NESAF ADOPTS NORTHERN LANDS
POSITION STATEMENT

At its Executive Committee meeting on September 23, 1992, the New England Society of American Foresters adopted a position statement on the Northern Forest Lands Study which is examining the societal and economic pressures on some 26 million acres of northern forest in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. The statement is the work of Dick Watt, Jim Cronin, Dan Early, Peter Hannah, David Kittredge, Max McCormack, and many others who offered information on the text of the statement. The statement will be presented to the Northern Lands Council at its October 21st meeting in Vermont. It is also available for presentation to other organizations and meetings as needed.

The New England Society of American Foresters supports the work of the Northern Forest Lands Council as recommended by the Northern Forest Lands Study Group and the Governor's Task Force. We strongly support the statement of Mission and Operating Principles of the Northern Forest Lands Council (Northern Forest Update, July/August 92, Volume 2, Number 3), and the goals and objectives of the Issues and Areas Subcommittee as outlined in the Northern Forest Update, Spring 1992, Volume 2, Number 1.

The New England Society of American Foresters is ready to provide further testimony to support the Northern Forest Council to assure retention of the "working forest" concept, and that management of Northern Forest lands will continue to provide for the long-term health and productivity of forest related resources. This includes maintaining environmental quality and biological diversity, producing wood products and other multiple-use values, and providing associated employment opportunities.

Recommendations

The New England Society of American Foresters makes the following recommendations for actions needed to address and resolve Northern Forest Land issues. The Northern Forest Lands Council, and other interested organizations and individuals, as appropriate should:

Assess existing resource data or initiate landowner approved, broad-scale inventory of the resources of the Northern Forest Region.

Provide direction for developing programs that support continued ownership and management of private forests within a regional "working forest" context to sustain wood production, biological diversity, and multiple-use benefits.

Enhance the "working forest" concept by promoting local, regional, and state level planning that provides for locally-determined acceptable development consistent with local and regional planning goals and private landowner rights.

Propose and support programs to acquire conservation easements and/or full ownership rights from willing sellers so that land can continue to be managed in the "working forest" concept. Protect and hold for the public unique parcels and other high-value lands that can be protected in no other manner.

Conduct research and analyses useful to state and local governments in developing land valuation and taxation schedules that reflect net-realized values of forest products and other forest values in order to provide incentives for landowners to retain land in forest production.

Propose a plan for acquiring for the public the "right of first refusal and the opportunity to develop a course of action" on major and critical parcels of land not optioned by purchases for continued forest management.
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Winter Meeting To Feature Change

NESAF's next annual winter meeting (a joint effort of SAF and the Wildlife Society) could well be titled "Foresters in the 21st Century: Sideline Observers or Respected Resource Professionals?" Our next conference will have a new format and its objective goes beyond upgrading technical expertise to identifying practical resolutions to the ever more pressing difficulty of providing something for everyone.

Bill Barton (1992 SAF President) and other keynote speakers will set the stage Wednesday morning by addressing traditional forest management perspectives, conflicts and opportunities in a changing culture, and trends in public perceptions of natural resource management.

The Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning technical sessions will focus on research and silvicultural advances to meet forest and wildlife management objectives. Following the NESAF/TWS awards luncheon (in lieu of the traditional evening banquet), our distinguished panel of guest speakers (including Richard Barringer and Gordon Baskerville) will address issues dividing our professions and our society, suggesting possible avenues for collaboration, sparking imaginations, and preparing the framework for Friday morning.

Friday morning, break out groups will begin to identify practical means to define common objectives, methods which will allow us to meet those objectives, and means to utilize our resources (humans included!) to meet the demands of our changing culture.

None of us can doubt that change is occurring. Multiple use has long been our guiding light, but in contemporary society public perception increasingly does not include timber production as a compatible use. The time has come to stop preaching to the converted; to become agents, rather than victims, of change and to move our professions forward positively into the 21st century. The needed momentum, however, can only be sustained by you. Mark your calendars, bring your ideas, your expertise, and a colleague. If you have suggestions, questions, comments, contact Carol Redelsheimer, Maine Division chair-elect at any time. The Maine Divisions of SAF and TWS look forward to welcoming you to Portland on March 3, 4, & 5, 1993.

Exhibit Space Available

The Maine Division is accepting reservations for EXHIBIT SPACE at the NESAF Winter Meeting, 'Nurturing The Northeastern Forest: Meeting the Needs of a Changing Culture' to be held March 3, 4, & 5, 1993 in Portland, Maine.

Single exhibit space includes a six foot table with skirting, one chair, and electricity if required. Double spaces are available as well. For foresters on restricted travel budgets, staffing an exhibit might be your "ticket" to the meeting.

In addition to exhibit reservations we are accepting donations of door prizes or break sponsors (one complimentary ice breaker beverage for members who attend the business meeting and/or Friday morning coffee and muffins). To reserve your exhibit space, pledge a door prize or break sponsorship, or to receive more information call or write: Pat Adams, From the Mountain to the Sea, 262 Forest Ave., Bangor, Maine 04401 (207-989-6955) or (207-945-0934 evenings).

Schedules Needed

The Maine Division invites all NESAF Working Groups to convene, individually or in combination, at the 1993 NESAF Winter Meeting - 'Nurturing the Northeastern Forest: Meeting the Needs of a Changing Culture'. The Silviculture Working Group has already requested time on Tuesday evening March 2nd to conduct its business. We encourage you to consider a similar effort.

The '93 program is ambitious and we are optimistic about the prospect of spawning work towards viable solutions to contemporary problems in forest management. The NESAF Working Groups can lead this effort. While it is unlikely that time will be available during the regular program, we would be happy to schedule your Working Group meeting for Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evening, or for a Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday morning breakfast.

Program events, including Working Group meetings, must be scheduled by December 1st, 1992 in order to be announced in the January News Quarterly. Please contact one of us at your earliest convenience with questions OR to reserve a time for your Working Group to meet.

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Interim Mission Statement

OUR MISSION AS FORESTERS IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE STEWARDS OF THE EARTH'S FORESTS WHILE MEETING SOCIETY'S VITAL NEEDS. THE CHALLENGE OF OUR MISSION LIES IN KEEPING FOREST ECOSYSTEMS HEALTHY AND IN TACT WHILE CONCURRENTLY DRAWING ON THEIR RESOURCES. WE WILL MEET THIS CHALLENGE BY CAREFULLY MONITORING AND MANAGING THE EFFECTS OF NATURAL AND HUMAN FORCES ON THE FOREST. OUR DECISIONS WILL BE GUIDED BY OUR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE, OUR COMPASSION FOR ALL LIVING THINGS, OUR DESIRE TO IMPROVE CITIZENS' LIVES, AND OUR RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR THE ENTIRE FOREST ECOSYSTEM. BY ADVANCING FORESTRY SCIENCE, EDUCATION, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE PRACTICE OF FORESTRY, NESAF WILL PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP TO ACHIEVE ITS MISSION.
The joint summer meeting of the New York and New England SAF at Paul Smith's College in the Adirondacks in early August was a big success. Over 100 SAF members from throughout the northeast were in attendance to consider the general theme of regional planning, and what role forests, foresters, and forestry play. Speakers on the program came from both the public and private sectors, and offered examples of regional planning, important concepts to consider, and suggestions for successfully planning on a regional basis while maintaining a vital working forest landscape.

When the notion of regional (or even municipal) planning is mentioned, a complex tangle of economic, sociological, political, demographic, and historic factors seems to immediately dominate people's thinking. Where does our profession fit in? Are we being left behind?

A few things occurred to me in the car on the way home from Paul Smiths after the conference that made me believe that foresters are eminently qualified to participate in the discussion of regional or local planning:

1. foresters have been trained to think ahead; not just 5 or 10 years, but 100 years or more!
2. because foresters plan so far in advance, we never lose sight of the bottom line - we know the importance of keeping track of expenses and keeping things in an economic context.
3. foresters have been involved in "rural development" long before it was recently discovered to be an important issue to consider. Forestry has been contributing significantly to rural economies throughout our region for generations.
4. foresters think in an integrated manner - we simultaneously worry about weather, wood prices, habitat, the public, safety, forest health, the bottom line, water quality, the future, and a myriad of other influences. We know about the "big picture."
5. the region we live in is more heavily forested than any other in the United States. Citizens in New England are literally surrounded by forests. It would be foolish to plan regionally or locally without us!

OK - so foresters can think in an integrated manner in the long term, look at the big picture, and never forget the bottom line. AND we know more about trees and forests than anyone else! When it comes to local, state, or regional planning, how come we aren't calling the shots?

I think it is because: 1. people don't know how important forests are to our region. and 2. they don't understand how important foresters are to forests, or the diverse talents we have to offer.

SAF members throughout New England have been going to great lengths to tell people how important forests are, and how important foresters are. Members of the Green Mountain Division meet with legislators, members from Maine have excellent projects to reach teachers and school children. NESAF has a booth at the New England Environmental Conference each year. There are many other excellent examples of outreach throughout our region. I suggest that we not overlook a potentially very important audience, in addition to the legislators, landowners, teachers, school children, other environmental groups, and members of the general public that we target. I think we have a great opportunity to deliver our message to state, regional, and municipal planners. They need us. Seek one out and offer your professional assistance.

Leadership Course To Be Offered

There was a time when change could be predicted, and studying the past would enable us to make predictions and decisions about the future. CHANGE IS NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE, HOWEVER. Change is happening a lot faster, and going in less predictable directions. In this age of high technology, rapid communications, and numerous competing and conflicting issues, effective leaders are those who are agents of change, rather than victims of it.

NESAF is sponsoring a one-day workshop on leadership skills on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 IN PORTLAND, MAINE. The workshop will be conducted by Dave Kittredge (NESAF Chair) and Max McCormack (NESAF Chair-Elect). The goal of the workshop is to develop and improve leadership skills in foresters. It is designed for current or aspiring officers of state divisions and chapters of SAF in New England, as well as any other foresters who realize the importance of effective leadership in their jobs and representing their profession. The workshop will rely on active participation by all, and practical examples, to provide people with applied tools to be better leaders. Last year's workshop was rated highly by the 16 participants. This year's workshop will be different and improved.

To register for the workshop, and obtain more information and directions, please contact either Dave Kittredge (413-545-2943, voice; 413-545-4358, fax) or Max McCormack (207-581-2903).
NY/NESAF Mtg A Success

Ed Leary

A very timely and educational two days made up the joint summer meeting of the New England and New York Societies of American Foresters held on August 3 & 4 at Paul Smith's College in Paul Smith's, New York. Presentations were made as to how the topic of planning is addressed by entities such as the Northern Forest Lands Council, Adirondack Park Agency, or the Tug Hill, New York/New Jersey Highlands Commission. During an afternoon panel discussion, other impacts of regional planning such as property values, ownership rights, legal ramifications, compatible silviculture, and regional economic considerations were covered.

The second day consisted of a choice of one of four field trips which centered around recreational uses of the Adirondack region, Ralph Nyland's view of high grading in the Adirondacks, Adirondack Park Agency/GIS-a regional consolidation and its usefulness in forest management, and local economies-a tour of an Adirondack town.

The meeting wrapped up with a very active and lively participatory role palying exercise based upon a planning issue at the local (town) level. The meeting was well planned and skillfully executed, with much valuable information presented in an interesting and thought provoking manner.

Several foresters congregate at the display/exhibit area during the joint NY/NESAF summer meeting. Nearly 100 foresters gathered for the two day event.

Ralph Nyland (L), Field Trip Leader, explains to one of several participants, his work on variable density thinning during a Silviculture Field Trip during the joint NY/NESAF summer meeting at Paul Smith's College.

Council's Commentary

James F. Coufal

In early August I wrote all NESAF and NYSAF officers, asking them to write me with their "opinion as to why SAF membership is declining, including whether and why we should be concerned with the decline." My letter went to 60 SAF leaders in District VI, and I received 17 replies (28%); quite frankly a rather disappointing response rate. There was no survey form; the responses were purposefully requested to be open-ended and they were quite variable. I'll share a few ideas gleaned from them now, and more after the SAF Council meeting this fall.

The most often noted reason for membership decline was dues (11 people mentioned this). Dues were said to be too high, too high in relation to benefits received, too high in relation to foresters' salaries, too high in relation to the current economic times, too high as one acquired years of membership (dues structure), too high relative to other organizations, and too much of one's dues went to the national rather than local SAF. The question of dues is and has been a recurrent theme, and SAF President Bill Barton has appointed a Presidential Task Force to look for a structure that is equitable, affordable, and in the best interest of the Society. Bob Blackmon, of District VI, is a member of this six person Task Force, and I'm sure he would be glad to hear from you (107 Bray Hall, SUNY-CESF, Syracuse, NY 13210).

Six respondents directly noted a belief that there was a lack of professional attitude among foresters, and several others implied this. Two quotes are given below to give life to this idea:

1. "In the case of the SAF though I do not personally see a lot of benefit in paying my dues. Stated another way what am I getting for my money? The answer is very little."

2. "there is often a "... lack of professional attitude among foresters...these are the people that are always asking what SAF does for them. I prefer to live with the John Kennedy attitude of ask not what your country can do for you-ask what you can do for your country. The same applies to your profession."

Is there any doubt as to which of these represents a professional view?

Another respondent said that "locally, we have no goal. A local chapter needs a goal, one that is worthy of working for." The implication was that SAF, or some SAF Superforester should give them a goal. This must be the same Superforester (can't you just see that SAF emblem emblazoned on his or her cape?) that those who complain that the SAF working group on urban forestry, or wildlife, or whatever, expect to swoop in and do the hard work of organizing, planning, directing, and taking the gaff for them. This latter idea also relates to the comments of several respondents that forestry has become so diverse that many "foresters" feel better served by more specialized, technical societies.

Will these folks suddenly become active participants in SAF if the dues are lowered, or, is it more likely, as Mike Greason suggests in the September Journal of Forestry, that dues are an acceptable justification for professional apathy or professional narrowness?

One very articulate respondent pointedly wondered of those who lack the professional perspective, and who ask "what does SAF do for me?" why we even care if they join the SAF or not. It's a tempting approach to take, but then I remember that these people are foresters, and their statements and actions will influence each of us and our profession. They are part of our community of interests, and we of theirs. If forestry, if the SAF, is to be the umbrella that ties together the many and varied sub-disciplines (or employer groups) interested in the forest, we must be careful - to paraphrase Wendell Berry on writing about agriculture - that what should be complementary, mutually sustaining and enriching sub-disciplines who aren't divided into self-serving, one-eyed specialties. This starts with individuals, not with societies. So does a land ethic. So does professionalism. So what's new?
We Are In A Fight...Get Involved

by: Bill Barton, President SAF

The forestry profession is more embroiled in controversy now than at any time in my memory! The basic reason for this is that preservationists, and others, are trying very hard to limit, or deny, the use of the timber resource, both public and private, in this country. Most foresters want no part of this and are bowing out. We believe in conservation, which is wise use, in intensive forest management and timber production. We believe in the free enterprise system and private landowner rights which have served this Nation well and made us great. The controversy comes down to wise use or no use.

At this time the preservationists have the momentum. They are winning the word battle - the battle for people's minds and support. Even so, we may be on the verge of making huge gains in forestry as we know it. The March 9 issue of Fortune published a scorecard of 13 key industry groups. Forest Products, along with Pharmaceuticals, was graded "A." Aerospace, Chemicals, Food, Scientific and Photographic Equipment, Petroleum Refining and Telecommunications Equipment were graded "B." The remainder, including Computers, Industrial and Farm Equipment were graded "C" or less. A grade of "A" indicates a dominant position in the world, one not likely to erode significantly in the 1990's. The Forest Products grade was impressive and meaningful.

The United States Forest Products Industry leads the world for several reasons. We have an adequate available resource at this time. (What could that resource contribute if so much of it was not locked up?) We have productive labor, efficient logging systems and relatively low energy costs. We have spent 100 billion dollars since 1980 modernizing and expanding wood using plants in order to get into new products and new markets. It boils down to the fact that we are competitive on a world-wide basis because we are a low-cost producer of quality products. This is the engine that runs forest management. It is the reason that entrepreneurs and landowners are willing to risk huge capital expenditures for long periods of time to grow commercial crops of timber.

Our strength is delicate at best because so many people are misinformed about forest management and are against the harvesting of timber. Regulation, in one form or another, could serve to lock up more timber, and we could see our position as the world leader in Forest Products fade away. I am, however, optimistic. I believe some powerful economic and political forces may be causing the pendulum to swing back in favor of intensive forest management. There are good signs that ill-conceived, punitive and unneeded regulation may be falling from favor and that we may be returning to the rule of reason as a way of life.

The forest resource is a superb economic, as well as an environmental, plus for the Nation if we can use it in a sensible, reasonable and balanced way. We need jobs. The economy must be strengthened. The budget deficit must be reduced. The trade deficit must be reduced. Forest management can continue to be one of the major factors in turning the economy around and in keeping it healthy. If a level playing field can be negotiated with our Pacific trading partners, you are going to see the wood business, the wood products business, forest management and forestry boom.

What can we do? We've got to work at it. Each of us must get involved. Late last year I developed an agenda of about 10 objectives for the Society in 1992. Become more member oriented.

- Study and strengthen our communications effort.
- Work to increase membership.
- Work to give the Society a better balance by making it more industry or private-sector oriented.
- Establish a committee for the Endangered Species Act re-authorization.
- Establish a committee for the Clean Water re-authorization.
- Court other forestry organizations such as APA, Forest Farmers, Logging organizations and State Forestry Associations (we need to work together).
- Know the business side of SAF.

These are practical and meaningful objectives, and I can report to you that progress is being made on each one.

We must strengthen the Society through increased membership and through involvement. Set yourself an objective of recruiting at least one new member. Set yourself a Mission Possible objective. Tell Our Story!

Never before in the history of forestry in this Country has there been a time when those of us who believe in the fundamental value of forest management needed to stand up, speak out, and stick together more than we do today. We need to do this as members of our Professional Society - SAF.

If It's Wrong

1. Don't give up! Respond to their inquiries. Your silence, or a "no comment", is interpreted by readers as a guilty plea. Meet with the reporters and editors to suggest story ideas and photographs on the positive impact of timber management.

2. Be assertive! If an article contains a factual error or leaves a misleading impression, contact the writer to advise him or her of the error. If the reporter is hostile, talk to the editor. Unless the error is of atom bomb dimension, don't ask for a retraction—but do ask that they get the facts correct in their ongoing coverage.

3. Do it yourself! Submit a letter to the editor or a guest opinion article. Keep it short. Look for an opportunity to support your argument with a picture or a chart. Call the newspaper to get their guidelines for letters or guest opinion length.

4. Don't assume anything! Ask (politely) if the reporter—or editor—really understands the issue. Forestry issues can be very complex. Offer to provide a background briefing, informational materials, or a woods tour.

5. Buy an ad! As a last resort—and if the issue is really that important—present the facts and your point of view in an ad. Keep the copy short. Remember a picture is worth a thousand words.
CFM Award To Fleming

Michael Fleming, Service Forester in Worcester County, Massachusetts, was presented with the CFM Forester of the Year Award on July 1, 1992. Department of Environmental Management Chief Warren Archey presented the award at the Stewardship Habitat field demonstration program held on the Quabbin Watershed. In addition to his work as a service forester, Michael also worked as the Massachusetts Stewardship Coordinator from its inception through this spring, and is largely responsible for its early organizational success.

Technology Coordinator’s Report

- Peter Hannah -

It is not too early to begin thinking about presenting a poster at the NESAF Winter Meeting next March in Portland, Maine. Working Group Leaders should also start formulating plans for meetings of their Working Groups. This is a good time to facilitate communication among Working Group members.

How To Kill An Enterprise

1. Do not go to meetings.
2. If you go, arrive late.
3. Criticize the work of the organizers and members.
4. Get mad if you are not a member of the committee, but if you are, make no suggestions.
5. If the chair asks your opinion on a subject, say you have none. After the meeting say you have learned nothing, or tell everyone what should have happened.
6. Don’t do what has to be done yourself, but when the members roll up their sleeves and do their very best, complain that the group is run by a bunch of ego trippers.
7. Pay your dues as late as possible.
8. Never think of introducing new members.
9. Complain that nothing is ever published which interests you but never offer to write an article, make a suggestion, or find a writer.
10. And if the enterprise dies, say you saw it coming ages before.

Jean-Charles Terrassier

Survey Results In

The Society of American Foresters released a survey in August revealing that the number of degrees granted in forest resource programs increased in 1991, after a decade of decline. The number of degrees (both graduate and undergraduate) rose from 2,958 in 1990 to 3,746 in 1991 - a 10% increase. The survey also shows enrollments in schools of natural resources have steadily increased over the past four years.

During the 1991-92 academic year, 18,988 students (graduate and undergraduate) enrolled in forest resource programs, which include forestry, recreation, wildlife, fisheries, wood science and technology, natural resources conservation, environmental science, and similar programs. This was a 16% increase from enrollment in 1990-1991. "There continues to be a strong public interest in the environment, and this is a field where students are enrolling in increasing numbers to address those concerns," said P. Gregory Smith, SAF Director of Education. Forestry remains the most popular individual program with 7,155 students enrolled - a 20% increase from last year's 5,983. Environmental sciences programs more than doubled in enrollment since last year, growing from 899 to 1,909 students. Wildlife had 3,867 students enrolled. The survey also shows the percentage of women enrolled in forest resource programs (28.9%) is at an all-time high.

Reach Them Early

It takes only one summer for a child of the right age to bond with the natural world, to know in their bones that the world is alive and wild and kin to them. There is a kind of imprinting that either takes place or doesn't in a girl or boy before the age of 10 or 11.

As long as there are unspoiled natural places near enough for us to reach them and spend enough time in them, our children can have that inner awakening and sense of connection. But it can never happen through media. Television’s nature programs are wonderful, but we humans cannot form that essential bond through the tube. The majesty, the power, the presence of a world not created by humans and uncorrupted by them cannot be reduced to the size of a TV screen. Something essential is stripped from nature when it comes as a mediated image instead of a direct encounter.

When, for the first time, a nine-year old barefoot boy and a wild crawfish encounter each other by surprise in a cold spring creek, there is nothing like it in the world. The boy’s life is changed. And if he explores this watery world and the woods that surround it for the length of a long summer, he will have taken the whole ancient biosphere into his soul, never to be forgotten. This imprint is for a lifetime.

But if those imprintable years are allowed to pass for a boy or girl with only vicarious, mediated experience of nature, it is likely that as adults they will never be able to understand why a mountain forest is anything more than a pretty scene for a postcard or potential pulpwood for the commodities market.
One theme of this year's presidential election is change. Each party promises to transform our country in a very favorable way, eliminating our woes with a relatively painless prescription. (Continue reading, I know you don't want a political harangue. Besides, if partisan, it would endanger our 501(c)(3) status.) Vermont also is looking at change - a change in land tax structure which are usually at loggerheads over school endorsed, such a tax scheme. And, of course, substituting would be not just a change, it would be revolutionary.

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Thus, forest land taxes would not be the burden they now are. Everyone, not just landowners, would pay directly towards school support. Current Use would no longer be required, so that a very positive incentive towards good forest management would be eliminated.

Informal estimates, not those of the Commission, indicate that if every one paid an additional 21/2% of their federal tax liability, earmarked for schools, enough money would be raised. It has been calculated that property taxes going to schools. Using Vermont's average residential property value of $125,000, taxpayers with incomes under $75,000 would pay less than their present combined town property and state income taxes. Due to the progressive nature of the federal income tax, those over this income level would experience some increase in their combined taxes.

Two state organizations, one concerned with town and municipal problems and another concerned with education, which are usually at loggerheads over school spending and taxes, have shown interest in, but haven't endorsed, such a tax scheme. And, of course, substituting an income tax for property tax for school financing would not just a change; it would be revolutionary.

Since the last issue of the News Quarterly two individuals have volunteered to make this publication better via their contributions to it. Dr. Kim Lowell, Professeur agrége at the University of Laval, Faculty of Forestry has graciously offered to provide forestry information on activities in Quebec. He is now the Canadian Correspondent with Alexander Dickinson of New Brunswick providing information from Canada on forestry. Cecily Polansky has left her position with the State of Vermont to join her husband in a three year forest management project in Benin, West Africa. She will be providing information about forestry activities from Africa periodically.

Each year we honor outstanding activities from our membership by presenting four awards to deserving individuals at the annual Winter Meeting. There are nearly 1100 members of NESAF. All, at one time or another, have done outstanding work and each probably has at one time or other received some recognition for that effort. However, the light remains buried at the bottom of the bushel unless someone nominates or otherwise recognizes outstanding effort. That is the probe we face at the moment. There are foresters working in New England at the moment deserving one of the four awards outlined in the July News Quarterly. Next spring four awards will be waiting for four outstanding individuals if someone nominates them. Make the effort and NESAF deserves it. Dick Watt would appreciate the nominations by December 1st.

Job Openings

As with all great meetings, the amount of planning and organizational work prior to them, is oftentimes what makes them great. It will be no different with hosting the 1995 SAF National Meeting in Portland, Maine. With this in mind it is not too early to be thinking about filling three critical positions: General Chair, Program Chair, and Arrangements Chair. All are best filled by representatives from within NESAF. The job descriptions follow with the sincere hope of sparking an interest in making Portland the site of a great National meeting in 1995.

GENERAL CHAIR - Coordinates the overall planning and conduct of the convention, working with Program and Arrangements Committees with oversight by the national office. Serves as a member ex officio of Committee on National Convention Programs and Committee on National Convention Arrangements. Keeps Council informed of progress in convention planning through Executive Vice-President. Works with Program and Arrangements Chairs to prepare post-convention evaluation.

PROGRAM CHAIR (COMMITTEE) - Recommends to the Executive Vice-President the convention theme and format. Develops the convention program. Assists the national staff in identifying and securing speakers.

ARRANGEMENTS CHAIR (COMMITTEE) - Works with the national staff and General Chair to plan and conduct arrangements for the convention in accordance with the theme and format approved by the Executive Vice-President. With national staff, attends, prepare, for submission to Council as part of the SAF operating budget for the convention year an itemized arrangement committee budget for approval by the Executive Vice-President. Plans and conducts arrangements for pre- and post-convention tours. Assists national staff with suggested copy for publicity and marketing of convention. Implements all convention arrangements. At the end of the convention, evaluates the convention format, attendance, procedures, and convention organization and functions and submits a summary report to the General Chair, the Executive Vice-President, and the Council.

For further information on the above positions contact NESAF Chair Dave Kittredge. They are all great and greatly needed jobs.
Photo Contest

The Maine Division of NESAF is sponsoring a photo contest open to all NESAF members. We are seeking entries in three subject areas - FOREST HARVESTING/UTILIZATION; FOREST SCENERY/WILDLIFE; and FORESTERS IN ACTION. Photos will be judged on their composition, quality of the photograph, and originality. The three subject areas are purposefully broad to provide interested photographers room for personal interpretation.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION

1. Photographs must be color prints either 5" x 7" or 8" x 10"
2. Contestants must be amateur photographers and NESAF members in good standing
3. Contestants may submit up to three entries in each category. Each submission should have the name of the photographer, address and telephone number attached to the back, and a brief explanatory caption including where and when the photo was taken
4. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded in each category. First prize is $75, second prize is $50, and third prize is $25. A grand prize will also be awarded for the best overall photo. Grand prize is to be determined.
5. All photographs will become the possession of the Maine Division of NESAF. They will be used for display board photos and shared with other NESAF Chapters and Divisions. In all cases full credit will be given the photographer.
6. Prize winning photographs will be selected prior to the Winter Meeting in Portland, Maine for display at the Meeting
7. Entries must be received by January 31, 1993. Send entries to: John W. McNulty, 676 Rt 15, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426

Out Of Africa

The Quarterly welcomes under this title the comments of Cecilia Polansky who has left her job with the State of Vermont to assist her husband, John in an international forestry project in the French speaking West African nation of Benin. They arrived in early September (ahead of their household things and reference books) to work with the Forestry Division of the Ministry of Rural Development. Cecilia noted in her first letter that "we will be running into hardwoods of all shapes, sizes, and densities and into people who have openly or secretly cleared land for agricultural fields on federal lands." "A major objective of our three year project will be to deal with such farmers in a way that allows them to survive, while formalizing arrangements with them to upkeep and plant trees for the remaining forest."

The remaining Benin forest within their project is 190,000 hectares (475,000 acres) in size. The Forestry Division is equipped with a remote sensing unit complete with AUTOCARD, ERDAS, IDRISI, and other software, as well as 1992 aerial photographs. Part of their first job will be to examine what exists and prioritize what needs to be done. Unlike in the states, the Forest Service is a para-military organization - "so what doesn't get used to fend off lions and cheetahs may well become the prole that sensitizes villagers to the virtues of forest management." More information from la foresterie beninoise as the project develops.

Dues Change?

It has become increasingly clear to the officers of the SAF that the current dues structure may be causing a financial burden for a number of our younger members, as well as some retired members. President Barton has appointed a Task Force to review the current dues structure and develop alternatives for Council consideration. The Task Force will address the need for a structure that is equitable, affordable, and in the best interest of the Society. Clark Seely, Chair of the HSD, and a member of the Oregon SAF, will chair the Task Force. Members are: Brian Payne, Chair, Finance Committee; Curtis Wilson, Chair, Membership Committee; Lisa Stocker, Mississippi SAF; and Bob Blackmon, Faculty of Forestry, SUNY. Ex Officio members are Art Smyth, Membership Campaign Director, and Charles Jackson, Director of Finance and Administration.

Membership

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed, or are you just contented that your name is on the list?

Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock, or do you stay at home and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along, or are you merely satisfied to simply just belong?

Do you ever work on committees to see what makes them tick, or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

So come to all the meetings and help with hand and heart, Don't just be a member but take an active part.

Won't you think this over, you know right from wrong, Are you an active member, or do you just belong?

Author Unknown
Each One -- Reach One

A New Incentive to End the 1992 Membership Campaign with a Bang

• From August 1-December 31, 1992, every member who brings a new or former Member into the Society receives a $10 credit for every Member recruited.

• Each Student Member who brings in a new student member will receive a $5 credit for every student member recruited.

• Credits will be paid by check in January 1993.

• All other incentives remain in force -- 20 members, free lifetime dues -- 10 members, a chance for the Alaska trip.

• SAF officers and membership chairs -- please tell fellow members about this incentive and give them the materials to recruit new members. Spread the word! Send this FAX to your entire team!

• Each one -- reach one! If each member brings one new Member into the Society, we will meet our goal!

• For more information or membership materials, contact Art Smyth or Carol McKernon at SAF headquarters -- 301/897-8720.

New Members

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

Granite State Division: Samantha Howard of Rollinsford (T), and Arifah Prihartini of Durham (S).

Green Mountain Division: Gregory Frohn of Shaftsbury (N).

Maine Division: Gary Fish of Wayne (N), Charles Spies of Augusta (N), and Kenneth Reed Jr. of Brewer (T).

Yankee Division: Paul Hofmann of Chalsmford, Ma (N), Peter D'Anieri of Boston (T), Elizabeth Griscom of Lexington (T), and Charles Laing of Northampton (S).

Connecticut Chapter: Kenneth Placko of Fairfield (N), Staunton Williams Jr. of Greenwich (N), R. Drew Cavanagh of Glastonbury (T), Timothy Fleury of West Hartford (T), Mark Hengen of New Haven (T), and Alfred Hammatt III of New Haven (T).

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Stewardship Program Update - Eleven projects funded for a total of $62,000 were awarded under the Massachusetts Stewardship Program. Eighteen applications requesting $130,000 were reviewed under the program. Some of the projects funded included a demonstration Stewardship forest at the Quabbin Visitors Center, the development of a Stewardship plan for the Treasure Valley Boy Scout Camp with emphasis on wetlands, the creation of a Tree Farm Eastern States Exposition display, and to the Massachusetts Wood Producers Association for a promotional mailing and the preparation of a Tri-County Fair Display.

The Massachusetts Cooperative Extension is putting together a publication entitled Natural Resource Professionals Directory. This publication will have an updated list of foresters, wildlife biologists, soils scientists and others with valuable expertise for Forest Stewardship. Funding is being provided for the development of a new upland rare, threatened and endangered species habitat atlas as a companion to the existing wetlands one. This is being done with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program. Under SIP, plans are being made for a one day workshop on SIP-9, Forest Recreation.

Tree Farm News - Edward and Myrtle Crafts of Conway were selected as the 1992 Massachusetts Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year. Fifty acres of their 167 acre tree farm has been used as an "experimental forest" where projects in planting, pruning, grafting, and chestnut blight control have been ongoing for several years.

This year, the Tree Farm Booth at Eastern States Expo will be sponsored jointly with the Stewardship Program. The title of the exhibit is "Stewardship Forests and Tree Farms: Homes for Birds." Its main thrust is in forest management for avian habitat.

Forest Legacy Update - In FY 1992, $184,000 was available for Massachusetts. Funds will be spent on one of two areas: Stockbridge Yokum Ridge Forest Legacy Area or the Connecticut Valley Forest Legacy Area.

Southern New England Forest Consortium News - SNEFC recently distributed a number of Public Service Announcements on a variety of Stewardship, Estate Planning, and Urban Forestry topics to radio stations in the Yankee Forest area. The project is a part of SNEFC's IER program. SNEFC has recently hired Ellen Grady as a part time Project Coordinator. The focus of the program will be to reimburse the full cost of installing electric energy saving measures on Massachusetts farms.
RI Forest Conservator's Organization - RIFCO recently met with Keith Argow of the National Woodland Owner's Association at an evening cookout. Dr. Argow was in town for a Firetower dedication, and was able to meet with RIFCO members to discuss regional and national issues affecting forest landowners. RIFCO's fall program is scheduled for November 7, and will be a joint banquet/program with the RI Tree Farm Group.

Providence Water Supply Board News - The PWSB's Tunk Hill Fire Tower was recently selected as a National Historic Lookout, and a dedication ceremony was held on August 6. Keith Argow of the American Resources Group presented PWSB's Chief Engineer Richard D. Rafanovic with a plaque honoring the fire tower.

GRANITE STATE Division by Jonathan Nute

Guide Available - With assistance from UNH Cooperative Extension, the Northeastern Loggers' Association, and the French Foundation, NHTOA has published the first truly user-friendly guide to state timber harvesting laws and regulations. Called the New Hampshire Municipal Officials' Guide to Timber Harvesting Laws, the guide emphasizes ways that municipal officials can help improve enforcement of state laws. The guide discusses the basal area, slash, wetlands and terrain alteration laws, as well as the intent-to-cut notification process. A section entitled "Bridging the Enforcement Gap" provides practical tips on ways in which town officials can work effectively with forest rangers and other state personnel to improve local enforcement. While the guide is being mailed directly to all town officials in New Hampshire, it is available to any NHTOA member for $2.00 postpaid and to non-members for $5.00. It is a useful reference for any landowner, logger or forester. Get yours by writing NHTOA at 54 Portsmouth St. Concord, NH 03301 or calling 603-224-9699.

Ecosystem Management - The White Mountain National Forest recently solicited public comment on Region 9's Ecosystem Management Draft Strategies, the regional response to Forest Service Chief Dale Robertson's call for "an ecological approach in the future management of national forests and grasslands." Ecosystem management addresses the public's growing awareness of and concern over forest issues such as old growth, biodiversity, and threatened and endangered species. The shift to ecological management is not meant simply to be a reworking of commodity versus amenity values on national forests, but rather a broader approach which seeks to balance the needs for forest products and economic gain with ecologically sound and sustainable management. It will allow the national forests to meet multiple-use objectives while also assuring that ecological concerns are addressed. The final ecosystem management strategy will incorporate public comment to help refine and develop the future direction of national forest management.

Insect and Disease News - Two insects defoliated lands in Rhode Island during late summer. Orange-striped oakworm was found on PWSB Lands and Saddled Prominent was identified on state lands in South County.

Joint Deal Protects Umbagog - Earlier this summer the Trust for NH Lands and the NH Land Conservation Investment Program closed agreements protecting 2,704 acres of Lake Umbagog, the state's last wilderness lake. The state acquired 446 acres outright from James River Corporation, including 7.3 miles of frontage; and conservation easements on an additional 2,258 acres of adjacent forest from James River and Irving Pulp and Paper. The state will manage the lakefront land for public conservation and recreation purposes. The easement lands will remain under James River ownership and forest management, with all future subdivision and development prohibited and passive public access guaranteed. Negotiations with the Department of Resources and Economic Development will establish permanent snowmobile access, while an agreement with the Department of Fish & Game will protect nesting habitat of bald eagles and loon.

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Plant Modernization Okayed - The James River Corporation's Board of Directors has given the go ahead to a $73.3 million capital investment in its pulp and paper manufacturing facilities in Berlin and Gorham. The funds will be used for modernization and expansion of one boiler and the permanent shutdown of another. Although the planned improvements will not increase the mills' capacity, they will significantly reduce the mill odor. Governor Gregg called the news "one of the most important steps ever taken to enhance the economic viability of northern New Hampshire, as it will improve both job stability and the environment."

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HELP! HELP! HELP! — We cannot run an efficient operation without officers. To date candidates are needed for both Secretary and Treasurer positions to help run the Green Mountain Division. Due to Rob Iwamoto’s move to Colorado, Barb Burns now holds two positions, Vice-Chair and Treasurer. She does not want three for ’93. Anyone interested should contact Peter Condaxis, the new procurement forester for the Ryegate wood energy plant in Ryegate.

RAW Update — Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy has withdrawn his support for the Preserve Appalachian Wilderness "Vermont Logs for Vermont Jobs" program. Leahy supports the idea "of promoting dialogue and better understanding among those who disagree on the future of Vermont's forest." He was not satisfied with PAW's handling of the project and is waiting to see an effort made at cooperation with the timber industry. The Green Mountain Division is also trying to maintain a dialogue with PAW. They are waiting for an updated vision statement of PAW's "Vermont Logs for Vermont Jobs" which would address the cooperation issue. The Executive Committee is withholding support for the project until the new vision statement can be examined.

Alternative Energy Use — The Burlington Electric Department, pioneers in alternative energy sources, has embarked on a new project. They are converting their forester's trucks to run on propane fuel. Propane is a much more efficient, cleaner burning fuel than gasoline. This conversion should greatly reduce exhaust emissions into the atmosphere, while extending the engine life of the vehicles. The trucks will have the capacity to operate on either gasoline or propane. Propane can be purchased anywhere bottled gas is available.

Position Statement Ready For Vote — After many hours of work over several years, several revisions, and lengthy comments from knowledgeable professionals, the formal position statement on Timber Harvesting in Vermont is ready. It has been accepted by the Executive Committee and approved by the National Office of SAF and is now available to Division members for review. The membership at large will be asked to give their approval to this position statement, by paper ballot, this fall.

With many pages of background information and supporting documentation attached, the position statement briefly is that The Green Mountain Division endorses the position that timber harvesting, when using sound silvicultural techniques, is a critical and necessary resource management activity to conserve and enhance the values society demands from our natural resources. Copies of the entire package can be obtained from Ed Leary, Department of Forests and Parks, Waterbury, Vermont.
Forest Service Director Resigns - John Cashwell, Director of the Maine Forest Service, will resign effective November 1st, to become the President of Seven Islands Land Management Company, one of the largest non-industrial forest land management companies in the state. Seven Islands, with its headquarters in Bangor, manages just under one million acres across western and northern Maine.

Cashwell pointed to development and implementation of the Forest Practices Act as one of the major accomplishments of his administration. According to Cashwell, "We developed an innovative approach to regulating timber harvesting that takes into account the many forest conditions and types, while protecting the most important public values. The Act also greatly enhanced the ability of the Maine Forest Service to collect and analyze information about the Maine forest, which is vital to assessing the long-term wood supply needs for Maine's most important industry."

His many other successes include modernizing equipment, improving the methods of forest fire suppression, and focusing on specialized recruitment and training for bureau employees. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and currently serves as Chair of the Forest Health Committee of the National Association of State Foresters.

Survey Results Completed - The recent Maine SAF membership survey has been analyzed and summarized briefly as follows: A total of 154 surveys were returned, about 154 responses. SAF members represented 59% of the responses while non-members totalled 41%. Of the non-members, 52 respondents that they were once members with the majority quitting because of the high cost of dues or a combination of the high cost of dues for the little benefit they perceived to belong to the organization. Respondents included employees of forest products companies (53), land management companies (17), self-employed (23), university/collage (15), and government (25).

Most respondents (147) believed that it was important to have a professional society, primarily to promote the profession and establish standards and ethics. They felt that SAF should function around the priorities of providing information to the public (71), aiding in the continuing education of its members (54), and being an advocate for the profession (40). Most people encouraged the organization to provide objective, scientifically based information to the public. The role of the forester and conservation vs. preservation were two themes that came up often. Many urged the organization to actively use the media to get our word out.

When asked what other roles SAF should play, the first response warned us of not spreading ourselves too thin. Other responses included SAF to educate the youth, promote responsible stewardship, offer assistance to legislators, and clarify the issues.

The spring appears to be the best time to meet, especially during March or April. Favorite meeting locations included (in order of choice): Bangor/Orono, Augusta, Portland, Waterville, Lewiston-Auburn, and Farmington. A detailed summary of the survey is available from either the Membership or the Communications Committee.

Bureau of Forestry Director Appointed - Maine Department of Conservation Commissioner C. Edwin Meadows, Jr. announced on September 18, the appointment of Susan J. Bell as Director of the Bureau of Forestry, effective October 19, 1992. "I'm delighted to appoint Sue Bell to this key post. She is a talented leader with strong expertise in natural resources who is thoroughly familiar with the issues affecting Maine's forests and the Bureau of Forestry. She has the ability to help the bureau meet the challenges of increasing demands and pressures on public and private forest lands, increasing global competition to Maine forest products, and balancing the growing, and sometimes competing, public needs and expectations of the forest."

Bell has served as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Conservation since 1987. She has been responsible for managing policy development, with the commissioner, in the areas of budget, human resources, programs and operations. She has been directly responsible for the Department's legislative and communication functions, the Geographic Information System and the Maine Conservation Corps. Bell served three terms in the Maine House of Representatives representing four western Maine communities. While in the legislature, she was a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. She earned a master of arts in education and a bachelor of science degree in biology and education, and is a candidate for a master of public administration degree from the University of Maine.

Brochures Available - The brochure, What's Green and Growing and Covering Maine ..., is available to organizations to purchase for their public relations opportunities. The brochures are available at cost (0.35¢) to all organizations donating money to help fund the initial project. It is available to other organizations at (0.40¢) each. The brochure describes the forests of Maine and the role of the forester. SAF will continue to distribute copies at SAF sponsored events. Contact any SAF officer or Carrie Tripp.

Forest Products Plan Endorsed - State officials are looking with favor on a plan by the Heart of Maine Resource Conservation and Development Area (RC&D) to conduct a forest products marketing effort in Piscataquis, Penobscot and Somerset Counties. More than 200 local, county, and state entities, private businesses, development organizations and federal agencies have been notified of the proposal. To date, there appears to be tremendous response and letters of support for this project.

Variance Issued - R.D. Warren Company has recently received the first variance to the Forest Practices Act, a request to salvage a 200 acre forest fire this spring. The fire burned through an area all ready harvested in compliance with the Forest Practices Act. Several buffer areas were completely burned.

Industry and environmental groups are asking for rule changes in the wake of this event. The Maine Forest Products Council wants a way to fast track variance requests necessitated by natural disasters. The Natural Resources Council of Maine thinks the public should be notified of variance petitions.

Citizen Named To Council - Twenty-two Maine citizens have been named to advise Maine’s representatives to the Northern Forest Lands Council. NFIC representatives from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and New York are formulating recommendations to maintain the northeast’s working forests. Each of the participating states has named a citizen advisory committee. The advisory committee will expand public involvement in the northern forest lands program; serve as a sounding board for ideas generated by the NFIC; and provide an important communication link between Maine’s NFIC members and the public. Included on the committees are representatives of landowners, conservation organizations, sportsmen’s groups, recreation, business, forest industry, banking, local municipalities and forestry organizations.

DON’T FORGET TO VOTE
Forestry in Quebec

Dr. Kim Lowell

Public vs Private Forestry - Operational forest land in Quebec is covered by two major forest types -- the boreal forest and the northern hardwoods. This division is strongly reflected in ownership with private forest owners holding the majority of the northern hardwoods (located primarily along the St. Lawrence River). Industrial forest companies manage, but do not own, the majority of the boreal forest. By far it is forest operations within the boreal forest that make timber production one of the four most important industries in the Quebec economy.

Private forest owners possess cadastral land units which are approximately 40 hectares (100 acres) in size, regularly-shaped, and which cannot be subdivided for sale. In order to provide forest management opportunities for these individuals who rarely own an economically-viable land unit, the provincial government funds a quasi-public firm which provides management assistance to the private landowners in a given "regroupment." This is, effectively, an area within which private landowners who conduct forest management form a cooperative in order to sell wood.

Industrial forest companies are given a 25 year lease on the timber within a particular area. This contract of forest supply and management is known as a CAAF. To obtain a CAAF, a company prepares a general (25 year) plan, a 5-year plan for each of the 25 years, and an annual plan for the first 5-year period. Each of these plans are approved jointly by the Quebec Minister of Forests. At the end of the first 5-year plan both the company and the Minister of Forests have to agree that all aspects of the plan have been met. If not, an additional 5 years is added to the CAAF. If not, the life of the CAAF is reduced to 20 years.

Forestry Education - Forest Engineers (as they are called in Quebec) are trained at Laval University. The Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics is composed of three departments -- Forestry, Wood Science, and Geodesy and Remote Sensing. Students follow a four year program leading to a BS and certification as a Quebec Forest Engineer. The course load is fairly similar to SAF-certified university programs in the United States. Master of Science or Doctorate Programs are also available at Laval. These programs are more in the "European mold" of graduate studies in that there is a minimum of coursework with emphasis placed on a thesis. An M.S. requires 45 credit hours (12 coursework), while a Ph.D. requires 90 hours (10 coursework).

Forestry Research - Research is conducted by the Quebec Minister of Forests and the Canadian Forest Service. These groups also fund research by other organizations such as our Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics. Two projects at Laval doing research are the Laval Center for Research in Forest Biology and the Industrial Chair in Geomatics Applied to Forestry. The Center for Research has 20 researchers working specifically on macroscopic and microscopic problems in forest biology while the latter group is a group of 5 examining the utility of GIS and remote sensing for industrial forest management activities.

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Joint Project - The Faculty of Forestry and the Maritime Forest Ranger School are undertaking a new inventory of the University's two major forest holdings: the UNB Woodlot and the Noonan Forest. The project will involve aerial photo interpretation of forest cover, transfer to a registered base map, field inventory and final digital entry on the Faculty's Arc/Info geographic information system. The project will span 17 weeks and the resultant GIS inventories will provide the Faculty and the Ranger School a convenient and effective means of producing thematic maps -- to support various management, operating, research and educational activities -- as well as, an opportunity to more easily keep forest records up-to-date on an ongoing basis.

Faculty Briefs - Prof. Jeremy Richards organized and chaired a IUFRO Symposium on Work Study in Forest Operations in Germany in early June. The major Symposium achievement was the completion of an international guide for nomenclature for machine productivity studies which is expected to be ratified at the 1995 Helsinki Congress.


Prof. P. Zundel attended the IUFRO Centennial Meeting in Eberswalde, Germany in August to present a paper entitled "A Comparison of Full-Tree Centralized Processing and Conventional Shortwood Harvesting with Respect to Harvesting, Silviculture, and Road Building Costs."

The Biotechnology Unit presented several papers and displays at the North American Forest Biology Workshop inault Ste. Marie in mid-August.

The Canadian Journal of Forest Research accepted a paper from Drs. Leinhos and R.A. Salesige entitled "Isolation of Protoplasts from Developing Xylem of Pinus banksiana and Pinus strobus."

Prof. D. Daugharty presented a paper entitled "Sustainable Development and Hydrologic Data, Information, and Research" at the Canadian Hydrology Symposium in Winnipeg in mid-June. He also chaired the Annual Meeting of the Canadian National Committee on Hydrology which followed the Symposium.

In May the UNB Board of Governors approved the grant of tenure and simultaneous promotion to associate professor to Dr. Mark Jannick, Forest Resources. At the same time they granted tenure to Dr. Dan Quiring, also of Forest Resources.
Congratulations to William Kropelin, Green Mountain Division! He is the most recent member of the New England SAF to earn a CFE certificate.

Precommercial Thinning Workshop; 4/30/92; Orono, ME 5/I
5th Annual Conference & Workshop for Licensed Professional Foresters in Maine; 5/14/92; Orono, ME 3.5/I
Maine SAF Spring Meeting: Wetlands Regulations; 5/14/92; Orono, ME 2.5/I
Annual Mtng. Vt. Timberland Owners Assoc.; 5/15/92; Barre, VT 3/I
Maple Training Session; 5/19-20/92; VT 3/I
26th Annual Wood Drying Workshop; 5/19-21/92; Skowhegan, ME 16/I
Wetland Evaluation; 5/22/92; Canpton, NH 4.5/I
Urban Forestry; 6/3/92; Manchester, NH 4.5/I
Approved Wood Measurement Training Program; 6/11-12/92; Orono, ME 7/I
Visual Assessment Standards & Technology; 6/12/92; Syracuse, NY 6/I
NH-VT C.T. Assoc. Silviculture Committee Meeting; 6/12/92; Morrisville, VT 1/I
Case Studies In Forestland Appraisal; 6/14-20/92; Orono, ME 35/I
NH-VT C.T. Assoc. Spring Meeting; 6/20/92; E. Montpelier, VT 1/I
Computer Workshop for Foresters; 7/17/92; Randolph, VT 5/I
Green Mtn. Div. SAF Summer Meeting, 7/24/92; Williamstown, VT 2/I
Vegetation Management Workshop; 7/29/92; Orono, ME 4/I
New England SAF Joint Summer Meeting; 8/3-4/92; Paul Smith's NY 10.5/I
Granite State Woodlot & Wildlife Mgnt. Course; 9/20-25/92; Hollis, NH 39/I
Wildlife of the Forests, Fields & Wetlands; 9/29, 10/6, 13 & 17/92; Concord, NH 11/I

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