental Management, has produced the first issue of a Marketing Newsletter for the primary and secondary forest products industry. Contact Bob (413-545-0060) for more information.

Christina Petersen, Cooperative Extension person, has recently completed the first issue of a new newsletter for policy makers in Massachusetts entitled "Current Issues in Forestry." This first issue is devoted to a review of the forest products industry in Massachusetts, and a discussion of the results of two recently completed consulting studies that identified steps to take to strengthen the industry.

Tree Farm News - At the annual Tree Farm Inspector's Luncheon in February, Ted Cady was awarded an L.L. Bean gift certificate as Tree Farm Forester of the Year. Dave Celino was elected Secretary to replace Jim Dennison who recently resigned.

Jack Jackson, state Tree Farm Chair reports that Massachusetts foresters completed 300 of 390 reinspections for a 77% completion rate.
Dave Kittredge, UMass Extension Forester, Bob Lear, DEM Service Forester, and Anne Marie Loud, RC&D Forester for western Massachusetts, all received service awards from the Berkshire-Pioneer RC&D Council at their annual meeting in November. Lear received his award for his longtime support for and involvement in the RC&D program and his service as Council Chair for the past 2 years. Both Kittredge and Loud were recognized for their outstanding work on a very successful 1988 Forest Products Week promotion.

The Department of Forestry & Wildlife Management at the University of Massachusetts is host to a visiting scientist from the Soviet Union. Dr. Victor Teplyakov of the Moscow Forest Engineering Institute is interested in forest economics and management in this country. He attended the SAF national convention in Rochester last fall and plans to visit the Green Mountain National Forest and other University programs in the northeast before leaving in June of this year.

Faculty Briefs - D.A. Daugharty, senior teaching associate, has accepted a three-year term as Chair of the National Research Council's Committee on Hydrology. The committee promotes research in both hydrology and water development, and disseminates information on research findings, improved technologies and water management practices.

Dr. G.R. Powell became Chair of the CIF, Maritime Section, at their annual meeting in Frederiction, P.E.I., on March 4. Dr. Powell addressed the Woodlands Section, at their annual meeting in Frederiction, P.E.I., on March 4. Dr. Powell addressed the Forestry Communicator's Seminar on the regulation of lignification in conifers to faculty and students in the departments of botany and plant physiology.

Dr. A. Dickson, coordinator of continuing education in forestry, was a panelist for a workshop on forest management practices at the Forestry Communicator's Forum in Toronto, March 7-9. He spoke on the means of communicating to the public forest management practices and issues such as the use of herbicides, wildlife habitat protection, clearcutting, slash burning and the effects of monoculture.

Prof. G.A. Jordan presented a paper, "GIS: Making it Work in Forest Management," at 'GIS 89', March 7-10 in Vancouver. The conference which had a forest management focus, attracted over 700 attendees.

Dr. K. Grorod, the faculty of forestry's executive in residence, has been busy delivering seminars to students in forestry, forest engineering, business administration, geography, chemical engineering, and transportation engineering. His topics have ranged from free trade and the Canadian pulp, paper, and paperboard industries to starting a new corporation and building a newspaper mill.

Prof. E.W. Robak presented a paper, "Integrated forest operations planning," at Forestry Canada's Forest Modeling Symposium in Saskatoon, March 14 & 15.
Congratulations to Gary Carr of Gorham, New Hampshire, Diana Frederick of East Montpelier, Vermont, and James McLeod of Fryeburg, Maine, who are the most recent New England SAF members to earn a CFE Certificate. Special recognition goes to Gary for earning his third certificate.

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Tools for Consensus Building; 1/19-22/88; Fairlee, VT
Instructor Training Course; 2/22-26/88; Amherst, MA
Photograph Interpretation Training; 2/22-23/88 and 2/24-25/88; North Conway, NH

ACF - Maine Chapter Meeting; 2/24/88; Waterville, ME
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How to Write, Design and Edit Newsletters; 7/27/88 - 8/8/88 - Providence, RI;
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9/23/88 - Newton, MA

Writing Effective Advertising and Sales Literature; 3/26/88 - Hartford, Ct; 6/10/88 - Boston, MA
VT State Lands Training Trip - Quabbin Reservoir; 9/28/88; New Salem, MA
NH & VT Christmas Tree Assoc. Fall Meeting; 10/1/88; Rochester, NH
RFA Fall Meeting; 10/5-6/88; Groton, VT
Granite State Division Fall Forest Forum; 10/14/88; Moultonboro, NH
Vermont Planning and Zoning Education Program; 10/27-11/10/88; Townshend, VT
Creative Land Development; 12/4/88; Brattleboro, VT
Vermont Division of Forestry District Staff Meeting; 1/4/89; Barre, Vermont
Washington Cty Maple Meeting; 1/6/89; Berlin Corners, VT
Sixth Annual Vermont Forest Protection Workshop; 1/9/89; Burlington, VT
Windham County Maple Sugar Makers Mtg; 1/12/89; Brattleboro, VT
Forest Vegetation Management with Herbicides; 1/16-5/5/89; Orono, ME
1989 Forest Insect and Disease Information Meeting; 2/10/89; Ascotney, VT
Green Mountain Division SAF Winter Meeting; 2/11/89; Montpelier, VT
Community Trees Workshop; 2/25/89; Lewiston, ME
Forest Roads and Trucks Workshop; 2/28-3/3/89; Fredericton, NB, Canada
Forest Land Appraisal Intensive Course; 3/5-10/89; Orono, ME
Forest and Wildlife Management in New England: What Can We Afford?;
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