NESAF Comments
On Forest Lands Act 91'

We have been involved in the Northern Forest Lands Study since its inception. These woods are our homes and our chosen work place. Foresters have been helping to manage much of this land since 1900 and have seen several cycles of change and trees. For these reasons we support the concept of examining the factors influencing the forests' use and developing strategies to encourage those which yield the most benefits for all concerned, both the owners and society.

Senator Leahy set the correct original course. The purpose of this work is to reinforce rather than replace our characteristic patterns and uses. To accomplish its task the Northern Forest Lands Council should be created to develop comprehensive strategies to conserve land and improve socio/economic conditions. They should concentrate on land use and the total flow of benefits from the land rather than specific ownership or management practices. The Council should be empowered to decide what to study and with whom to deal. They should follow the principles laid out in the Governors' Task Force Recommendations. If these items must be put into the enabling legislation NESAF has the following suggestions.

1. Recognize that the forest is now largely private and the best way to keep its character is to strengthen private property rights.
2. Recognize that "public good" is not synonymous with government. Public needs can be met through a variety of ownership patterns.
3. Any working/citizens groups should be more than half representatives of landowners and private business since they are the major current stakeholders. Additionally, most should be residents of the Study Area.
4. If a list of characteristics to be inventoried is spelled out it should include:
   a. A graphic history of land use change over the last 100 years
   b. Land open to the public or recreation
   c. Land filed under the "Current Use" taxation systems which exist in each state
   d. "Family Land" which is likely to be adversely effected by inheritance taxes.
   e. Land already protected by regulations, easements and ownership.

The members of the Council have been working on a consensus draft of the legislation. It is an improvement over the original, but does not

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Mission Statement
Up For Vote

It has been a year and a half since NESAF membership decided at the 1990 Annual Winter Meeting in Manchester, New Hampshire to form a committee to develop a new MISSION STATEMENT. The goal was to clarify our image or message as foresters and increase our ability to form coalitions and partnerships in the greater environmental arena. Don Arganbright chaired the Committee, composed of David Finkel, Phil Bryce, Russell Reay, Alan Kimball, John McNulty, and Gail Vaillancourt, with Bob Perschel and Dick Watt acting as ad hoc members. This dedicated group has met frequently for the last eighteen months, and NESAF extends its greatest appreciation to this group for their hard work, creativity, and vision.

The Committee developed three successive drafts of this Mission Statement, which have appeared on the front page of the Quarterly for review by the membership. This work also brought NESAF national attention, based on an article in the Journal of Forestry by Bob Perschel. The Committee has revised the statement based on input from members, the results of a survey in the News Quarterly, and a comprehensive random telephone survey of well over 100 members. Most recently, the Committee has presented the first three drafts of the Statement plus all other collected materials related to their development, to an independent professional writer. This has resulted in the development of a fourth draft of the MISSION STATEMENT.

The NESAF Executive Committee believes that it is time to finally decide on the MISSION STATEMENT. As a part of the normal NESAF election and ballot information, all members will be presented with both the third draft AND the fourth draft produced by the independent professional writer. As a part of the ballot, all members will be asked to decide which version of the MISSION STATEMENT they prefer. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO VOTE, AND EXPRESS THEIR OPINION ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. The eyes of our fellow professionals throughout SAF are upon us! NESAF is leading the way nationally in the consideration and development of a MISSION STATEMENT. PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT DECISION-MAKING PROCESS.
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"SAF gives me the opportunity to support the profession to which I have dedicated my life!" SAF Vice President Bill Barton kicked off "20,003 in '93" with this personal commitment to our professional society at spring ceremonies at Wild Acres.

The target for the new membership campaign is 20,003 members by 1993, but the goal of the campaign goes beyond numbers. Another member of the Council, Brian Payne, (who was on my graduate committee at UMASS!) said, "People volunteer because there's something to volunteer for and because they're asked." There is much to volunteer for in forestry these days and we are each -- as members of SAF -- responsible for doing some of the asking.

The membership campaign is not the responsibility of SAF staff in Bethesda, or of national officers, or even of NESAF officers. While all these people have assigned tasks in the campaign, the responsibility for recruiting new members (and for convincing drop outs to rejoin) belongs where the rubber meets the road -- WITH EACH OF US.

We all have relationships with other professionals that allow us to ask friends, colleagues and co-workers to join. But that's only one reason we are responsible. Perhaps more importantly, we gain each time SAF gains a member; we gain the perspective, the knowledge, the influence, the camaraderie, the ideas and the energy of another professional, who like ourselves cares about forests, and the people who manage them.

As forestry issues become more complex and divisive, we need the talents of every forester to help society resolve critical resource issues. Our strength lies not merely in our numbers, but in our ability to collectively create the future of forestry.

Gene Grey, SAF Director of Member Services, has taught me that persistence is critical. Members are gained not by the hundreds or even by the tens, but by one -- simply by asking.

Do yourself a favor ASK SOMEONE TO JOIN!

**SAF Targets**

To meet the 20,003 by 93 goal in membership for NESAF will require an increase in present membership of 323 foresters over the next two years. It is not an unreachable goal and will require the following membership totals from each Division or Chapter for success.

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We sincerely welcome the following new members to the New England Society of American Foresters via original membership (N), transfer (T), or student (S).

- Green Mountain Division: Nathan Fice of Shaftsbury (N), Andrew Harper of Pawlet (N), James Harvey of S. Londonderry (N), and Judy Rosovsky of S. Burlington (S).
- Maine Division: Oric O'Brien of Lincoln (T), Arthur Abramson of Brewer (T), Dennis Gingles of Manchester (T), Yowhan Son of Orono (T), and Anthony Woods of Clayton Lake (T).
- Yankee Division: Craig Hunter of Salem (N), Thomas Brule of Drury (T), John Chansler of Easthampton (T), Peter D'anianeri of Boston (T), and Matthew Spelsberg of Northampton (S).
- Connecticut Chapter: Amey Schenck of New Haven (T), Sarah Warren of Wallingford (T), Thomas Klin of Hartford (T), Gary Zawilinski of Marlborough (T), Thomas Degnan of Wallingford (T), Chris Fritz of Rocky Hill (T), Rachel Woodward of Stafford Springs (T), and Diane Walworth of New Haven (S).
- Canada: Justin Manasc of Knowlton, Quebec (N).

**New Members**

**Membership Campaign**

**Enrollment Up**

The 1990 Education Enrollment & Degrees Survey Enrollment in the nation's accredited forest resources curricula increased in 1990 for the third year in a row according to statistics submitted from the educational programs. Not only were continued increases in total forest resources enrollments encouraging (including wildlife, fisheries, wood products, etc.), but also the fact that numbers of students selecting forestry have increased -- up by 618 students from 1989, to a total of 5,983 for 1990.

Other trends from the survey are increased numbers of women (27.5%); increased numbers of minority students (5.6%); and increased total enrollments from all regions, except the West. The survey also shows that degrees granted for 1990 remain at the same level as for 1989 -- 2,958 graduates.

For further information regarding information gained from this survey contact P. Gregory Smith of the educational and professional standards program area at the SAF national office in Bethesda.

(from SAF Notes from, Sept 12, 1991)
Every since I enrolled in a forestry school, I have been aware of the image problem of foresters. My friends and relatives in my big city neighborhood envisioned me perched in a fire tower or planting trees, hunting and fishing in my spare time. Or was it the other way around? Was this really a needed profession? Forests have grown for eons without the help of a forester just as water flows downhill without the urging of a hydrologist. We foresters are still concerned with the public's misconception of what a forester does; but now we have lost our white hat image as the valiant brave protectors of the forest from fire and nurturers of cute little trees. We are more likely to be accused of clearcutting pristine forests and destroying the habitats of loveable animals and rare plants.

However I still like to think that these two images of a forester's life arise primarily in urban and suburban populations that seldom if ever have an opportunity to talk with a forester. Conversely, our rural people do have an occasional contact with a forester and have a more realistic understanding of our profession.

But New England's people are predominantly non-rural; we have no contact with them in our activities. How do we reach these urban people, who, because of their overwhelming numbers, have so much influence in state houses and Congress? How can we show them that we are concerned with improving the environment in which so many millions work, play, and live out their lives? How do we repay them for the taxes that have supported our rural programs for so many decades?

We have a great opportunity to do this in the newly expanded Urban and Community Forestry activities under the aegis of the President's "America the Beautiful Program." The Urban and Community Forestry Act, part of the 1990 Farm Bill, provides $21 million for funding and technical assistance for Urban and Community tree planting, maintenance, and improvement. Each state will receive $150,000 plus additional funding based primarily on population. Another $15 million is available through the Small Business Administration for tree planting.

This funding compares to the initial Federal funding of only $7.6 million in 1976, to be allocated to 50 states, when I was in charge of the Urban and Community Forestry program for the Northeastern Area, SEPP, U.S. Forest Service. One criticism of this early program was the lack of authorization to actually buy, plant, and care for trees specified by the urban foresters. This shortcoming has now been corrected. In 1976 foresters were reluctant to work in urban forestry, partly due to human because of a concept of "soft money" associated with a new program, partly due to human hesitancy to move from the known and familiar to the unknown. But nearly all states joined the program and those doing the on-the-ground technical assistances found that their basic knowledge of tree biology allowed them to get up to speed in a relatively short time. Happily, they found that working with people in urban areas had a unique reward - a strong sense of improving the lives of people. Also, where trees are scarce, those who help grow and protect them are consulted, respected, and admired.

So, if you do get an opportunity to move into this area of forestry, I urge you to give it a try. We have an excellent understanding of the requirements for tree growth. We have a strong foundation in background so we can learn to identify the many horticultural varieties that have been developed from genera and species that we already know. Yes, there are many techniques of individual tree care that we don't know, but these can be acquired. And more importantly, the tree care industry, i.e. arborists and nursery people, after fifteen years of working with a much smaller Federal-state urban forestry program, no longer look upon foresters as competitors but partners working to improve urban and community environments through improved tree care.

Leadership Course To Be Offered

WHAT: A one day workshop on LEADERSHIP. Topics to be covered include: Duties and responsibilities of elected and appointed officers, transfer of leadership, planning, budgets, conducting meetings, SAF communications, member recruitment and involvement, SAF policies and positions, and National Office Services. This workshop will work from numerous real examples, and involve active participation by all.

WHY: The goal is to develop and improve leadership skills, enabling more efficient operation of NESAF and its Divisions and Chapters, as well as more effective representation of NESAF and the profession of forestry in the greater environmental arena.

WHO: The workshop will be conducted by Si Balch (immediate past NESAF Chair), and Dave Kittredge (Chair-Elect, NESAF). It is intended for NESAF members, and is highly appropriate for all current (and potential future!) officers of state divisions or chapters within NESAF. The topics discussed also have a broader application beyond SAF, and many would find them useful for a variety of professional purposes.

WHEN: Thursday, 5 December 1991
8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

WHERE: Lowell Sheraton (former Hilton - site of the 1988 NESAF meeting). The Lowell Sheraton is offering a special room rate of $65/night for NESAF members attending the workshop. Mention your NESAF membership when you reserve a room, to qualify for this special rate. Please make reservations on your own (50 Warren Street, Lowell, Massachusetts 01852; 508-452-1200). From Boston or other points South of Lowell take I-93 North to 495 South to the Lowell Connector. Take left at end of Connector onto Gorham Street. Lowell Sheraton and Lower Locks Parking Garage are directly ahead. From New Hampshire or other points North of Lowell take either Route 3 South to 495 North to the Lowell Connector, or Route 3 South to 495 South to the Lowell Connector. Follow direction from Connector as above.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE with either Si Balch (207-364-4521) or Dave Kittredge (413-545-2943). See you in December!!
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You may obtain a chronological list of all evaluated programs that have taken place during the past three years by sending a self-addressed envelope with 52¢ postage to me at my office.

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Comments Of The Chair  -  Sam Hudson

Attending the National SAF Convention as your Chair was a privilege and an honor. The New England SAF is well respected and has a reputation of being a shaker and a mover. I shall touch upon some of the highlights of the House of Society Delegates meeting held at the convention on August 2nd and 3rd. The House of Society Delegates is composed of the Chairs of the State and Regional Societies. Twenty-eight delegates were present along with Society Vice Chairs and SAF staff. In addition the Chair of the National Student Assembly attended in a non-voting capacity. The following items are highlights from the HSD meeting:

State Society Contracts - a proposal to have individual contracts between the State societies and the National Office. Under the agreement, the national office would pledge to perform certain functions for each individual state society and set standards for performance and quality. The idea behind the concept is to help each state society become essential to its members, so that they come to meetings and be involved. Contracts would be prepared by each individual state society and reviewed each year. The delegates supported the idea of a contract and directed the National Office to move forward on it.

Policy Issue Identification - This year three issues were identified as potential policy issues: The Clean Water Act, Water Management and Conservation and Solid Waste Management and Forest Land Use.

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NASAF Matters - Newly elected Chair of the House of Society Delegates elect, on all levels, should plan to attend the NASAF Leadership Training Session scheduled for Lowell, Massachusetts on Thursday, December 5, 1991. Other details are found elsewhere in this Quarterly.

A debt of gratitude is due to the Arganbright Commission for service above and beyond in compiling the "Arganbright Report." The membership will be afforded an opportunity to respond to one of two mission statements prepared by this committee when ballots are received this fall.

Are you interested in New England's forests and their health? A 28 minute forest health video utilizing the talents of the New England State Protection and Forestry Specialists and the U.S. Forest Service is available which dispells some of the misconceptions concerning forest health. The tape is available from the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, 101 South Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05676 and the contact person to contact is Sandra Wilmot.

Biodiversity Report Out

The Society of American Foresters released, on August 6, a task force report that presents findings on how foresters can maintain and enhance biological diversity in forest ecosystems. The report represents two years of work by a task force of 10 forest scientists and managers. The definition of biological diversity used in the report is the variety and abundance of species, their genetic composition, and the communities, ecosystems, and landscapes in which they occur. It also refers to ecological structures, functions, and processes at all of these levels. Although the report reflects the views of the task force, and not necessarily those of the Society of American Foresters, it does present seven general recommendations:

1. SAF should take a strong position in favor of conserving biological diversity, participate in relevant forest policy, and support research on the subject.

2. Professional foresters should manage forestlands to conserve, maintain, or enhance the diversity of the region in which they work and collectively, of the nation and the earth.

3. SAF should make the public aware of the biodiversity issue.

4. Biological diversity concepts should be included in undergraduate forestry curricula subject to review by the SAF accreditation process.

5. SAF should encourage its members to become proactive in the biological diversity issue. A key challenge will be to coordinate efforts with other natural resource professionals.

6. SAF should promote conservation strategies that address local, regional, national, and global biodiversity concerns.

7. The goal of future forestry research should be to understand the biological diversity issue at scales above the stand (or specific forest) level.

Copies of the report are available for $9.00 by contacting SAF, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Nominations Plea

The July issue of the News Quarterly contained a Call For NASAF Award Nominations, a chance to honor NASAF members for work in any one of four categories. These awards honor work accomplished as a practicing professional, or for outstanding achievement, or for forest leadership as a young forester, or in the field of technology transfer. Each of these awards has a common thread, it takes a nomination to award it. NASAF is not your run-of-the-mill organization. It is full of foresters deserving of such recognition for service to the profession. While none of us performs work for any award, it's a shame to deny deserving foresters such an honor by not taking the time to fill out a nomination form. We are measured in some part by how we vote and how we honor our members. Honor someone.

In closing, we as professionals, will be hearing more about land ethics for the SAF Code of Ethics, which hopefully, will help all SAF members to articulate their personal land ethic, leading to a commitment and understanding of the SAF land ethic canon. I have integrated some of Raymond Craig's ideas within the text of my comments. Raymond Craig is Chair of both the National Committee on Ethics and Land Ethic ad-hoc Land Committee.

My final quote comes from Aldo Leopold's A Sand County Almanac, part IV, The Land Ethic. "An ethic may be regarded as a mode of guidance for meeting ecological situations so new or intricate, or involving such deferred reactions, that the part of social expediency is not discernable to the average individual. Animal instincts are modes of guidance for the individual in meeting such situations. Ethics are possibly a kind of community instinct in-the-making."
Canada Courses

PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY ARE THE FOLLOWING FOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS:

1. November 21-22, 1991 (registration deadline-November 1) "Foresters and the Law"
   This short course is intended to help participants understand what is taking place and how to interact effectively with the legal system. It will do this by (1) providing an overview of legal systems in general and certain areas of law in particular which impact on the forest sector, such as environmental law, and (2) reviewing case examples to examine how law is being used to achieve certain objectives and what role foresters can and should play in the process. Enrollment and fee: Limited to 20 persons. If fewer than 10 persons enroll, the workshop may be cancelled. The fee is $205.

2. December 10-12, 1991 (registration deadline-November 8) "Public Relations and Natural Resource Management" Public interest and the media ensure that resource managers at field and operational levels will, sooner or later, have to deal with external communications and PR -- the need for internal communications is obvious. This three-day course will consider how to anticipate and plan for those challenges, how to cope with the unexpected, and how to supervise others so challenged -- all without specialist staff or a big budget. Hands-on and real-life techniques will be used. Enrollment and fee: The fee will be $245 (Canadian) per person, to cover registration, refreshment breaks (not meals and accommodations), and handouts, including the course text, ACE Communications Handbook. If fewer than 12 register, the workshop may be cancelled.

3. January 12-17, 1992 (registration deadline-November 1) "Forestland Appraisal"
   This course systematically covers the basic theory of real estate appraisal as it applies to forestland properties. It is designed for professionals throughout the United States and Canada who require a better understanding of the principles involved in real estate appraisal and how they affect forestland valuation and investment decisions. Discussion focuses on elements of appraisal, economics, finance, and forestry, with emphasis placed on appropriate use of terminology. Factors which create and influence value are covered. The concept of highest and best use is presented including consideration of non-timber and multiple uses, and psychoanalysis of the marketplace. Legal and environmental factors imposing on property value and appraisal practices are also discussed. Enrollment and fee: Limitation is limited to the first thirty registrants. If fewer than 20 register the seminar may be cancelled. Fee is $460 (Canadian) per person.

4. January 21-23, 1992 (registration deadline-December 27) "Oral Communications"
   More and more these days foresters are called upon to communicate with the public -- a public that is truly concerned about the environment. In many instances, the people involved are well educated and seek reassurance that foresters are doing the "right" thing with forested land. Foresters may be talking directly to individuals or to groups, or again indirectly via the electronic media. No matter what the situation might be, it is incumbent on foresters to be able to present accurate information to lay people in a logical and appealing manner. By means of lecture, discussion and practice, participants will learn the principles of communication, speech development and delivery. Enrollment and fee: Limited to 16 persons. If fewer than 10 persons enroll, the course may be cancelled. The fee is $225 (Canadian) per person covering registration, refreshment breaks and course handouts.

For further information on these courses please contact: Chair, Forest Resources/Continuing Education in Forestry University of New Brunswick, Bag Number 44555, Frederiction, New Brunswick, Canada B3B 6C2 Phone 506-453-4501 FAX 506-453-3538
POSTER INFORMATION
NESAF ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 11-13, 1992

Submission Date
Please submit poster titles by February 14, 1992. File one copy with
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PRINCETON, MA 01541 and, if appropriate, with the Working Group Leader.

Poster Topics
Individuals and organizations are encouraged to submit posters on a
wide range of topics, including operational forestry, research reports,
graduate student studies, or other aspects of forestry, including fisheries
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Poster Format
The standard poster size is 4X4 feet. Easels and foam core
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Schedule Summary
(1) Submit titles no later than February 14, 1992 (form is in this
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(2) Set up posters early Wednesday, March 11, 1992.
(3) Attend posters at author(s) discretion during formal meeting
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(4) Dismantle posters by 11:00am, Friday, March 13, 1992.
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ADDITIONAL AUTHORS
An Alternative To Appeals - Two recent timber sales on the White Mountain National and four others on the Green Mountain National Forest have been appealed by Preserve Appalachian Wilderness (PAW), a loose coalition of individuals from throughout the northeast who generally oppose forestry and timber harvesting. The appeals challenge decisions by District Rangers to implement planned timber sales on the grounds that they will compromise biological diversity, soils, old growth, wildlife, and a whole host of other reasons. In other parts of the country, PAW members have indicated that their goal is to stop all tree cutting on national forests.

The New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association's WMNF Committee has met to review these recent developments, and has requested formal intervenor status on the Still Brook Timber Sale in the Pemigewasset District, thus allowing NHTOA comments to become part of the appeal record. NHTOA is also advocating changes in federal laws through support of the Forest & Families Protection Act, to limit the impact of preservationist appeals and litigation on National Forest management. NHTOA's position is that a responsible, carefully planned and implemented timber program can be balanced against other uses of the WMNF, which provides nearly 30 million board feet a year of high value hardwood sawtimber and other products essential to the largely rural forest economy surrounding the forest.

Scholarship Awarded - The Kendall S. Norcott Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to Shawn Cooney from Berlin High School. Shawn graduated in June and will be attending Paul Smith's College in New York to pursue a degree in Forestry. During his high school years Shawn was involved in the Berlin High School Forestry Program, which was instrumental in his decision to continue his education in the field of forestry.

Seven applications were received from area schools and all seven were excellent candidates, with six pursuing degrees in Forestry or Wildlife Management and one pursuing a career in dairy-farm management. The selection decision by the Kendall S. Norcott Memorial Scholarship Committee was certainly a tough one.

Timber Tax Teleconference Scheduled - On November 20, the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association will sponsor, with SAF-GSD, NH Consulting Foresters Assn., SPNHF, and UNH Cooperative Extension, a national video teleconference workshop entitled "Federal Income Tax Strategies for Timber Owners." It will be held from 12:00 noon until 4:30 pm at the University of NH/Durham Library through satellite link-up with the University of Georgia. The program is geared to landowners and foresters with little knowledge of federal timber tax law, but also provides specifics on such topics as capital investment expenditures, development of cost basis, establishing tree farm accounts, reforestation tax incentives, and other tax strategies. Presenters for the workshop are prominent national tax experts and an on-site tax expert will facilitate the session. More information will be made available to members of sponsoring organizations in October. Additional information is available at 603-224-9699. A registration fee will be required and continuing education hours will be offered.

Fire Tower Honored - On September 28, the White Mountain National Forest, joined by the Forest Fire Lookout Association (FFIA) and the National Historic Lookout Register honored the Mt. Kearsarge North Fire Tower with official induction into the National Historic Lookout Registry. The first fire lookout on Kearsarge North (Pequawket Mountain) was built by the NH Forestry Commission in 1909 as part of a cooperative fire detection and suppression effort in New Hampshire. In 1910, the tower's watchman reported 26 separate fires, serving to underscore the lookout's valuable location.

According to White Mountain National Forest archaeologist Karl Roenke, "It's important for us to recognize the historic value of the Kearsarge North fire tower. As the last remaining tower on the White Mountain National Forest (it was staffed into the 1960's), it's a special link to our past. With the use of fire lookouts diminishing due to the increase in satellite technology and aerial survey, the towers which remain help tell the rich and colorful history of fire suppression in the United States.

....more NEWS
SPNHF Turns 90 - The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests was founded in 1901 as a nonprofit membership organization devoted to the wise use of the state's renewable natural resources. With innovative programs in land protection, forest management, resource education, and advocacy, the Forest Society is the state's oldest and largest conservation organization.

Growth. No single word better describes the last 25 years. As New Hampshire's population has doubled, conservation has become a leading public imperative. This was particularly true during the 1980's, when the state staggered under the nation's hottest real estate boom.

And, as New Hampshire grew, the Society kept pace. In 1965, forester Paul Bofinger had two employees, 1,200 members and $50,000. Backed by a determined membership, the Society doubled, then tripled its reservations. To traditional land protection methods were added conservation easements in 1971, current use in 1974, and the Trust for New Hampshire Lands in 1986.

Summer Meeting A Success - Nearly 90 foresters and other resource professionals met in Shrewsbury on July 26 to attend the Green Mountain Division SAF summer meeting: Forest Fragmentation - What is it? Is it a problem in Vermont? The Green Mountain Division and the Vermont Forest Communications Council assembled a variety of speakers to discuss several aspects of forest fragmentation. The morning program covered everything from songbirds to endangered species to SAP analysis and featured Malcolm Hunter's talk on biodiversity. While the soggy afternoon field session featured another view of forest impacts on songbirds and a discussion of forest management activities and how the reintroduction of a wildlife species could impact it. It was a day full of information, good discussion, and busy times to keep Vermont's foresters abreast of changes in the profession.

Membership Drive - As part of the National SAF's membership campaign "20,003 by '93", the Green Mountain Division will be launching it's own membership drive. Forty former Division members and sixty potential new members will be sent a package including the July issue of the Journal of Forestry, the July issue of the News Quarterly, and a letter from Division Chair Peter Condaxis requesting these 100 individuals to strongly consider membership in SAF.

While the Green Mountain Division Executive Committee hopes this campaign will be successful in boosting SAF membership, the most effective way to convince foresters to join is through personal contact by SAF members. Please contact fellow foresters who are not members and talk to them about what SAF means personally and professionally. Remember? Few people join SAF without being asked. Please ask someone today!

Decision Model Developed - A team from the northeastern Forest Experiment Station has been developing a computerized management decision model for the forests of New England. It is based on local data on forest vegetation, site conditions, and management objectives. This will provide detailed information for each management unit, including analysis of economic returns and effects of forest development, wildlife habitat, and aesthetic and environmental considerations. For more information contact the George Aiken Forestry Sciences Laboratory, South Burlington, Vermont 05405 (802-951-6771).

Meanwhile, Society advocates were influential in such issues as land use on the White Mountain National Forest, the Franconia Notch Parkway, acid rain, growth, and renewable energy. Environmental educators reached into the classroom, while forestry programs promoted wise use. By 1991, more than 12,000 members were supporting a diverse organization directly responsible for the protection of 75,000 acres. Partnerships have helped protect hundreds of thousands more.

Still the challenges loom. With population projected to double again by the year 2030, new partnerships and tools will be needed. And the Society will be there. Born in an age when conservation was a new idea, the Society's dual mission as protector of land and advocate of progressive forestry is well-suited to guide New Hampshire into the 21st century. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Public Information Committee Change - The Green Mountain Division Executive Committee is currently reviewing a draft proposal that will make the Public Information Committee a standing committee of the Division rather than operating as an ad hoc one. The importance of the PIC in communicating forestry issues to the general public dictates that it become a standing committee of the Division. A change of committee status requires an amendment to the Division by-laws. The Executive Committee will present the proposed by-law amendment at the Green Mountain Division 1992 Winter Meeting for a vote by the membership.

Natural Resource Training At Buck Lake - A joint Project Learning Tree, Project WILD, and Aquatic WILD facilitator training workshop, the first in Vermont, was held on August 10-11 at the Buck Lake Conservation Camp in South Burlington, Vermont.

The joint training came from the Vermont Stewardship Program, which promotes ethical land management into forestry and wildlife practices. Thirty-eight educators participated and received hands-on experience leading activities in a unique training opportunity. The workshop emphasis was to train volunteers as future workshop leaders to reach out to other educators in Vermont communities. The success of each program thus depends on the efforts and energy of these volunteers.

All three workshops were offered through the Agency of Natural Resources; Project WILD and Aquatic WILD from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Project Learning Tree from the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation with additional support from the American Forest Council, Champion International Company, and Green Mountain Division, SAF.

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Continuing Education Committee - The Continuing Education Committee is in urgent need of new members to replace individuals unable to devote the time necessary in planning and producing the Division's Summer and Winter Meetings. Anyone willing to devote some time and ideas toward the continuing education of the Division's members is urged to contact DEC Chair Diane Frederick, 479-3241 (office) or 472-6749 (home).

Newsmakers - Sam Hudson, current NESAF Chair has been appointed to the Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation Board.
What's green and growing and covering Maine? - It's the new Maine SAF Division brochure on Maine's forests. Unique to this brochure which colorfully describes Maine's forests and the people who manage it, is an official Society of American Foresters P.O. Box and phone number for information. The brochure will be distributed at fairs, information centers, and other places that seem fitting.

Take the brochure at its face value and "for more information about Maine foresters or forest management, write to: Society of American Foresters, P.O. Box 5673, Augusta, Maine 04330 or simply call the Forest Information Center at 1-800-362-0223 or (207) 289-2791."

1991 Legislative Update - (Passed in 1991)

LD 992 (PL 1991 CH 346) An Act to Amend the Mandatory Zoning and Subdivision Control Law. (Rep. Anderson, R-Woodland; and Gould, D-Greenville) Withdraws forest wetlands from the class of freshwater wetlands that municipalities are required to regulate. Clarifies that streams flowing to any shoreland zoned waterbody or wetlands, as well as those becoming rivers, are regulated. Requires that municipalities be notified by the commissioner before minimum guidelines are imposed. Allows local planning boards to exceed the 40% limitation on cutting in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 38, Section 439-A, subsection 5, paragraph A, if procedural requirements are met.


LD 553 (PL 1991 C. 79) An Act To Protect Stone Walls, Stone Impoundments and Timber Bridges of Historical Significance Municipalities now have the authority to inventory and consider, when developing comprehensive land use plans, stone walls, stone impoundments and timber bridges of historical significance.

LD 1796, )PL 1991 C. 308) An Act To Modify the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission Requirements Relating to Deer Wintering Areas. This law amends the existing requirements for assessing deer wintering areas by allowing wildlife biologists to conduct on the ground observations following the period of time when these areas are actually used by the deer.

Legislation for 1992 -
LD 1551, An Act to Supplement State Environmental Enforcement. This bill will essentially allow citizen lawsuits to enforce any environmental law, regulation or ordinance in the state.

LD 1654, An Act to Facilitate Criminal Enforcement of Environmental Laws. This will escalate criminal penalties for environmental law infractions.

Tips on Meeting With Your Legislators - Keep in mind that most lawmakers and their staffs want to know as many of their constituents as possible - including you. You need not be a member of their political party to establish a mutual relationship. To make contacts with your lawmakers meaningful, you should do your homework. First, find out as much about them, including their voting records, personal political backgrounds, issue priorities, what committees they serve on, and then keep abreast of their activities and positions on issues.

If you want to meet to discuss a specific issue, it is important to be familiar with key aspects of the issue before the meeting. This does not mean that you need to be an expert on the topic. You should however, be prepared to discuss how the issue affects your company, your community, your family, and you personally. When talking to the legislator, be concise and well organized. You may only have 15-20 minutes (or less) of their time. It is very helpful to have a one page summary of the key points about the issue and your position statement to leave with the legislator after the meeting is concluded.

Newsmakers - Terry Walters has been promoted to Production Manager of Lavalley Lumber of Sanford, Maine. He is responsible for the supervision of the sawmill, planer mill and woodland operations. In addition, Gregory Foster has been hired as Procurement-Land Owner Assistance Forester for Lavalley Lumber. Greg was previously employed by Hancock Lumber and Southern Maine Forestry Services.
Hurricane Bob Strikes - On August 19, Hurricane Bob roared through southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island causing widespread damage to trees, property and the shoreline. The areas hardest hit in Massachusetts were Cape Cod, the Islands, and Plymouth and Bristol Counties. The worst damage to timber occurred on Martha’s Vineyard, Correllus State Forest on Marthas Vineyard where about one million board feet of timber (primarily white pine) and an equal amount of chip tonnage were destroyed. Other state forests and parks, municipal properties and private lands sustained damage also. Recently thinned white pine stands seemed most affected by the hurricane. The storm also created a nightmare for people involved in shade tree management.

Presently, Massachusetts DEM is looking for a market for the Marthas Vineyard timber. Most of the damaged trees are in the 9-“14” DBH class. DEM is exploring the prospects of free or reduced fares for ferry or barge passage for the wood to the mainland. If anyone knows of any interest in this timber, please call either Doug Leab at 617-727-3180, ext. 649, or Austin Mason at 508-866-2580 (9245).

Stewardship Program Developing - The five year plan initially drawn up by the DEM Chief Forester is presently being revised by the Coordinating Committee. The goal of the plan is to bring management to another 235,000 acres of Massachusetts forestland. In Massachusetts, $182,000 was allocated for FY 1991. The Coordinating Committee is working on criteria and procedures for processing grant proposals. Massachusetts has been tentatively allocated about one million dollars for the 1992 Stewardship Incentives Program. Guidelines are supposed to be in place by November 1, 1991.

Urban and Community Forestry Program Expanded - Massachusetts is one of four pilot states to receive extra federal Urban and Community Forestry Management and Pest Control says that the Urban and Community Forestry Program is both more visible and active. These funds will be spent as follows: $150,000 to DEM most of which defrayed the cost of new vehicles; $75,000 to the Urban-Rural Interface Project in Southamptom; $40,000 to the Mass. Tree Warden and Foresters Association for development of educational programs; $50,000 to the University of Massachusetts to develop an urban forestry program within the College of Food and Natural Resources; and $10,000 to the University of Massachusetts to develop, produce and print a publication on biological pest control for woody ornamentals. 

Forest Legacy Program - Tom Quinck is now based at the Environmental Institute, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. As the Program Manager for the USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Area-State and Private Forestry, Tom is developing a strategy for implementing the Forest Legacy Program for southern New England and is working closely with the three State Foresters and their State Forest Stewardship Coordinating Committees.

The scope of the Forest Legacy Program, authorized in the 1990 Farm Bill, is to effectively protect and manage, through conservation easements and other mechanisms, environmentally important forest areas threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. Tom can be reached at 413-545-2842. 

Tree Farm Activities - On July 2, Governor Weld signed a proclamation designating the week of July 1-7 as "Massachusetts Tree Farm Week." The forestry community was well represented at this ceremony. Governor Weld presented Russell Davenport, the Outstanding Tree Farmer for 1991, with a Tree Farm 50th Anniversary Commemorative sign. In return, the Governor was given a Tree Farm jacket, hat, and a 50th Anniversary Commemorative coffee mug.

Massachusetts Tree Farm is having a booth at the Massachusetts building at the Eastern States Exposition between September 11-22. On September 7, 95 people attended the annual Tree Farm Picnic at the Russell Davenport Tree Farm. Mr. Davenport received a citation of recognition from the Massachusetts House of Representatives, a McCulloch Chainaw, a routed sign and a laser engraved plaque from AFC. Tree Farm representatives from nine states will be attending the Northeast Regional Tree Farm Conference on October 23-25 at the Hotel Northampton. The theme of the meeting will be viewing the next fifty years of tree farming and how Tree Farmers can become more involved in the Tree Farm Program.

Several Backyard Tree Farm tours are scheduled for this fall. One in Essex County on October 19 and another in Monson (Hampden County) on November 2.

Craberry Bogs and Wildlife - On August 29, a program was conducted at the A.D. Makepeace Cranberry Company property which presented growers with practical ways to increase wildlife habitat value around cranberry bogs without disrupting crop production. Sue Campbell, Pilgrim Area RCED Forester put together the workshop with assistance from John Scanlon and Dick Turner, wildlife biologists for the Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, and from Austin Mason, DEM Management Forester. The first of a series of Best Management Practices (BMPs) brochures was presented at this workshop. It addressed wildlife habitat enhancement for the cranberry bog system-upland forest (BMP #1). University of Massachusetts News - Professor Patrice Harou is on a leave of absence this year, working at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. on forestry development issues in Western Africa.

Professor William Patterson is on a sabattical leave for five months in Australia, with the Commonwealth Science and Industry Research Organization, studying the ignitability of green leaves.

There are several new forestry graduate students from far afield: Unna Chokkalingam from India, Tong Zhang from China; Petya Encheva from Bulgaria, and Bernhard Nikodem from Austria.

Odd Couple Sponsors Lumberjacks - The Northeast Lumberjacks Championship was held at the Northampton Three County Fair on September 7. The events were cosponsored by the Massachusetts Wood Producers Association and the Michelin Tire Company.

(Comments from page 1)
Drought & Deluge - Unusually dry weather in July caused widespread browning of trees on shallow soils... George Stephens of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station and State Forester Peter Babcock were quoted by the Associated Press. Most of the trees are expected to survive, although, "Next year you'll see dead branch tips on those specimens," said Stephens.

Hurricane Bob brushed by Connecticut on August 19, leaving 3 - 5 inches of rain numerous broken branches, and occasional uprooted trees. Damage was generally light, partly because all of the state was west of the eye. Peak winds measured in New Haven were 65 mph from the north. A freak storm on July 18 did extensive damage in southwestern Connecticut, primarily to shade trees.

Urban & Community Forestry - The third annual Urban Forestry conference is scheduled for October 11 in Rocky Hill. The conference will focus on skill development with sessions on soils, wildlife, fund-raising, and community organizing. Speakers include Dr. Nina Bassuk, Urban Horticulturist at Cornell University, who was recently featured in a front-page article of the New York Times.

Bob Ricard and Fred Borman have developed a draft five year plan for urban and community forestry. The plan is expected to be approved by the state's Urban Forestry Council. It includes a Coverts-like project to train volunteers in exchange for their services in setting up shade tree committees. The plan also provides a framework for federal grants to towns and to corporations that can provide matching funds.

Forest Practices - DEP is working behind closed doors to develop draft regulations to implement the historic Forest Practices Act passed earlier this year. Don Smith assembled a team to assist with development of regulations, but it appears that a full set of regulations will be completed by DEP before there is an opportunity for public involvement. But a public hearing will be held before the reg's are finalized. The law requires that regulations be in place by July 1, 1992.

Tree Farm News - Dr. Weber of Westbrook was selected as Outstanding Tree Farmer of 1991. Connwood, Inc., has provided forest management assistance to Dr. Weber for many years. A morning program is scheduled for October 26. Call CFPA at 346-2372 for details.

Connecticut hosted a 4-day regional work session sponsored by the American Forest Council in August. The purpose of the meeting was to gather input for a complete revision of Project Learning Tree. Among the Connecticut participants were Linda Rapp of CFPA, Diane Joy, Steve Fish, and Celeste Prussia of DEP.

Stewardship Program - Fred Borman and Carol Youell, through the auspices of the RC&D Forestry committee, are developing a stewardship plan to make Connecticut eligible for federal grants.

Goat's Milk for Bear - Star Childs of Norfolk reported that a bear was attracted the milk supply of one of his goats. The encounter was not as affectionate as Vermont's celebrated milk cow & moose duo. The goat was treated by a local vet after Star succeeded in driving off the bear.
New Wood-Chip Feeder Developed - Professor Tony Short, Forest Engineering, as a result of 12 years of research, has developed a prototype for a non-consolidating drum feeder. In the future this device which is not much larger than the average furnace, will make it easier to heat homes using wood and bark residues. The feeder consists of a storage drum or hopper that holds the fuel, a non-consolidating feed mechanism and a flow control apparatus. The drum opening is large enough for even irregular sized and shaped materials to get through so there is little or no risk of blockage and the fuel is conveyed to the burner at a steady rate. This arrangement permits the burner to be adjusted to perform at maximum efficiency and with the lowest emission of unburned gases and particles.

The power required for a non-consolidating feeder is about 10 percent of that required for existing types of feeders and because the material is not compressed inside the bin the bin itself can be of relatively light construction.

While the initial investment for the complete heating system can be somewhat greater than for conventional oil, gas or electric systems, the long-term benefits in cutting residential heating bills by as much as 50 percent through using wood residue fuel make it worthwhile. It is especially beneficial in larger and older houses and in small businesses and institutional buildings.

Scholarships Awarded - Students in the graduating class at the University of New Brunswick have traditionally excelled at capturing the highly prized Naturalized Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada Postgraduate Scholarships, and the class of 1991 is no exception. "As it has been for the past 10 years, the success rate for UNB grads is above the national average" said Merrill Edwards, associate dean of graduate studies. Of 31 candidates recommended for scholarships, 22 were successful. Among the successful candidates were two students in the Faculty of Forestry: G. Allan Louis Carroll of Fredericton in his fourth post-graduate year in Forest Resources, and Claude P. Lebel, of Longueil, Quebec, in his first post-graduate year in Forest Engineering. The 960 scholarships available across Canada are awarded strictly on the basis of academic excellence and given to encourage students to remain in university to complete master's and doctoral level programs.

Hubert D. Burger (left) has been awarded the Sir Max Aitken Scholarship for the 1991-1992 academic year at the University of New Brunswick. Mr. Burger is a Ph.D candidate in the Faculty of Forestry and was awarded the scholarship on the basis of his outstanding academic performance. The $2,000 award was made by the Juniper Lumber Co., the Timber Management and Fish and Wildlife branches of the NB Department of Natural Resources and Energy and the University of New Brunswick. Expected projects costs over the next three years are expected to reach $250,000.


D.A. Daugharty, Assistant Dean, chaired a workshop in Victoria in June to decide on the organization to replace NRC's Associate Committee on Hydrology. He also attended the 20th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics as Canadian National delegate to the International Association of Hydrological Sciences, held in Vienna August 11-24. While there he presented a paper "Establishing Canadian Research Priorities in Hydrology."

G.R. Powell, Forest Resources, presented a paper "Development of the Crown and the Pattern Of Cone Distribution: the Starting Point for Crown Management and Cone Production" at the workshop on "Linear Programming with Harvest Scheduling Applications" at the Instituto Tecnologico Forestal, El Salto, Mexico, in June. Also in June he presented a paper "Harvest Scheduling Research at the University of New Brunswick" at the University of Durango, Durango, Mexico.

D.M. Keppie, Forest Resources, was successful in his application to the UNB Research Fund Competition (Series 23) for a grant of $2000 to help defray research expenditures associated with the project "Woodpeckers, Insects, and Fire."
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