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NESAF SUPPORTS AFFILIATES AND TASK FORCE REPORT

At the NESAF Winter Meeting in Manchester the business meeting held on March 22 generated two important pieces of "business." The nearly 200 foresters attending addressed issues centered around the relationship between membership categories of SAF and the Task Force Report on sustaining Long Term Health and Productivity. Both deserve further discussion and action by the total membership.

A Resolution was passed on March 22 that reads as follows: "WHEREAS, the SAF House of Society Delegates at its annual meeting in Indianapolis in November 1993 recommended to Council "that based on recent action, study, dialogue, and surveys in several state societies and multi-state societies, Council and the national office study, evaluate, and consider further the relationship between full, affiliate, and associate member categories of SAF; therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of the New England Society of American Foresters at its Annual Business Meeting in Manchester, NH on March 22, 1994 goes on record in support of the House of Society Delegates recommendation to Council as stated above. Since that time SAF Council has approved a two part motion. One is to form a sub committee to study the affiliate issue in light of several emerging changes coming from the national office (see Council's Commentary in this issue). The other supports a member referendum in 1995 giving time for member discussion and coverage of the issue in the Journal. NESAF will continue to keep abreast of this issue since we were one of the instigators of this movement.

At the same business meeting NESAF was presented with three options regarding the Task Force report (1) no action (2) wait for a response from the Task Force in July (3) respond to the report and gather comments from those attending the annual meeting and combining them with comments from both the New England and New York Sections, a formal response was prepared and sent to the Council in early May. As the seven page response indicated, we are in general agreement with the draft recommendations but wish to offer some points to consider in the council's efforts at developing its final document. As the final paragraph of our response indicated, the members of our organizations are firmly committed to support these recommendations as they are presented to Congress. We will work diligently within the coming months and years to ensure that the recommendations are indeed implemented. Too much important work has been invested in this process for these recommendations to not receive the action they deserve.

The question now becomes What do we do when the actions are released?? At the NESAF Executive Committee meeting in June a shopping list of what NESAF will do was presented. All actions will be designed to keep the pressure on for implementing the recommendations. A press release will be developed on our position and contact will be maintained with our Congressional delegation. We may arrange meetings within each state to review candidates positions on NFL prior to election. In any case, while the Council is preparing for their final document, NESAF and the New York section will be preparing an action plan for responding to the final report due out in September.

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NESAF RESPONDS TO COUNCIL REPORT

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In Memoriam

Raymond T. Foulds, Jr.
1914-1994

Raymond T. Foulds Jr., University of Vermont professor emeritus and well-known forestry specialist with the UVM Extension Service, passed away on Wednesday June 22 in the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont. He was 79. Ray was a 56-year member of the Society of American Foresters and the recipient of its Distinguished Service Award in 1981. He was also a member of the American Forestry Association, the Northeastern Logger's Association, the National Christmas Tree Growers Association, the Vermont Historical Society, the Vermont Maple Industry Council, the Green Mountain Audubon Society, the Tree Farm System, and the Vermont Timberland Owners Association. He was an active member in all these organizations and held leadership positions in most. He will be remembered for his copious notes and records of all meetings.

In 1938 he graduated from the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. With forestry jobs hard to find, he expanded on his Eagle Scout experience by attending the School for Scout Executives at the Schiff Reservation in New Jersey. As a professional scouter he moved to Vermont and worked in Bennington, Rutland, Middlebury, and East Walpole, Massachusetts. After two years of hospitalization from a severe war injury, resulting in a Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Ray came back to Vermont and became the Washington County Forester for the Vermont Department of Forests and Parks. In 1948 he joined the University of Vermont Extension Service and remained there until his retirement in 1979. He obtained his Masters Degree in Forestry at the University of Michigan and completed his studies toward a doctorate in forest economics at Oregon State in 1972.

As the UVM Extension Service maple specialist, he developed county maple meetings which remain an annual event. He was a leader in the development of the Vermont Maple Association, the Vermont Maple Industry Council, and served as a board member and treasurer of the Vermont Maple Festival for many years. The "Ray Foulds Award" is presented each year at Maplefection in an outstanding young sugarmaker in the host county of the event, and in 1991 Ray was named Maple Person of the Year at the Vermont Farm Show. He is an inducted member of the Hall of Fame of the American Maple Museum in Croghan, New York.

Ray was a steward of the forest and shared his knowledge and enthusiasm with landowners throughout the state and region. He published a newsletter, gave hundreds of talks, wrote countless articles and publications, and made frequent television appearances on WCAX's "Across the Fence". In 1956 he co-founded the Vermont - New Hampshire Christmas Tree Growers' Association. He will be particularly remembered for his involvement with youth - especially Vermont 4-H Forestry groups and the annual 4-H Forestry tour.

Executive Director's Report

Richard Watt

A few weeks ago I received a packet from the Bethesda Office describing the "Walk in the Forest." You may recall that this is a program designed to help us teach the public about the many benefits of the forests and how we foresters work with the forest to maintain its health as well as satisfy diverse human needs. This year's material is much more extensive than last year and gives suggestions for walks with children, the general public, and the media. Also included are some suggested talking points. Sample invitations, press releases, and letters to the editor are included to make your job easier.

The steps in planning a walk with children are quite specific and point out the importance of enlisting the interest of the teacher involved several months before the planned date to discuss with the teacher what you hope to accomplish, provide some reading material, and then become acquainted with the class a week or so before the walk. This class room activity can be tied in with a Project Learning Tree activity, leaf collections, or other material from a forester's tool kit. It also provides an opportunity to ask the children what they would like to see and talk about when they are on the walk.

For the media walk, it is helpful to touch upon local forestry issues as well as teach reporters about your activities and the importance of forestry to the community. But the importance of a "hook" to bring out the reporters is stressed - perhaps a prominent politician, forest-products plant owner - whose presence in itself may provide news and a photo opportunity. Just an educational talk may not provide sufficient incentive to get the media involved for several hours. Examples of several 1993 Walk Projects are described for additional ideas. The Rhode Island Chapter had a general public walk which attracted 250 folks to the Water Supply board property, relating forestry management to water supply protection as well as wildlife and wood production. I'm sure they would be available to provide you with some suggestions on what to stress and what to avoid. The suggested date is October 21, 1994, a month too late for northern New England's color season, but you can move it to mesh with your local phenology.

I think all of us tend to forget what a good story we have to tell and how well we tell it when we are out in the woods. I remember a professor in college who was tremendous boring in the classroom, but told an engaging story when he was actually inspired by the forest surroundings. Each one of us has a great story to tell about our work, our knowledge of the forests, not just trees but all the organisms and their interactions. And so many people never do think about the importance of the forest in satisfying our needs - material and spiritual.

Give me a call if you haven't received information on this exciting program.

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 intact 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.

Richard Watt
Council’s Commentary

James E. Coufal

The June Council meeting at Bethesda was intense and stimulating. We discussed and took action on items such as green certification; private property rights; the proper role for SAF as a professional organization; communications model for SAF to use; the emerging “Certified Forester” program (over 550 of our colleagues have asked for information on how to become certified); SAF’s first attempt at videoconferencing, probably to be held in January 95 with the theme of “evolving forest management concepts”; follow up on the recommendations of the “Process Design Committee’s” report on how to study sustaining long-term health and productivity; the feasibility of SAF taking the lead on one or both of two national conferences, one on how to cooperatively extend forest management to more forest lands, and the second to find common ground among natural resource professionals and develop a set of fundamental principles to guide the use and management of forests. Many of the actions taken were “provisional”, and have been or will be covered in the Journal and through other channels so that members (you) will have a chance to express your views and get involved.

New England and New York were prime movers in the push to advance the affiliate member issue to another member referendum, so I want to give you some detail on what happened. Council approved what is essentially a two part motion. First, a Council Sub-Committee will be appointed to study advancing affiliates to member in the context of potential changes in SAF organization that might come from the Voluntary Structure Task Force Report, and in the context of other activities such as the certified forester program. The Sub-Committee will report its findings at the December Council meeting, and make their deliberations known to all SAF members. The second part of the motion supports a member referendum in 1995, giving time for member discussion and coverage of the issue in the Journal and elsewhere. The New York and New England societies, and individual members, need to make their views known on this issue, both internally and external to District VI.

The affiliate issue is a good example of the Council being reflective of the membership as a whole. the motion described above passed 12 to 2. Two members basically feel we shouldn’t even be talking about this issue; affiliates shouldn’t vote and possible shouldn’t even be part of SAF. the 12 votes to pass the motion does not mean 12 Council members support advancement of affiliate to member, but rather that some simply believed in the essential fairness of giving the idea another look and the members another vote. In the same fashion, discussion of other issues reveal some members who believe SAF abdicated leadership in the emerging arena of ecosystem management when we failed to develop a position statement last year, others feel we should have buried the task force report then and there, and the majority sought to move SAF and forestry ahead by seeking a middle ground. This kind of difference is common in Council deliberations, and points to why -- with such divergence of employment, interests, age, regional traditions and resources, and so on among the members -- it is difficult to develop strong position statements. It keeps Council members aware of the need to represent District constituents and views, while also representing the total profession; and of the need for member input in decisions while the Council must also act decisively as the elected representatives of the profession. A good example is how can Council represent the "diversity of its membership" when there is relatively little diversity (SAF is still mostly a white, male organization)? If there is so little diversity in the membership, how can Council take the lead in working toward greater diversity? Or should it?

Lastly, the train has left the station and is chugging down the tracks toward Portland Maine's 1995 National SAF Convention. Dozens of forestry volunteers have stepped forward to chair committees and subcommittees. We can use more. Their coordinated efforts orchestrated by our able Chair, Max McCormack, will lead to an old class showcasing of New England forestry in October 1995. Although we've got a long way to go, it's a beginning. NESAF is on the move. We are tackling big issues, working as a team, and making things happen. We are being counted. We are earning respect. We can be whatever we want to be.

Comments of the Chair

Joseph Michaels

I was about to leave for my dental appointment when the phone rang on my desk. The reporter from the Portsmouth Herald said ... "Are you the Chair of the New England Society of American Foresters?" I sure am, I replied. "Well, I'm calling to find out what your group thinks of the Northern Forest Lands Council Draft Recommendations." The interview went well. A detailed, comprehensive, consensus-driven response had just been consummated with our New York partners, thanks to the leadership of Ed Leary and his hard working volunteer committee. I was able to respond to every question knowing I was speaking for the membership. It was a good feeling. I felt proud.

In my first message as Chair, I said that we need to stand for something. We need to be counted when important issues affecting New England's forest resource. Consensus won't come easy. Ask Ed Leary and members of his NFL committee. But it got done. Our position is clear, well-thought out, and consistent with national policy positions. People are calling us and asking...what do you think?

With much courage, passion, and conviction, the membership endorsed the National Task Force Report on Long Term Health and Sustainability at the Winter Meeting in Manchester and applauded the work of the members who created it. It was further resolved that a NESAF study committee should be appointed to see how we can begin implementing the study recommendations in New England. John McNulty, your incoming Chair, is leading that effort. The national office has been advised in writing of our decision. President Moser's response was very positive.

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CANDIDATES COLUMN

This fall, in addition to voting for Division and Chapter officers, each New England member will be able through their vote to send a New England member to a larger office. We have three candidates for District VI Council, two year position that represents New England and New York on the national SAF Council. Douglass Allen, an entomologist at the State University College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry at Syracuse; Gibb Dodge, a "retired" but very active forester from New Hampshire; and Carol Redelsheimer, a harvest planning and operations, environmental and regulatory compliance, timber utilization, and road planning and construction for the American International Corporation. All three candidates have the necessary SAF work records and all deserve your effort at voting. In addition Jim Coufal, our about to expire Council member from District VI (his term not Jim) has decided to run for SAF Vice-President. Again your voting consideration is encouraged.

Gibb Dodge

It will soon be time to choose our National SAF Council Member for District VI (New England and New York Sections). It is the responsibility of the Council and elected Officers to oversee the business and the Society of American Foresters. This includes developing policy and budgets to guide and carry out the activities of our National Society. I have been an active member of SAF since my student years. My interest in helping to guide Society activities began as an elected officer in the Yankee and Granite State Divisions. This interest increased as I served in the New England Society and on various national committees. I am impressed with our abilities to exchange ideas, make decisions and develop effective policy and procedures within our respective State and Regional Societies.

In addition to the Society activities, my professional experience makes me well qualified to serve as your Council Representative. My career as a forester has been in the Northeastern Area of the US. I have come to know and work with many colleagues on regional and national groups which have influenced resource management decisions or policy. I have assisted in the planning for and management of private and public natural resources during periods of changing forest uses. I am no stranger to the rigors of field work. I have also filled positions requiring budgetary, supervisory and legislative skills.

Our profession and Society are at a crossroads where we must continue and improve our leadership changes in the ever changing arena of natural resource management. I am at a stage in my professional life where I can devote time to serving as your SAF Council Member. If elected, I will do my best to represent District VI interests while effectively functioning as a National Council Member. Thank you for your consideration and PLEASE VOTE.

Carol Redelsheimer

All foresters practice their art and science with society's permission. Frequently our job entails not only providing the tangible products and intangible amenities which society demands from our forests, but also helping to define what products and amenities can be available.

Throughout our history professional foresters have struggled to meet social and economic demands. During this century those demands have changed and increased, but perhaps, now demands more than ever before from our forests, private and public; and from the foresters who are their traditional stewards. No professionals are more qualified to meet those demands. The diversity of expertise and wisdom within our profession is the key to our strength. As a united profession, deeply rooted in knowledge, experience, and ethics, we can stand strong - so that society will continue to honor us with the challenge to manage our forests in all their diversity. Divided, we will wither and dissolve ignominiously into history's annals.

Let us now focus our attention on what we do best: working harmoniously and cooperatively to provide all of the forests' amenities for the collective benefit of society.

James Coufal

Over a period of several weeks this spring, I have given thoughtful consideration to running for Vice-President of the Society of American Foresters in the 1994 elections. Two things happened to solidify my decision to do so. First, I have the support of my employer at both the Department and College levels. Second, during the early-February Council meeting, I talked with several Council members and received strong support from them. I want the New England membership to know by these comments that "I'm throwing my hat in the ring as a candidate for SAF Vice-President."

Having the support of the Officers, Executive Committee, and membership of the New England society would mean a great deal to me personally and professionally. Whether it is a simple "good luck" wish or more, I ask for that support to the extent that you think it is appropriate and you are comfortable in giving it. Obviously, I do hope that you can and will give me your ultimate individual support, that is, your vote.

To date, being on the SAF Council has been one of the very top experiences of my professional career, especially working with such great people, including the National Officers, the Executive Committee, and members of the New England and New York SAFs. The times are stimuliating, and I believe the that they are watershed times for our profession. I am really excited about the chance of being President of SAF and following up on the leadership Ross Whaley, Bill Barton, Jane Difley, John Moser, and Bill Siegel have and will be providing. Each of these foresters has encouraged me to run for SAF Vice-President, and that in itself has been a real kind of personal and professional reward.

Whatever happens in the elections, it has been a great two years on the Council, and I look forward to working with the New England Society and the SAF Council on issues of importance to our profession and the SAF over the remainder of 1994.

Douglas Allen

Over the years, I have been privileged to know and work with many foresters in New England. Most especially, in my capacity as a forest entomologist I keep close and regular contact with colleagues throughout the New England States. This, and the opportunity to attend several of your annual meetings, has helped me to appreciate the many similarities and differences in issues faced by the New York and New England Societies.

It has been my good fortune to have served SAF in a number of ways during the past 25 years. To me, the next logical step is to try and put this experience to work at the level of the SAF Council. As a native Vermonter and "Maine Forester", I believe I have a good feeling for the concerns of foresters and landowners throughout the northeast. I would do my utmost to represent the views of District VI on Council. To me, this would be an exciting opportunity to represent friends and colleagues at the national level. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming election. Thank You.
Members Rewarded for Efforts

Kevin Evans/Julie Renaud Evans

Kevin Evans and Julie Renaud Evans of Berlin, New Hampshire have been awarded the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association 1994 award as Outstanding Forestry Activists. The award is given to the individuals who have a significant track record of forest activist accomplishments that promote responsible forest management and multiple use and the importance of a viable wood products industry to the general public. The award for 1994 honors this husband and wife team for their exceptional dedication and commitment to raising the awareness level of their community as well as their colleagues regarding forestry issues. The Evans are constantly seeking new ways to communicate, educate, and inform New Hampshire landowners and elected officials about the importance of responsible forestry in New Hampshire. The Evans' untried activism in the north country and across the state is an asset to NHTOA and everyone involved in forest management in New Hampshire.

Jim Wilkinson

The Vermont Forest Products Association has named James Wilkinson of Barre, Vermont as its Outstanding Forester for 1994. Jim Wilkinson is a 53 year member of the Society of American Foresters and is both a Fellow the recipient of NESAF's Distinguished Service Award in 1978. The numerous votes of support for Wilkinson were due to his professional work ethic within the logging community as a consulting forester as well as his public service to the Current Use Tax Coalition. He has been a long supporter of the Association and the Vermont Forestry Expo. Mr. Wilkinson will receive his award at the Vermont Forestry Expo in Rutland on July 23.

Geoffrey T. Jones

Geoffrey T. Jones, Director of Land Management for SPNHF, was awarded the Outstanding Contribution to Forest Industry Award by the Northeastern Logger's Association and The Northern Logger and Timber Processor magazine on May 12. Geoff has been selected because of his outstanding work on the publication "A Guide to Logging Aesthetics," and his lecture series on forest stewardship.

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: Jay F. Sobetzer of Lyme (N), Robin E. Rancourt of Madison, Sean L. Brissette of Manchester (T), and Victoria A. Kjoss at UNH (S).

Green Mountain Division: Jane Selzer of Shelburne (N), Andrew S. Carlo of Huntington (N), and Dan Wolfson of Woodstock (N).

Maine Division: K. Ellis of Hudson (N), Dan Smith of Etna (N), Brent McCafferty of Farmington (N), Brian J. Smith of Buchanan (N), Christopher Taylor of Kingfield (N), George Carlisle of Bangor (T), Phillip C. Nowell of Winterport (T), and Peter Beringer, James Doyle, Carroll Cooper, Kenen Ireland, and Biswomber Pradhan of UMaine, Orono (S).

Yankee Division: William J. Cote of Ware, Ma (N), Glenn Freden of Royalston, Ma (N), Steven Ward of Montague, Ma (N), Dale Williams of Chelmsford, Ma (N), Thomas Brule of Drury, Ma (N), Joseph Lee of Princeton, Ma (N), Paul Van Deusen of Medford, Ma (T), and Melissa LeVangie, Patrick Brennan, and Edward McGuire of UMass (S).

Connecticut Chapter: Charles R. Johnson of Woodbury (T), and Andreas Eicher, Elizabeth Gallinoble, and Rajesh Thadani of Yale (S).

Walk in the Forest
Society of American Foresters

On Friday, October 21, 1994, be one of many SAF members across the country who will take school children, media, legislators, neighbors, and friends on a Walk in the Forest. This national SAF program, now in its second year, is designed to help SAF members teach the public about the many benefits of healthy forests, and about how foresters care for these forests. In addition, by conducting a Walk in the Forest SAF members can show the public that foresters share their life of nature and the environment.

The national office is distributing Walk in the Forest planning kits to SAF state societies, divisions, and chapters. The kit contains guidelines and materials to help SAF members and chapters plan a "walk." The step-by-step outline of how to organize a walk is generic and can be used with a wide variety of audiences, from school children to local government officials. The kit includes boiler plate press releases and invitations to help publicize your walk, camera ready walk logos, talking point ideas for media and other adult audiences, and a forest facts sheet to distribute to walk participants. The walk can be as simple or as elaborate as you wish, and can be conducted by just one SAF member or an entire SAF chapter.
Member/Customer Caring

The following principles were published by The Association Marketer and written by John Daly of Daly Communications. We post these and similar member service prompts at the SAF National Office.

Rules to work by:

10 Principles of Customer Caring.

I. Thou shalt treat thy customer as thyself.

II. Thou shalt recognize that all thy customers are vitally important, for from them good things flow.

III. Thou shalt always determine what thy customers are thinking.

IV. Thou shalt make each transaction so pleasant that satisfied customers will return and will urge others to do likewise.

V. Thou shalt recognize that thy customers may not always be right, but are seldom all wrong.

VI. Thou shalt know about the relevant aspects of thine operations.

VII. Thou shalt extend thyself in an inspired spirit of helpfulness to meet thy customers’ changing needs.

VIII. Thou shalt realize customers are provided better service when thou respect thy colleagues and thyself, because providing service is everyone’s privilege.

IX. When thou art a customer, thou shalt accord just treatment to all vendors.

X. Thou shalt ensure that thy management upholds these commandments and promulgates a clear mission statement with visionary goals.

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A MAST FOR THE ERNESTINA

The ship was built at the James and Tarr shipyard in Essex, Massachusetts in 1894 and then floated down to Gloucester for finishing. The 156 foot long vessel was of the Gloucester fishing schooner type built by the dozens during this period. Launched in February of 1894 as the "Effie M. Morrissey" this remarkable vessel travelled the next century over the grand banks as a fishing vessel, to the arctic as part of the famous "Bartlett Boys Seafaring Adventures", to Alaska and then to the bottom of New York harbor as the result of a fire in 1948. In 1948 the ship was refloated, renamed the "Ernestina", and became the property of Herinque Mendes, a sea captain living in New Bedford.

For the next 24 years the "Ernestina" became a commercial vessel between the United States and Cape Verde Islands (Mendes' home country) bringing goods and immigrants from the Islands to New Bedford, where many of them settled permanently. In 1976 the Cape Verde Islands gained their independence from Portugal and as a gesture of friendship made a gift of the "Ernestina" to Massachusetts. By 1986 it had started its fourth life, out of New Bedford, as a museum of schooner history and a teaching vessel.

In 1994 the "Ernestina" was undergoing rebuilding and repairs when it was discovered the fore mast needed replacing. A call went out to the state foresters in Massachusetts in an attempt to locate a white pine tree which would make a suitable mast for the ship. A sizable tree was located in the Mohawk Trail State Forest in the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts. On May 12 a 125 year old white pine was felled by Charlemont logger Norman Hicks and his son Jeff. The tree measured 137 feet in total heights and 31 inches dbh. A log 100 feet long, 35 inches at the base, and 18 inches at the tip was cut and brought to a meadow for shaping. Roundout Woodworking of Saugerties, New York worked for three weeks shaping the mast. Using a chain saw rig and power planers they roughed out the mast's shape, often taking hours to make excruciatingly precise measurements before each cut. Once the mast was roughed out, hand planing and chiseling produced the final product in much the same manner as one would have during the 1700's. This final process took a week to complete and the final mast measured 22 inches in diameter at the base and 80 feet in length.

Finally, on June 9, exactly four weeks from cutting the tree, the mast was trucked to New Bedford where it will receive a few coats of borate and linseed oil before it is stepped on the ship.

CALL FOR POSTERS

The Society of American Foresters and the Canadian Institute of Forestry are inviting posters to be presented at their joint national convention in Anchorage, Alaska in September. Poster subject matter can address any natural resource management or research project. The Convention theme is "Managing Forests to Meet People's Needs."

Posters will be arranged by SAF working group with awards presented to the best poster in each group. A 4'x8' horizontal backboard and a draped table will be provided. An abstract of each poster will also be published in the convention proceedings.

Deadline for submission of poster proposals is August 15, 1994, to be included in the convention program. Proposals must include a 150 word abstract, author(s) names and addresses, a request for electricity or VCR if needed, and designation as a student or professional poster. Authors will be notified of acceptance within two weeks of receipt of the proposal. Send all materials to Richard Reid, Director, Meetings and Conventions, SAF 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.
PORTLAND 95' UPDATE

The first Portland 95 organizational meeting was held in Portland on May 16 with nearly 40 people attending. As true New Englanders we immediately determined to do things our way and break with SAF tradition. Our first goal is to make this National meeting up to New England Winter Meeting standards and secondly to arrange the program to best meet the needs of those attending.

Accordingly the design of the program has been changed substantially. First of all the convention will commence on Sunday, October 28 rather than the more traditional Monday. Monday will then be used as a full day of tours, workshops and exhibits. Tuesday and Wednesday will be filled with the Working Group portion of the convention. Thursday will conclude with post convention tours.

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Technology Coordinator’s Report

Twenty two foresters responded to this survey, published in the January News Quarterly. Of those responding most felt that the format and content of our annual meetings meet our needs but felt that an additional technical meeting every other year is necessary. Suggestions on topics varied from sustainability, computers, field technology, ecosystem management, GIS and others. The general feeling was that good technical meetings would contribute to increased membership. The main deterrent to membership is increased cost, lack of leadership, and irrelevant articles in the Journal and Quarterly.

I suggest for consideration a meeting dealing with ecosystem management and sustainability -- some good discussion sessions not just expert speakers, and displays and workshops on computers, timber inventory, spreadsheet applications, word processing, and GIS. The information on other possible workshop topics could perhaps be more readily gained from the literature.

ANNOUNCEMENT

"F-2" Working Group Members: We are attempting to determine interest in a Recreation Working Group session at the 1995 annual NESAF winter meeting. There is enough recreation research and new management initiatives taking place in New England to create an interesting hour or two at our next meeting. If you would like to attend or contribute information or a paper please contact: Skip Echelberger, Vice-Chair F-2 Recreation Working Group, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, 705 Spear Street, Burlington, Vermont 05405.

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The story is told of a scientist who visited the Alaska Territory about a century ago and sent back a letter to the Lower 48 with some advice to "would be" visitors to the Great Land. Paraphrasing his words, he wrote that those who are old should come at once. Don’t wait another minute to see this! but if you are young, he advised, you may wish to wait. After seeing Alaska, the rest of the world will seem boring.

We in Alaska SAF are not recommending visitation priorities by age. But we do agree, after seeing Alaska, the rest of the world may seem a little mediocre. So why wait? You now have the best of all excuses to visit with the national convention scheduled for September 18-21 in Anchorage. to further add to the enticement, this convention will be hosted jointly with the Canadian Institute of Forestry (CIF). Even more of an international flavor is planned with invitations having been extended to a number of countries such as Sweden, Norway, Russia and other northern latitude nations.

The May issue of the Journal had pre-registration details about the great Anchorage convention. In summary, the 94 convention will have two-full days of general sessions with international speakers addressing the theme “Managing Forests to Meet People's Needs,” followed by two full days of technical sessions, special presentations and international meetings. There will be entertainment, a special Alaska bounty banquet, Alaskan arts and crafts, and a number of unique opportunities to enjoy September in Alaska. Even getting there can be an adventure with cruise ship opportunities and talk of a vehicle caravan up the Alaska Highway.

Alaska’s strategic location with respect to Pacific Rim and northern latitude countries makes Anchorage an ideal location for an international convention. The geography also makes possible some interesting convention tours throughout interior Alaska and even the opportunity to visit the Russian Far-East. Check the Journal information carefully to see what is available before, during, and after the convention.

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CFE Update

Congratulations to Anne Marie Kittredge, Yankee Division, for earning a CFE certificate. This is the third certificate she has received!

NER.COFÉ, Roads & Structures Workshops; 3/7-8/94; Orono, ME

Northern New England C.T. Conf.; 3/18-19/94; W. Lebanon, NH

Building Partnerships for Ecosystem Management on Forest and Range Lands in Mixed Ownership; 3/20-21/94; Manchester, NH

N.F.P.C. & N.F.I.W.C Annual Meeting; 3/21-22/94; Manchester, NH

NESAF Annual Meeting; 3/22-24/94; Manchester, NH

FORS/MAP Computer Aided Drafting; 3/25/94; Manchester, NH

Timber Cruising; 4/7/94; Augusta, ME

Community Trees for People; 4/9/94; Durham, NH

4th Annual Coos Foresters Mud Season Breakfast; 4/15/94; Berlin, NH

NHTOA Annual Mtng.; 4/30/94; W. Lebanon, NH

Spatial Info. Tools & Applications For Forest Landscape Mgmt., 5/26/94; E. Windsor, CT

SAF Yankee Div. Summer Meeting; 6/8/94; Haddam, CT

Wood Measurement Training; 6/9-10/94; Orono, ME

Tree Shelter Workshop; 6/15/94; Middlebury, VT

Admin. of Forest Practices Regulation in Maine; 6/16/94; Augusta, ME

I.D. & Mgmt. of Hazard Trees When Logging; 6/21/94; Sanford, ME

Ecosystem Management Conference; 7/18-19/94; Burlington, VT

You may obtain a chronological list of all evaluated programs that have taken place during the past three years by sending $1 cash (for postage and printing) to me at my office.

Jon Nute
UNH Cooperative Extension
468 Route 13 South, Milford, NH 03055
Summer Meeting Scheduled - The Green Mountain Division summer meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 14 in Rockingham. The theme will be Stewardship with a focus on landowner communication and technology transfer. A series of tours are planned on private lands managed by SAF member consultants. For more information contact Diana Frederick.

NESAF Winter Meeting, Your Opportunity - The 1995 NESAF Winter Meeting will be hosted by the Green Mountain Division. The Division is considering hosting this event as a joint Winter Meeting with the New York Division. General Chair, Paul Frederick is working on the details and would sincerely like to hear from anyone interested in participating in the preparation of this meeting.

Vermont Woodlands Comes To Life - Have you ever pined (excuse the pun) for a forestry magazine unique to Vermont; full of information on a wide variety of forestry related topics about Vermont. One that would arrive, like the seasons, four times a year and carry information on subjects ranging from latest stumpage prices to winter effects on wildlife to keys to getting a good logging job done. Well Virginia Barlow and Stephen Long made good on their promise and have published the first issue of Vermont Woodlands Magazine. It is beautifully laid out and full of information for Vermont foresters. If you happened to miss the inaugural issue, a subscription for $18 will guarantee that you don't miss the remainder.

Ecosystem Management Symposium Nears - Ecosystem Management: A symposium for natural resource managers to explore ecological approaches to managing the forests of New England and New York will be held in Burlington on July 18-19. A group of nationally respected forestry leaders including: John Gordon, Dean Yale School of Forestry; Jane Difley, Director Vermont Natural Resources Council; and John Heissenbuttel, Vice President American Forest and Paper Association will deliver their perspectives on the subject. Group and panel discussions will follow with the goal to develop applications on the ground for natural resource managers in New England and New York. For more information contact Thom McEvoy at the University of Vermont.

Wayne Kingsley Retires - Ninety one people assembled at the Rutland Country Club on May 18 to honor Wayne Kingsley's retirement from the Green Mountain National Forest after 32 years of service. Forest Supervisor Forest Supervisor Terry Hoffman thanked Wayne for his excellent work over the 29 years he spent on the Green Mountain National Forest in timber sale contracting, fire management, and his recent work in air quality monitoring. Wayne received many awards throughout his career including the chief's "Group Award" for air quality monitoring, presented earlier in Washington, D.C.. Wayne plans to spend more time on his farm, fur trading, and fishing. Although he will miss his friends in timber and fire management, this summer will be the first opportunity to actually pick his corn in the daylight.

Timberland Owners Plan Joint Meeting - The Vermont Timberland Owners Association will hold a joint meeting with the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association on Wednesday, July 20 in Lyme, New Hampshire. The meeting will cover future plans regarding the ownership and management of the John Hancock Insurance Corporation lands in northern New England. For details call Farley Brown at 802-586-9973.

Communications Council To Examine Forest Practices - The Vermont Forestry Communications Council, at their June meeting established an eleven member task force to examine issues and concerns relating to forest practices. The task force will take six months to identify the most important issues and develop findings and recommendations for the FCC. The next FCC meeting will be August 17 in Montpelier. Contact Alan Calfee for more information.

McNeil Station 10th Anniversary - June 1, 1994 marked the 10th anniversary of commercial operation of the Joseph McNeil Station in Burlington. The 50MW woodfired power plant has been a leader in the industry. It has helped create a market for whole tree chips and mill residues. By utilizing locally produced, renewable resources new jobs have been developed and millions of dollars have been returned to local economies over the course of operations. The plant has been of key importance in providing reliable power to northwestern Vermont this spring while the PASNY power line from northern New York was out of service due to ice damage.

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Marvell Chosen Outstanding Tree Farmer - New Boston landowner Ken Marvell has been named the 1994 New Hampshire Outstanding Tree Farmer for his work on his 123 acre "Sunset" Tree Farm. State Forester Jack Sargent presented the award, praising Ken for his dedication to the Tree Farm program and noting Ken's strong commitment to good forestry by offering tours, exhibits and encouraging friends, neighbors, and relatives to become Tree Farmers. In addition to annual forest tours with school children, youth groups and forest landowners, Ken's love of Tree Farming has been the subject of newspaper articles, television promotional and radio interviews. Since 1985, Sunset Tree Farm has produced thousands of board feet of white pine lumber, hundreds of cords of firewood, and many tons of biomass chips as products of forest thinnings and other forest improvement operations.

Forest Society Honored - The Forest Society was named 1994 New Hampshire Business of the Year in the education/non-profit category by Business New Hampshire Magazine and the New Hampshire Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives. The Society was honored at an awards luncheon in Manchester on May 25.

Staff Leave Under Buyout - In March Congress and the President under the Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994 gave the Forest Service authority to offer its employees monetary incentives to retire early. Within five days, 2,184 Forest Service employees, or 6.4% of the permanent work force, took advantage of this Buy Out. In New Hampshire, sixteen Forest Service staff from the White Mountain National Forest have left under the Buy Out. One of the Clinton administration goals in initiating the Buy Out was to streamline the upper echelons of the agency. However, of the 2,184 employees leaving service, only 101 were employed at these upper grade levels.

Model Timber Sale Contract Out - A new model timber sale agreement is available without charge from the Maine Forest Service. It was prepared with assistance from the Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine and is complemented by a new Maine Forest Service brochure describing what landowners should consider when selecting a logging contractor. The existence of a written contract may negate the liability of a landowner for a workmen's compensation when a harvesting contractor is injured while working on the landowner's property. New legislation provides protection against such a claim provided the landowner has a written contract. Both the sample contract and the brochure are available from the Maine Forest Service, Station 22, Augusta, Maine 04333 or by calling 1-800-367-0223.

Forest Resource Survey Commences - The fourth state wide survey of Maine's forest resources conducted by the USDA Forest Service since the 1950's began during the week of May 22 in Aroostook County. The survey, with the help of the Maine Forest Service will provide comprehensive information about the condition of Maine's forests and will assess forest health and vigor. It continues to be essential information for land managers, policy makers and others interested in the future of Maine's forests.
Stewardship Grants Available - The Massachusetts Forest Stewardship Program anticipates having $50,000 available for small grants in 1994. Most grants will be in the $500 to $5,000 range with emphasis on landowner outreach and technical assistance. Project criteria will include content, implementation, impact, partnerships, costs, time frame, and reporting. The next funding cycle will be this December and further information can be obtained from Susan Campbell at 413-256-1201.

State Forest Going "Natural" - A large firebreak project has been undertaken on the Manuel F. Correllus State Forest on Martha's Vineyard that begins to implement a vegetation management plan to best address how to manage the forest in the future. This was necessitated after many of the softwood plantations were devastated by Hurricane Bob and subsequently salvaged. Key players in this project are Warren Archev, Chief Forester; Bill Rivers, State Lands Management Forester; Austin Mason, Southeast Region Management Forester; and John Varkonda, Forest Supervisor. Other players involved with this plan are representatives from the Nature Conservancy, Trustees of Reservations, Massachusetts Audubon Society, and the Massachusetts Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program.

A main focus of the plan is to try and revert some of the present vegetation types back to the historical grasslands-heathlands types found earlier this century. Large firebreaks at strategic locations are needed for fire protection and to provide the grasslands-heathlands habitat. After firebreaks are installed and maintained prescribed burning of certain sections will be conducted. Other areas will be mowed.

Connecticut by Jim Pronovost

Thanks to Yankee Division - The Connecticut Chapter would like to publicly thank the Yankee Division for a grant to cover 50% of the $360.00 cost for a Connecticut Chapter banner. The banner will be proudly displayed at events in which the Chapter participates.

SAF At Arbor Day - The Arbor Day fair sponsored by Connecticut ReLeaf in Hartford's Bushnell Park on April 27 drew 1200 to 1500 adults and 500 children. The Connecticut Chapter sponsored a well received booth featuring Connecticut grown and manufactured forest products.

Suggestions Needed - The Connecticut Chapter executive committee is looking for events and projects for 1995. The committee will be developing a calendar and proposed budget for next year this fall. Members who have suggestions should contact a committee member by September.

Yankee Division Summer Meeting - Over 100 people attended the Yankee Division Summer meeting hosted by the Connecticut Chapter. The meeting focused on the effects of hemlock woolly adelgid on Southern New England's forest and marketing hemlock. Chris Donnelly did an excellent job of arranging the meeting.

"The world is run by those who show up."
Canada

Hemlock Quarantine Update - Carol Lemmon provided an update on the hemlock quarantine by the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. Non-stop shipments of hemlock products through the three states is allowed under interstate commerce laws without a certificate. Pre-approved sites can accept logs from August to February. For information on pre-approved sites contact Dave Strubble (207-287-4981) for Maine; Brent Telion (802-241-3678) for Vermont; and Sigfried Thewke (603-271-2561) for New Hampshire. To ship to any port or mill in the three state area from Connecticut contact the State Entomologist’s Office at the Connecticut Experiment Station in New Haven to get a phytosanitary certificate.

Quebec News - Dr. Kim Lowell

Industrial News

Lumber Use Reviewed - A recent study of softwood lumber in Quebec showed some interesting results. Approximately 63% of the lumber sawn in Quebec is exported to the United States while 24% is sold to the province of Ontario; only 33% is used within Quebec. At the same time, however, this represents only about 85% of the total that is used in Quebec. The remainder is acquired from sources outside the province -- 14% comes from British Columbia while another 4% is imported from the United States. Finally, 42% of the softwood lumber in Quebec is used for repairs, principally in residential renovations; 31% is used by the industrial and commercial sectors; surprisingly, only 27% is used in the construction of new homes.

Biomass and Lumber Residues - There are currently 14 projects in place across Quebec for the cogeneration of electricity from biomass; their total capacity is around 224 megawatts annually. These projects were made possible by the adoption in 1987 of a policy by Hydro-Quebec to buy power from small independent power plants. A benefit for the forest industry has been the sale of previously worthless wood products residues. These residues are in the order of 800,000 metric tons annually. One advantage of this policy is that electricity generated from cogeneration is renewable. Moreover, it allows for the creation of relatively small power plants -- less than 15 megawatts in some cases -- and has provided an estimated 230 jobs across the province.

Japan Markets Strong - Recent events suggest that the potential for the export of Quebec softwood lumber to the Japanese market has never been stronger. There has recently been a large expansion in residential construction in Japan caused largely by a rezoning of large areas of agricultural lands. Furthermore, a reform of building codes in Japan will soon take place and could provide further opportunities for Quebec exporters to enter the Japanese market. At the same time, Quebec producers are finding restrictions in the European market bothersome, but must be able to move away from their traditional North American links if they are to be able to exploit new potential in Japan.

Forest Practitioner Licensing - Doug Emmerthal of the State Forester’s office is working with the Connecticut Attorney General’s office to finalize language for the licensing regulations. There were 50 to 60 pages of testimony submitted at the March 3 public hearing. Most of the testimony supported regulation. Doug is hopeful that regulations will be finalized in July. Plans for the exam for forester are not to overlap areas already covered by other licenses such as pesticides. Doug is working on putting together study packets.

University News - A number of faculty members of the Department of Forestry at Laval University are assuming new roles in various scientific journals. Alison Munson has been named co-editor of Ecoscience. Ecoscience is a new multi-disciplinary journal established by the Faculties of Science and Engineering, Food and Agricultural Sciences, and Forestry and Geomatics of Laval University for the dissemination of results of original research in ecology at different spatial and temporal scales, and at various levels of biological organization. Jean Bosquet has been invited to become a member of the editorial board of the new international journal Forest Genetics. The journal will be published three times a year and is dedicated to forest genetics and the improvement of trees.

The fusion of the previously named Department of Forest Science and Department of Wood Science has been officially adopted by the Administrative Council of Laval University. The new Department will be the Department of Wood and Forest Sciences.

On February 15 a protocol of agreement was signed between Laval University and Tele-University in Quebec to establish an inter-university certificate in forest management. Effectively, this will allow the development of courses in forestry which will be shown on television at various times on the university network to allow greater access to the university.

Montmorency Forest - the research forest of Laval University -- has received a 3-year grant of $100,000 to establish a walk demonstrating and explaining research on the integrated management of forest resources. The walk will be on a path approximately 2 miles long and will have some 15 stations at which various activities are explained in laypeople’s terms. Once completed, the path will be open year-round.

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Balsam Fir Update - Nearly 130 Christmas tree growers and industry advisers from around the Province and Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, New York, Vermont, Connecticut and Maine attended the University of New Brunswick's 165th Encaenia on May 26, 1994. Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Lieutenant Governor Christine Wellings; Canadian Institute of Forestry Merit Award - Luc Poulin; G.D. Estey Memorial Prize - Megan Elizabeth Williams; Faculty of Forestry Senior Project Award - Kenneth Ernest Johnston; Lucien J. Forcier Prize in Silviculture - Jeffrey William Pollock; Videto-Hadley Memorial Prize - Jonathan Mark Kierstead and Douglas Brian Folkins.

Papers Presented - Our faculty was well represented at the Second International conference on Science for Stability project at a meeting in Brussels, Prof. E.W. Robak took the opportunity to go on to Madrid to meet with some groups that had expressed an interest in Integrated Forest Management Systems. The forestry department of the province of Segovia has recently been discussing the need for an integrated management system along the lines of the IFMS. They indicated that they wish to have a version of the IFMS developed to suit their needs. A research group at UPM has developed some interesting computer-based technologies for landscape visualization modelling. A proposal will have the UPM research group and the Canadian group cooperate to develop an advanced version of the IFMS for Mediterranean countries.

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Student Prize Winners Announced - The following forestry and forest engineering prize winners were announced at UNB's 165th Encaenia on May 26, 1994. Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, Lieutenant Governor Christine Wellings; Canadian Institute of Forestry Merit Award - Luc Poulin; G.D. Estey Memorial Prize - Megan Elizabeth Williams; Faculty of Forestry Senior Project Award - Kenneth Ernest Johnston; Lucien J. Forcier Prize in Silviculture - Jeffrey William Pollock; Videto-Hadley Memorial Prize - Jonathan Mark Kierstead and Douglas Brian Folkins.

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Forest Practices Code Proposed - Dr. R. Douglas attended a meeting of the BC Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists in Vancouver in March regarding the proposed Forest Practices Code for BC. The new code will require many changes in BC forest operations, including more professional engineering input to the design and construction supervision of roads, culverts, bridges, and slope changes. There will be a shortage of engineers to either perform the work or enforce the new regulations. There appears to be a great distance education opportunity for appropriate courses at the Master's level.

Canada's Department of Forestry and Forest Engineering has been named the 1995 Institute of Canadian Forestry Merit Award. This award is given to the best forestry and forest engineering project in Canada. The University of New Brunswick has received this award in the past for its work on the IFMS for Mediterranean countries.

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