MAINE DIVISION VOTES AGAINST CLEARCUTTING REFERENDUM

by David Maass

The Maine Division Forest Practices Task Force developed this spring a position statement which opposed the Clearcutting Referendum. This citizen's initiated referendum, which would not only prohibit clearcutting more than 1/2 acre, but also limits the harvest volumes and sets residual stocking standards for landowners in unorganized towns. (See articles in The Forest Source and April News Quarterly for more information). The Task Force opposition to the referendum is that it would limit what the practicing forester could do to meet landowner objectives. The position statement was voted on by the Maine SAF membership and overwhelmingly approved (134 to 7).

The Forest Practices Task Force was established in 1994 to provide technical advice to the Division's officers on upcoming legislation and regulations related to forestry. It provides a more rapid way of responding to issues raised than by trying to address issues a regular Division meeting.

LANDOWNERS AND OTHER GROUPS ENDORSE ALTERNATIVE REFERENDUM

Negotiators from the 15 largest landowners in Maine's unorganized towns and several main stream environmental groups have negotiated an alternative to the Clearcutting Referendum. Some of the provisions of the alternative will have to be enacted by the legislature, but the landowners have agreed to abide by the new rules whether or not they are enacted. Many of those involved in the negotiations which developed this alternative are SAF members.

Some of the Alternative Clearcutting Referendum provision are:

- Reduce the legal maximum size of clearcuts from 250 to 75 acres.
- Raise the residual stocking level defining a clearcut from 30 sqft to 45 sqft of basal area.
- Cap the total clearcutting area to a quarter of one percent of any large ownership, or if intensive forest management investments are implemented, to one percent of any large ownership.
- Install voluntary management audits for large landowners.
- Develop a process to restrict liquidation, if the land is resold.
- Dedicate up to 15,000 acres of Maine’s public lands as a Forest Reserve.

Jonathan Carter of the Green Party, which developed the original referendum, declared that the main stream environmental groups, such as Maine Audubon and the Natural Resources Council of Maine had "sold out." November comes ever closer to voting time. Stay tuned.

(Most of this material was provided by Dave Maas, Maine Correspondent).

The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests has programs in land protection, education, advocacy, and forestry. The Society is supported by 10,000 members and has an annual budget of $2 million. The Society owns 96 forest reservations covering 25,000 acres and holds protective interests in an additional 54,000 acres. There will be a reception on September 27, 1996 at the Capital Center for the Arts in Concord to say goodbye to Paul and to welcome Jane. For more information call 603-224-9945.
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Members Rewarded for Efforts

Norman W. Hudson

Norman W. Hudson, Wood Energy Specialist with the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, has retired from his forestry position after 40 years of service to the State of Vermont. "Mr. Chips" has worked for many years promoting the use of wood energy as an efficient substitute for large scale electrical or fuel oil fired operations that have ranged from greenhouses to municipal buildings, to sawmills, to electrical generating plants, to schools, to F,P,&R District Offices. Twenty two schools are now or will be heating their facilities with wood chips.

Norm started his wood energy crusade when fuel wood came into vogue in the 70's as an alternative to high fuel costs. Through incentive programs to landowners (fuelwood access roads and cost shares for marking the trees) Vermont escalated its fuelwood removal to meet this demand without sacrificing good forestry. He has continued that premise to its most modern form of heat utilization - wood gasification systems using chips. He was also a mover and shaker in the use of video's in promoting wood energy and according to Bill Kropelin, Chief Forester at the Burlington Electric Department, is responsible for visits by at least 2,000 people to the McNeil Wood Fired Generating Plant since its conversion to wood. Several SAF Tours have occurred at this plant over the years.

Norm is only the second forester to have served with the Department for four decades prior to retirement with the first being Perry Merrill, originator of Vermont's Forestry Program. A retirement party was held on June 28 in Montpelier for this dedicated forester and nearly forty year member of the Society of American Foresters. At that time, nearly a dozen speakers presented richly deserved awards for service and performance. Included were two awards from Governor Dean: a Certificate of Merit for forty years of service to state government and a personal letter also honoring Norm for service. In addition the Northeast Regional Biomass Program honored Norm Hudson with its first Lifetime Achievement Award for service to the wood energy needs of the Northeast.

William Mautz

William Mautz, a Durham resident and professor of wildlife ecology, is the new dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture at the University of New Hampshire. He has served as interim dean since 1994 and been as UNH since 1969 where he started as assistant professor of wildlife ecology. He was responsible for establishing the Brentwood Wildlife Research Facility, a state-of-the-art complex for studying wildlife energetics.

Mautz earned his bachelor’s degree in biology at the University of Wisconsin and completed his Master’s and doctoral programs in wildlife ecology and management at Michigan State University. As interim dean he has facilitated the continuation of a major strategic planning effort initiated by former dean Thomas Fairchild and assisted the UNH Foundation with fundraising activities that resulted in a $3.5 million endowment to benefit several programs in the college. He assumes responsibility for executive leadership of a college with more than 1,700 students in the disciplines of agriculture, natural resources, and the biological sciences.

Charles Moreno

Charles Moreno, a New Hampshire consulting forester, for the second consecutive year has been selected as the Northeast Regional Inspector of the Year for his outstanding service and consistent commitment to the TreeFarm Program. He has been one of the top five state inspectors so many times that the New Hampshire committee has had to try to find prizes for him which he hasn't already won. He has served as committee vice chair, is a county chair, and serves on several committees in addition to promoting Tree Farming through news articles, radio shows, and as a civic club speaker.

Charlie has served New Hampshire SAF as secretary and is on the Granite State Division’s executive committee. He belongs to NHTDA, SPINHF, and is a member of the Strafford Town Planning Board.

In Memoriam

Mollie Beattie

1947 - 1996

It just doesn't seem that basic information truly captures the essence of the person. Born April 27, 1947 in Glen Cove, New York, philosophy degree from Marymount College in 68; MS Forestry degree from the University of Vermont in 79; and MS public administration from Harvard in 91. These are the branches of ourselves that enable us to grow and Mollie H. Beattie certainly did. As Madeline Kunin, former Vermont Governor and present US Deputy Secretary of Education remarked "the sadness we all feel was that this was too short a life. But she used every moment."

Her work history was a constantly rising star: program director for Windham Foundation in Grafton, Vermont; co-author of A Landowner’s Guide WORKING WITH YOUR WOODLAND; Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation; Deputy Secretary for the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources; Executive Director of the Public Policy at the Snelling Institute for Government, and finally in September of 1993 the appointment to Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service under the Clinton administration. NESAF caught glimpses of her; always good ones. She joined SAF in 1978 and provided her knowledge and expertise into the world of forestry and government at many SAF meetings in New England.

Her career in Washington was brief but rewarding. She added 15 national wildlife refuges; sought to conserve species by managing entire ecosystems; and under her direction established 140 habitat conservation plans which were agreements with landowners that allowed the greater good of a species to expand at the loss of a few members of the species being protected. Another 300 agreements were under development at the time of her death of brain cancer on June 27, 1996 at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townsend, Vermont.

President Clinton paid tribute to Mollie with a statement from the White House on June 28. "Mollie was a person who believed in the value of life and wildlife so deeply that she dedicated her many talents to preserving God’s gracious earth. She was the number one advocate for our national wildlife refuges, forever fighting to keep the system strong and growing. Mollie Beattie’s devotion to this earth was passionate, caring, and wise." He also captured perfectly the essence of the person. All of our star’s should rise so high in 49 years of life.
Several years ago when we were formulating our Mission Statement, we had discussions on the wording at division meetings. The discussions included reasons why we selected forestry as a profession. I was surprised at some of the responses that veered towards the spiritual. Surprised because I had assumed that many of us went into forestry because of its image of a “manly” pursuit, charging through the dense woods, viewing a vast wilderness from a fire tower, supervising a logging operation with its attendant big machinery, immersed in the excitement and glory of fighting forest fires. But instead, many dwelt upon poems that he said a forester might appreciate. He writes the lift of prairie breeze over Clandeboye, and they sense at our work in the forest, but transforms his observations into majestic spirals to a welcoming waste of a bygone age."

A friend recently sent me several small books of poems that he said a forester might appreciate. He writes poetry and senses that modern poetry does not appeal to me. The title of one caught my curiosity—"White Pine, Poems, and Prose Poems" by Mary Oliver. He was right. The poetry was understandable, insightful, and meets one description of the purposes of poetry—poetry—exists to bring us a sense and a perception of life, to widen and sharpen our contacts with existence. Their concern is with experience." Here is on prose poem that may interest you in reading more of Mary Oliver's works. Its title is "Fletcher Oak".

There is a tree here so beautiful it even has a name. Every morning, when it is still dark, I stand under its branches. They flow from its thick and silent trunk. One can’t begin to imagine their weight. Year after year they reach, they send out smaller and smaller branches, and bunches of flat green leaves, to touch the light.

Of course this has consequences. Every year the oak tree fills with fruit. Just now, since it is September, the acorns are starting to fall.

I don’t know if I will ever write another poem. I don’t know if I am going to live for a long time yet, or even for a while.

But I am going to spend my life wisely. I’m going to be happy, and frivolous, and useful. Every morning, in the dark, I gather a few acorns and imagine, inside of them, the pale oak trees.

In the spring, when I go away, I’ll take them with me, to my own country, which is a land of sun and restless ocean and moist woods. And I’ll dig down, I’ll hide each acorn in a cool place in the black earth.

To rise like a slow and beautiful poem. To live a long time.

Comments of the Chair

by Phil Bryce

While visiting Singapore in May, I sat next to a fellow at dinner who plays the stock market back here in the US. His job is to watch stocks, buy them while they are on an upward trend and sell just before they top out. He makes his living picking up a couple of thousand dollars on each of the transactions. I found his work all the more interesting when he criticized me for my role in forest destruction as an employee of the forest products industry. I responded by asking him if his concern about the environment extended to checking out the environmental performance of companies prior to purchasing stock in them. I also pointed out (tongue in cheek) that he had to do for him might be to liquidate more forest to increase cash and the value of the stock of the company he worked for so he could buy, sell and make more money.

This exchange reinforced three of my long-standing concerns. The first is the lack of people’s connection between their environmental values, their lifestyles, and the direct and indirect impacts this lifestyle has on the land. The second is the lack of people’s understanding of where foresters fit in balancing those values, lifestyles, and impacts. The third is a real concern over what information people use to make decisions about forestry issues.

My experience with the stock trader was in sharp contrast to the recent very positive response to a woods tour by 40 of the Appalachian Mountain Club’s summer staff. I must admit that I was surprised by how receptive the group was. The greatest impact we can have on people’s attitudes towards forestry is in the woods making the connections and giving folks first hand information to think about.

As a member of NESAF, you are going to be making decisions over the next year about how to invest the $25000 in proceeds from last year’s National SAF Convention. You will also make a decision, as we update our bylaws, whether or not to make a commitment to two year terms for the chair and vice-chair.

There is the opportunity here for us to direct ourselves outward as a profession to an extent greater than the past. The term change will give officers greater opportunity to influence the direction of natural resources management at both the local level and through National SAF because they are spending less time on the learning curve. The convention income, if used wisely, can be invested in our profession in ways that will pay off for years to come.

Our own connection with the forest and the daily balancing act puts us in a unique position to influence others. Let’s put that connection to use.
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: James Frohn of Gorham, Timothy Hill of Winchester, Donna Hepp (T), Wayne Lewis of Center Harbor, Robert Borg (T), James Gunning (T), Elizabeth Kilmarx (T), Steven Winnett of Concord, and Daniel Ellison (S) of Lee.

Green Mountain Division: Pieter VanLoo of Marlboro (N), Davis Cheinington of Dorset (T), and Raymond Lambertson of Pawlet (T).

Maine Division: Elizabeth Swain of Portland (N), Daniel Lewis of Bangor (N), George Carlisle of Bangor (T), Stuart Lane of Lincoln (T), John Sinclair of Greenville (T), Michael Mancusi of Orono (S), Sayeed Mehmood of Auburn (S), and Jason Voter of Brewer (S).

Yankee Division: William Whitmore of Sunderland (N), Andrew Mathews of Cambridge (N), John Camp of Holyoke (T), Walter Davidson of Athol (T), Frederick Weyerhaeuser of Beverly (T), Jason Strohman of Braintree (T), Billy Hodges of Tupeio (S), Elaine Mallary of Clinton (S), and Barbara Lagoy of Ashfield (S).

Connecticut Chapter: Joseph Barsky of Brookfield (N), Jay Fain of Southport (N), Michael McCarthy of Newton (N), Gray Dunning of New Haven (S), Shana Liberman of New Haven (S), and Edward Raleigh of New Haven (S).

Rhode Island Chapter: David Ray of Sauundertown (T).

Current Year/Previous Year Comparison

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Executive Committee Opening -Membership Chair-

Ten years is a long term to serve an organization but it has been done consistently and well by Larry Smith, our membership chair. He has seen, literally, the ups and downs of the New England Society of American Foresters. He has been asked to explain membership ups and downs, analyze it, and most of all keep an accounting of it. He has been our liaison between NESAF and the National SAF Office regarding membership and in general "the man" when questions regarding our members comes up. He has also followed and contributed greatly to the national question regarding affiliate membership status for technicians. Larry has addressed our annual Winter Meetings each spring with a membership status report and likewise done the same on most Executive Committee meetings over the last decade. He has also attended several National SAF Conventions for the sessions on membership or in preparation for his work with the National Convention last fall in Portland.

Best wishes and many thanks go to Larry Smith for ten years of work as our Membership Chair. His duties will be relinquished at the end of this year. Hopefully there is a New England member interested in carrying on where Larry left off. The job as Membership Chair will require work in three areas:

1. The person will work as liaison between the National SAF office membership department and the NESAF Division/Chapter membership chairs;
2. The person keeps the NESAF Executive Committee updated on membership issues and status and maintains the membership records at the state society level; and
3. The person serves as a member of the NESAF Executive Committee and attends the four meetings of that group each year.

The Membership Chair is appointed by the New England SAF Chair which in 1996 will be Karen Bennett. The goal is to have a new Membership Chair to introduce at next year's Winter Meeting in Portland, Maine. If you have an interest please contact Karen Bennett (see page 2).

Membership Referendum -NESAF’s Stake In It-

By now you all have had the opportunity to read, and hopefully digest, the articles in the May, 1996 issue of The Forestry Source regarding the upcoming referendum on membership categories within SAF. If you have not read it, please take the time to do so. This referendum is perhaps the most important one dealing with the structure of SAF membership to be presented in recent memory. New England SAF has been in the forefront of the effort to get our Technician members the right to vote, and hold office in our organization. Past votes on this issue have come very close to getting the required two-thirds vote for passage, and the general feeling is that if it doesn't make it this time, the issue may not resurface for quite a while. As the previously mentioned article states, this referendum is a compromise of the various proposals that the Council has been dealing with in the past two or three years, and while it won’t satisfy everyone, it is our best chance at the moment to get the Technicians the opportunity to take a more active role in our Society. The ballots will be out in September, so you still have plenty of time to discuss this issue with your fellow foresters, and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact anyone on the NESAF Executive Committee, SAF Council, or the National Office Membership Staff for clarification of the various parts of this proposal. PLEASE VOTE!!!!!
The June Council meeting in Bethesda required almost three days to cover a very full agenda. In this Commentary, I will attempt to summarize the most important issues, report on decisions made and bring to your attention other relevant items.

We discussed at length concerns about National Convention budgeting and lessons learned in 1995. Thanks to feedback from several members of the New England SAF, we were able to discuss with national staff weaknesses perceived in the current system. I am confident that from now on staff will communicate more openly with the volunteers who host the national convention, most especially in providing more frequent and timely updates on the budget situation and conveying a more realistic picture in terms of the need to secure extramural funding. Clearly, however, the National Convention has always been viewed as a source of income by the national office and Council. It is one of only two or three sources of income available to SAF other than member dues. These funds allow SAF to pursue new initiatives, such as the Leadership Academy and video conferences. Members should also know that national office overhead costs are not figured into the convention budget and must be recouped from profits. Council believes it would not be prudent to operate the business of SAF on too narrow a margin. We certainly do not want to find ourselves in the red at the end of each business year and convention profits are necessary to assure that this does not happen. Given the uncertainties inherent in any business of this nature, Council requires that the Executive Vice-President take steps necessary to maintain a reasonable margin.

Council moved to adopt the report on Private Property Rights presented by Mark Rentz, Chair of the Task Force. Mark summarized key points in the position statement. The statement that will go do referendum this fall takes both an informational and advocacy stance. Council viewed it as a reasonable balance of rights and responsibilities for private landowners. The position statement and supporting documentation will allow SAF to enter the growing debate about this important issue. It clearly acknowledges SAF's concern and provides general direction on how SAF can most effectively participate in the private property rights debate. Both the Committee on Forest Policy and the Forest Science & Technology Board supported the Task Force statement. Council believes the statement addresses the wishes of a majority of SAF membership. Look for more discussion and the Position Statement itself in upcoming issues of The Forestry Source and the Journal.

Laura Falk, who presented the Forest Health and Productivity Report to Council on behalf of National Committee Chair John Beuter, was very articulate in her discussion of recommendations proposed by the National Committee. I think one of her opening statements is especially important to remember as you review the statement when it appears in The Forest Source. Laura indicated that the report "is as far as the Committee could agree to go in establishing the leadership position of SAF" relative to this concern. The point being that the Committee itself comprised a range of opinions and strong views. On behalf of the Committee on Forest Policy, Chair Don Floyd accepted the Report and acknowledged it as a job well done. John Helms, Chair of the Forest Sciences & Technology Board, though acknowledging with great appreciation the efforts of this group, expressed substantial discomfort with the final product. It is the Board's view that the report only (i.e. we acknowledged receipt of the Committee's final product and thanked them for their commitment to address a difficult issue), but Council did not accept the position statement. Further, Council moved to distribute the final report to the membership. Many Council members will be supplying editorial comments to the Committee for its consideration before the report goes out to the membership.

Thanks to the efforts of John McNulty and other NESAF members I had a good handle on your major concerns about the report before we initiated discussions in Council. I brought these concerns to the attention of Council and the National Committee along with my own views about what the report does and does not say. Relative to the latter, I fully support statements made by John Helms. Quite frankly, as written, I do not believe the membership will find the report very helpful and in some instances believe the report is misleading and inaccurate. However, the report represents the consensus of an impressive group of thoughtful people who devoted a substantial amount of time to the topic. I urge you to read the report carefully and respond as you see fit.

At the recommendation of the Committee on Forest Policy, Council voted: (1) to allow eight extant position statements to expire because they were no longer necessary; (2) to approve the Committee's recommendation to extend, without revision, position statements on Multiple Use of Forestlands, Biological Diversity, Public Regulation of Private Forest Practices, World Forestry, Letter to US Senate re: S.862-Public Grazing, and Comments on USDA/FS Proposed Rule Change to Ecosystem Management; and (3) to extend 16 position statements for one year while revision takes place. Ten of the latter currently are under review and all 16 will be reviewed by December, 1996. It is the view of the Committee that SAF is maintaining too many position statements (currently we have 30). This is a very time consuming endeavor and in the future SAF must more carefully identify those issues for which it is willing to spend limited resources. With this in mind and looking ahead, the Committee on Forest Policy has identified the rewriting of the National Forest Management Act as the key item that they will be addressing next year. I believe in December the Committee will ask Council for a National Task Force to examine this issue on behalf of the Society.

Under the leadership of Charles Jackson, Director of Finance and Administration, and Executive Vice President Banzhaf, the Investment Committee recommended Wainwright Asset Management as the new manager of the SAF portfolio. The Finance Committee believed a change was necessary because of general dissatisfaction with the performance, level of communication and attitude of the previous fund manager. Wainwright has an impressive track record and already has suggested new investment opportunities for SAF, recommended innovative approaches to secure extramural funding and helped with other aspects of our finances. Council approved of this change.

Forest Science and Technology Board Chair John Helms briefly discussed a proposal put forth by some members to organize a Philosophy Working Group. The Board is in the process of determining whether there is a critical mass within SAF needed to justify such a group.

Council endorsed a FS&T proposal to support a second prestigious Annual Science Award "to recognize outstanding achievement in research in the qualitative, managerial, and social sciences leading to the advancement of forestry". this would be equivalent to the Barrington Moore Memorial Award for biological research. Also, Council endorsed the concept of providing a $1000 honorarium both for this award and the Technology Transfer and Extension Award. The purpose being to put all of these prestigious awards on equal footing. Endowments would be sought to provide sustaining support for these awards.
Council requested President Bosworth to appoint a steering committee to explore the feasibility of developing a video conference for 1997. The committee is to address potential partnerships, funding opportunities and relevant topics.

Council approved a recommendation made by Executive Vice-President Banzhaf to modify section IV-B-2 of the Bylaws to more accurately reflect the intent of Council regarding dues revenues and provide flexibility needed for Council to meet its responsibilities. The last dues increase approved by Council was made in 1990. Council’s intent is to maintain the dues rate without an increase for as long as possible, reflecting the financial realities of our membership. If the current by-laws were followed to the letter, requiring Council to reconsider the dues rate whenever the Consumer Price Index changed by 3% or more, a dues increase would be required at least every two years to meet the 3% CPI ceiling. Additionally, Council may need more flexibility to set a dues level which could exceed the adjustment indicated by the change in the CPI for the period considered.

At its February meeting, Council approved the Ethics Committee’s proposed changes to Sections VIII-A through VIII-F of the Bylaws. These changes basically place the responsibility of determining guilt or innocence with the Ethics Committee and positions Council as an appellate body. These revisions require a referendum to proceed with the Constitutional changes necessary to make the Constitution compatible to the Bylaws. At its June meeting, Council approved to move this proposed change to referendum in September.

Michael (Mike) Goergen has joined the national office as Congressional Liaison. His primary duties will be to help SAF maintain a presence on Capitol Hill and reinvigorate the Policy and Legislative Network (PLAN).

Finally, a reminder that this September you will be asked to vote on a variety of referenda, officers, and other issues. Council deliberated for some time about whether to send all of the items requiring a vote in one package or to present the material in two packages mailed at different times to reduce the quantity of material that had to be digested at one sitting. Because two mailings would greatly increase the cost to SAF and because these items will have been discussed thoroughly in The Forestry Source and the JOF prior to voting in September, we directed staff to send one package. The amount of material you receive in September may seem overwhelming at first, but I encourage you to familiarize yourself with these items before the ballots arrive and please take the time to vote on these important issues.

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**New Publications**

**Eastern Old Growth Forests: Prospects for Rediscovery and Recovery** is the first book devoted exclusively to old growth forests throughout the East - an area considered to extend from the East Coast to western Minnesota, and through eastern Texas to the Gulf of Mexico. Edited by Mary Byrd Davis, the book offers authoritative essays by leading experts and is framed by an introduction in which Robert Leverett analyzes historic views of forests and current definitions of old growth while Davis explains the extent and location of Eastern old growth. Bill McKibben presents the remnants of original forest as a foreshadowing of the glory of the East’s future forests.

Old-growth forest - loosely described as forest that appears largely as it would have it Europeans had not settled North America - is analyzed via essays which are divided into three main sections: Biological and Cultural Values; Identification and Preservation and Restoration. A major premise of the book is that much remains to be learned about Eastern old-growth forests and that Eastern Old Growth Forests: Prospects for Rediscovery and Recovery will spur further efforts to identify and evaluate as well as to preserve and restore the forests that are its subjects.

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The Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation has just released the "Field Guide to Common Insect Pests of Urban Trees in the Northeast." This 86 page guide is just the right size to slip into the inside pocket of a field vest or the glove box of your vehicle. Dr. Trish Hanson of the Vermont Forest Biology Lab wrote the text which is accompanied by 86 color plates by E. Bradford Walker and covers 46 insects and mites associated with trees in the urban settings.

The guide is designed as a ready reference for field foresters and arborists with pest descriptions in leaflet format with a thumb index organized by host. The leaflets are collected in a sturdy 6-ring binder that allows for future updates and easy access for photo copying. "Field Guide to Common Insects of Urban Trees in the Northeast" is available at a cost of $15.00, postage paid (US Funds). To order write: Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, 103 S. Main Street, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-0603 (Attn: Tess Greaves). Check payable to State of Vermont and no C.O.D.'s.

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'THE FOREST STEWARDSHIP BOOK: Information and Services for Massachusetts Woodland Owners" is an easy reference guide to a broad range of topics related to forest ownership in Massachusetts. On subjects from forest ecology to tax laws, tree harvesting to habitat management, wetlands protection to educational programs, this handy guide gives woodland owners a quick overview of a particular topic, and helps them to find further readings, agency contacts and services, places to visit, membership organizations and more. It was jointly produced by the Forest Stewardship Program and the Massachusetts Forestry Association. Single copies are available for $5.00 postpaid from the following organizations:

- Massachusetts Forestry Assoc. 413-323-7326
- New England Forestry Found. 508-448-8380
- MA Assoc of Conserv. Comm. 617-489-3930 (also for bulk orders)
- Forest Stewardship Program 413-256-1201
Forestry and Kids

Connecticut

The Connecticut ReLeaf Festival held in Fairfield on May 14 this year attracted about 800 people for a day of tree-related activities. Carol Youell of the Connecticut Forest and Park Association was there (she took the picture) as well as (l-r) Larry Rousseau, Rob Rocks, and Tim Reury. These three were part of a Connecticut SAF Display which also featured the tree creature and Smokey "the" Bear. The SAF information featured a variety of wood products and how they are connected to the forests. Fred Borman and Ken Placko were also involved in providing information. During this day Tree City Awards were presented to six Connecticut cities and towns.

Vermont

May found almost 75 schools and 6,500 kids involved in Arbor Day programs throughout Vermont. Many foresters, including SAF members were involved in providing natural resource programs about Vermont's forests as a part of this popular program. In addition, May also found the Montpelier Elks Club as the site for the first Envirothon held in Vermont. Two schools (from the original complement of five) competed in this national team competition in five topics: forestry, wildlife, aquatics, soils, and greenways. Ginger Anderson and Gary Salmon had the privilege of designing the first forestry exam for this program. It was tough and both schools did far better on the other aspects of the competition. Hazen High School became the first Vermont winner and will be competing at the National Envirothon competition in Nebraska. This program will be hopefully growing in participating schools and will need foresters as advisers. Contact either of the folks above if you are interested in helping out. Schools will be asked to get involved this fall.

Massachusetts

Whether ceremonial or down and dirty, tens of thousands of trees were planted in Massachusetts this spring. Community leaders in the state's 32 Tree City USA's joined residents and staff in planting trees and reading official proclamations designating April 26 as Arbor Day. Governor Weld, Environmental Secretary Coxe, and DEM Commissioner Webber joined officials in Worcester to plant a kousa dogwood on their historic common, celebrating 10 consecutive years as a Tree City USA. The Tree Wardens' and Foresters' Associations sold more than 40,000 seedlings to towns, garden clubs, and school groups. The Garden Club Federation's million tree challenge has had a tree-mendous effect in focusing efforts on new tree planting, with the endangered sweetbay magnolia a special beneficiary in Massachusetts. DEM Forests and Parks staff distributed 13,500 seedlings at more than 40 schools around the state. And Mass ReLeaf and its partner Eastern Utilities have also weighed in, planting 18 large shade trees in the company's service territory.

Maine

The Maine Division for the fourth year held its "What's Green and Growing and Covering Maine?" poster contest for sixth grade students. The program involves school programs, the occasional field trip, and an invitation to all sixth grade students to prepare a poster on the above topic. This year 2,000 students from 40 schools participated with final judging performed at the NESAF Winter Meeting in Lowell. SAF members Niel Postlewaite, Rocky Rockwell, and Kathy Nitschke presented the first, second, and third place winners with awards from Somerset, Piscataquis, and Hancock Counties respectively.

You Have To Stay In Touch....

Marketing professionals know that they need to do research to know what customers want. Fred Newell, writing in the Arthur Anderson Retailing Issues Letter, has this suggestion for marketing: Remember that people born after you aren't reacting the same way you are to many things:

- 22% of customers don't remember the American Bicentennial Celebration
- 50% are too young to remember the Kennedy assassination
- 66% are not old enough to remember the Korean War
- 70% don't remember "before TV"

The point? Customers are changing and people who want to serve them have to change, too.

(Excerpted from the September 95 issue of the newsletter published by the Hardwood Manufacturers Association)
First Call for Local Advertising

At our June NESAF Executive Committee Meeting in Concord, New Hampshire Treasurer Bob Ricard reported the income from the Winter Meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts. Due to a lower turn out than expected the total income minus costs for the entire 76th NESAF Winter Meeting was $15.00. That of course is split evenly between the host division/chapter and NESAF. Unfortunately, this slip in attendance will require some budget adjustments for our current NESAF budget in the amount of $3500 in either cuts or replacement of funds from some other source. At that meeting it was decided to try and increase the income from advertising in the News Quarterly. Two factors support this decision: Advertising rates have not been changed since 1985, and space exists to expand advertising space in the Quarterly (policy allows for up to four pages of advertising per issue).

This first call for advertisers is an attempt to keep the News Quarterly a New England information source including advertising. If you know of someone or know of a firm that is New England based, has New England roots, or would otherwise benefit from advertising to 1200 foresters from New England please let me know.

The new rates for new advertisers effective as of Sept. 1, 1996 are:

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In addition, a 10% discount will be provided to any commitment to advertise for four consecutive issues and a 15% discount will be provided to recognized advertising agencies. An invoice is sent immediately following publication with payment within 30 days. All copy must be submitted by March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15 for publication the following month.

Our commitment is to expand the advertising space in this publication and to provide an opportunity for local advertisers first. Please either forward interest to Gary Salmon, Editor or provide information so that he can contact a prospective advertiser. It is anticipated that the September issue will have four pages of advertising.

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CALL FOR NESAF AWARD NOMINATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Forestry Calendar

DEMO 96' - QUEBEC - SEPTEMBER

Montmorency Forest -- the research and teaching forest of Laval University -- will welcome Demo '96 the 12-14 September. Demo '96 is held every two years and is the biggest demonstration of forestry equipment in North America. It is being organised by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association in conjunction with the Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics. A 4-mile loop has already been established at the Forest to provide for both active and static displays of forestry harvesting equipment. A highlight will be a tour organized to demonstrate silvicultural actions which respond to the present need for "green labelling" in Quebec. For more information, contact Paul Bouliane or Pierre-Serge Tremblay of the Department of Wood and Forest Sciences at (418) 656-3025.
Technology Coordinator’s Report

by John Brissette

The 77th NESAF Winter Meeting will be in Portland, Maine, March 10-12, 1997. As at other recent Winter Meetings, we will have a technical poster session highlighting practical innovations and research results presented by managers and scientists from throughout the region. Watch for a Call-for-Posters with details and deadlines in upcoming issues of the News Quarterly.

In the last News Quarterly, I promised to report on developments among the existing NESAF working groups. Unfortunately, there is little to report. I have had two suggestions regarding working group input into the Winter Meeting program. Those two NESAF members feel that working groups should help plan the program, not just meet at a breakfast or for an informal evening session. How do the rest of you feel? What should be the role of working groups in NESAF?

The concept behind working groups is that they provide the leadership with advice about their areas of specialty. Such advice could be in the form of planning part of the Winter Meeting program, or hosting separate meetings focusing on specific technical topics. Another way to advise the leadership would be technical input on policy issues.

I am very interested in hearing from you—NESAF members—about what you want your working groups to be. Is planning and putting on the poster session at the Winter Meeting enough, or should we be more active? If separate meetings with more technical programs were planned, would you attend? Are there important technical issues that you think NESAF should be addressing in a more formal way? If you have any questions or comments about working groups, please contact me.

American Forests Names New Vice-President

Deborah Gangloff, Vice President for Program Services and Global ReLeaf at American Forests since 1990, has been appointed acting Executive Vice President of the 121 year old conservation organization. The announcement was made by W.D. Tickner, president of the Board of Directors of American Forests on June 13, 1996. Deborah holds a Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from Rutgers University and has held a number of positions, including Director of Programs and Director of Communications at American Forests, since 1982.

As Executive Vice President, Gangloff will lead American Forests in accordance with the new strategic plan which concentrates program work in three centers: the Forest Policy Center, Urban Forestry Center, and Global ReLeaf. She will continue her work with an expanded Global ReLeaf tree-planting and action campaign. Over 4 million trees have been planted by Global ReLeaf in 70 ecosystem restoration projects in 33 states. An additional 340 local projects—mostly urban and community plantings—have been supported by over $2.8 million in grants through the Global ReLeaf Fund. Later this year the organization will formally announce Global ReLeaf 2000, a greatly expanded tree-planting campaign.

“American Forests has been at the forefront of forest policy since 1875, and we look forward to continuing that role as a new century unfolds. We will continue to build on the strengths of this organization—its forward-looking programs and its conservation history” said Gangloff. AmericanForests, the award winning magazine of the organization, has been published for 103 years. The membership-based organization works cooperatively with nonprofit groups, agencies and corporations throughout the world, including Chevrolet/Environmental, Eddie Bauer, The New Yorker, Alliance for Community Trees, and the USDA Forest Service.

DIVISION NEWS

GRANITE STATE Division by Jonathan Nute

Wood Energy Buy-Down - The remaining wood-energy plants are negotiating buy-downs with PSNH causing further concern over the viability of New Hampshire’s markets for low grade wood. Four of the wood fired power plants have negotiated agreements with PSNH which call for both rate reductions and about a 30% capacity reduction. In fuel terms this translates to a decrease of approximately 180,000 tons of wood chips and sawmill residue annually. NHTOA has full intervenor status in the upcoming PUC contract hearings and will represent the concerns of loggers impacted by the shrinking markets and landowners who practice good forestry. NHTOA believes that these contracts can best achieve their goals through rate reductions, not capacity reductions. NHTOA realizes that all electricity producers must be a part of solutions to high electricity costs in New Hampshire.

Nash Stream Mgt Plan Approved - The New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development announced in late May approval of the completed management plan for the State’s largest landholding, Nash Stream Forest. Commissioner William Bartlett approved the plan for the 39,600 acre property in northern New Hampshire following the release of a draft version for public comment. The 182 page plan calls for continued public access for recreation, protection of the properties’ natural beauty and ecological values, continued contribution to forest economy through the sale of wood products, and establishment of a citizen committee to help implement the plan.

State Forester John Sargent said “The Department of Resources and Economic Development and the Division of Forests and Lands are extremely grateful to the members of the Advisory Committee and Technical Team who collectively donated more than one thousand hours of time to the project. Without their dedication and interest this state-of-the-art plan would never have been completed.”
The plan is available for public viewing at many locations throughout the state. Sites include local libraries participating in the State Library's depository program, UNH Cooperative Extension Offices, and many other public locations. A complete listing of where the plan is located is available from John Sargent, Director of New Hampshire Forests and Lands, PO Box 1856, Concord, NH 03302-1856 (603)-271-3456.

Consulting Foresters Fold Into NHTOA - The Consulting Foresters Association of New Hampshire has disbanded and transferred its remaining operating funds and member support to NHTOA. For the past few years the 30+ CFA members have noticed a duplicity of efforts between the two organizations. After surveying its members, the CFA agreed that their needs can be adequately addressed by the NHTOA.

CFA President Swift Corwin offered the proposal to the NHTOA Board of Directors last fall. NHTOA has reaffirmed its commitment to represent the interests of professional foresters in the legislature, offering updates and training workshops.

GREEN MOUNTAIN Division by Elizabeth Lesnikoski

Summer Meeting Data Set - The Green Mountain Division summer meeting is planned for August 23. Topics to be included are forester education by loggers: marking, layout, and landing location. Also included will be a session on mechanical harvesting as a tool in thinnings and partial cuts. Stay tuned for location.

Openings Available. Sign Up. Now - This fall we will need a new NESAF Representative and candidates for Executive Committee. To toss your name into the candidates pool please contact Paul Frederick at 888-5733. The Policy Committee has one vacant opening also. To give this popular committee statewide representation an individual from southern Vermont would be appreciated. It is a great opportunity to become involved in some very important policy making over the next year. Let Bill Samal know at 865-7488 if you are interested. If you called Bill and found that the position was all ready filled you might want to call Bob Burt to join the Public Information Committee 747-6738. This committee has submitted a Forester's Fund Grant to the National SAF Office to promote the Green Mountain Division through advertising in the "Vermont Woodland's Magazine." Sarah Packer, forester for Wagner Woodlands, will be replacing Jane Diffey as GMD treasurer for the duration of her term.

Forester Licensing/Certification - Interest in some form of forest management tool or according to some, just another forest industry within the Northern Forest.

Harvesting - Art Young keeps the southern Vermont newspapers charged with responsible reporting with the occasional letter to the editor. He was the voice of reason in May with a timely editorial in the Rutland Herald on the May/June issue of Audubon Magazine. The article, "What Good Is A Forest," included David's comments about a softer impact on forest harvesting, requiring careful logging which doesn't lend itself to large scale mechanization.

News Letter - Karen Bennett has been named the State Extension Forest Resources Specialist for UNH Cooperative Extension. As a statewide specialist, she will work with the Extension forestry and wildlife staff to expand publications and workshops available to the public. She will also work with conservation organizations and state agencies to help implement the new statewide forest resources plan.

Tim Fleury has been hired to replace Karen Bennett as Extension Forester in Merrimack County. Tim was previously the Forest Stewardship Coordinator for Connecticut.

Sarah Smith, Extension Forest Industry Specialist, recently received the "Outstanding Contributions to Forest Industry Education Award" from the Northeastern Logger's Association. Sarah was cited for her assistance to New Hampshire's wood using industry which included working closely with state and private organizations to design and administer hundreds of training workshops for loggers and truckers on first aid/CPR, log marketing, merchandising, and safe and productive felling that have attracted wall over 1,000 participants.

Forest Service Appeals Lamb Brook Decision - The US Solicitor General's Office has approved the Forest Service appeal of a court order preventing a scheduled timber sale in the Lamb Brook area in Woodford. Although vigorously opposed by several environmental groups, all of Vermont's Congressional delegation, the planning commission of two towns, and the State of Vermont's black bear biologist, national forest spokesperson Kathleen Diehl expected the appeal to be based on issues surrounding the language included in Judge Murtha's decision. The sale involves logging on about 5,000 acres of land of which about 300 are scheduled to be clearcut.

Herbicide Use Debate Opens - Although herbicides are widely used in Maine, they remain a minor ingredient within forest management practices in Vermont. However, hearings were scheduled on June 26 to hear Champion International's case for applying herbicide on 2,500 acres in Essex County to control hardwood competing with spruce regeneration. FRAC conducted two days of hearings in Island Pond.

The political issues are once again couched around whether herbicide spraying is a safe and valuable forest management tool or according to some, just another step toward an increasingly heavy hand applied by the forest industry within the Northern Forest.

News Maker - David Brynn, Addison County Forester, contributed information to a Bill McKibben written article in the May/June issue of Audubon Magazine. The article, "What Good Is A Forest," included David's comments about a softer impact on forest harvesting, requiring careful logging which doesn't lend itself to large scale mechanization.

The summer issue of Vermont Woodlands Magazine features articles by SAF members Bill Kropelin on the history of the VTOA and by Don and Nina Huffer on Salvaging White Pine from Blowdowns.
Task Force Reports to Council - The Forest Practices Task Force was called on to provide comments on the work conducted by the Governor's Council on Sustainable Forest Management at an April 22 public forum. Jensen Bissell delivered the comments but the entire Task Force of 16 SAF members participated in the deliberations. While the comments focused on specific issues, it applauded the Council's recognition of the need to move away from traditional approaches to sustainable forest management. Furthermore, the Task Force charged the Council to base its deliberations on clearly defined scientific data. The Task Force also warned the Council that the benchmarks appeared to be steps to meet predetermined goals rather than measures of performance. The Council has developed a series of criteria and benchmarks for the Governor with the final draft available on July 1, 1996.

Poster Contest Can Use More Volunteers - Poster Contest Chair Greg Foster is looking for additional volunteers to work on the increasingly popular What's Green and Growing In Maine poster contest each spring. He guarantees that you will thoroughly enjoy the project. Please contact him at PO Box 157, Gray, Maine 04309 or at 998-5237 or 657-4441.

Workshops and Tours Offered - The 96 Tree Farm Tour program got off to a great start on April 20th with a Wood Walk at the Freetown Tree Farm of the Year Mary Ellen Lees. Thirty five people turned out to tour the 630 acre white pine forest which has been a tree farm since 1956. Forester Mike Labossiere showed the ways that the threat (and results) of hurricane damage change depending on how the woodlot is managed.

Additional walks included a birdsong identification walk on June 1 at the Wirth property in Warwick and an edible plant forest walk on Grant Wilson's Carlisle Tree Farm on June 29.

The Massachusetts Forestry Association was awarded a $2000 grant to host one workshop on "Managing the Family Forest" and has been working with the Hampden County Improvement League to set up two forestry workshops in eastern and western Hampden County later this summer and fall.

Grant Awards for Greener Communities Announced - Urban Forestry will get another boost starting July first when 19 communities and nonprofit groups begin their efforts to plan and involve residents in caring for community trees and forests. All the projects, totalling about $350,000 in local, state, and federal funds, will be accomplished with the help of dedicated community leaders from the following communities and/or organizations: Amesbury, Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston Natural Areas Fund, Brookline Access TV, Eagle Eye Institute, Earthworks Projects, Environmental Diversity Forum, Garden Club Federation, Jobs for Youth Boston, Lowell, Merrimack River Watershed Council, East Boston Neighborhood Affordable Housing, Newburyport, Northeast Sustainable Energy Association, Outdoor Explorations, Pittsfield Beautiful, Sturbridge, Trees for Wakefield, and Worcester.

Special Commission Makes Recommendations - The Special Commission on Forest Management was created last year at the urging of Senator Robert Wetmore to study the problems of the state forests and the large amount of low value wood which inhibits forest management. After six months of study and hearings a draft report has been released recommending a number of actions important to forest landowners large and small. Recommendations to the legislature include:

- Provide immediate funding to allow the DEM to update its Continuous Forest Inventory for the first time since 1977;
- Pass three legislative changes to encourage the use of wood biomass as a fuel source for cogeneration facilities;
- Provide pilot funding to help Mt. Wachusett Community College convert its heating facility to a wood chip fired gasification plant;
- Provide $435,000 to establish a Forest and Wood Products Education and Development Center at Mt. Wachusett Community College;
- Provide $150,000 for a pilot conversion to wood energy at the Athol-Royalston Junior/Senior High School; and
- Provide $5 million in matching funds in the Transportation Bond Bill for a Joint state/federal Wood in Transportation pilot project.

A final recommendation asks for the Commission's authorization to be extended to July 1, 1997 so it can further study ways to help the state's wood products industry and forest landowners to utilize "low-value" wood and encourage better forest management.

...more NEWS
Prescribed Fire Visits the Vineyard - As a method to expand grassland habitat on the Manuel Correllus State Forest a prescribed burn was held on about four acres during the second week of June. Pre-burn vegetation was largely scrub oak, huckleberry and scattered post oak as much of the forest and island are. However, this burn should help change the vegetation more towards that found on the adjacent Sandplain Grassland/Representative Natural Area. The statewide DEM fire crew was on hand to help control the fire line and to receive training in a live fire situation. DEM Management Forester Austin Mason was also on hand with members of the Nature Conservancy, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program, and local conservation groups. The goal is to be able to include prescribed fire as an effective management tool for fuel load reduction and vegetation management on this State Forest in the future.

Watershed Are Important Too - The Bureau of Forestry provides policy leadership, program assistance, and forestry education to individuals, agencies, and communities in the stewardship of forest resources. Water quality protection is a natural consequence of proper forest resource management and has been a focal point in policy decisions and program direction. Forest management programs that relate directly to the protection of Massachusetts watersheds include: Generic Environmental Impact Review; Forest Cutting Practices Act; BMP Manual; Forest Tax Law; Forest Stewardship Program; Wachusett Watershed Forester; State Lands Management; Forest Legacy Program; PL-566 (Small Watershed Program); and Municipal Watershed Consultations.

Rhode Island by Marc J. Tremblay

RI Chapter Activities - Invitations for this fall's Walk in the Woods Program for elementary schools were sent out prior to the end of school. Many teachers indicated that early notice was better for planning purposes and was a possible way to further increase attendance. A record turnout is expected.

Rhode Island is hosting the Yankee Division summer meeting on July 25th. The program will include the OSHA Logging Standard, with an OSHA Inspector available to go into the woods with us. Recent harvesting of Red Pine stands on the lands of Providence Water will give us a good location for this topic and the Red Pine management being conducted by Providence Water. For more information, contact Marc Tremblay at (401)-828-1660 ext 316.

Rhode Island Division of Forest Environment - The reorganization of the RI Department of Environmental Management is having an impact on the DFE. In a positive light, the recreational responsibilities of the DFE are being turned over to the state's Parks and Recreation Division, leaving more forester's time to spend on forest management projects. The reorganization does, however, create another level of administration between the Divisions and the Director's office, which may complicate the process. Division Chief Tom Dupree is upbeat about the changes.

So, New England Forest Consortium (SNFEC) - A booklet of commonly asked questions concerning estate planning for forest landowners is now available. Tom Dupree reports that the booklet was born out of the highly successful video conference conducted by SNFEC a couple of years ago. Answers to commonly posed questions are provided by some of the field's top experts. Case studies from around southern New England are also presented. Contact Ellen Grady at SNFEC to order copies.

RI Tree Farm Program - A spring program was held in conjunction with RIFCO on May 18 where the final draft of the Forestry Best Management Practices Manual was presented. The manual is scheduled for printing and public workshops this fall. A grant was received from AFF to fund the publication and widespread distribution of a Legislative Alert newsletter. The first issue was released in April, and a second is planned for July.

RIFCO Activities - Besides the joint activities with the RI Tree Farm Program described above, RIFCO also provided comments to the proposed changes in the Wetlands Legislation. The bill totally revamps the current law, and some landowners oppose several components which appear to give too much authority or ill-defined authority to the Director of the DEM. The issue was put forth in the Legislative Alert newsletter.

Connecticut by Jerry Milne

Forest Practitioner Exams - The first round was held in April. The pass rate for the Supervisory and Forest Products Harvester exam was 88% and 42% for the FORESTER test. A second round of exams was held in June and more tests are planned for the fall. For more information contact the Connecticut Division of Forestry, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106 (Tel: 860-424-3630).

Spring Meeting for the Birds - Dr. Robert Askins of Connecticut College led a tour of different silvicultural treatments and commented on their value for neo-tropical migrants during the spring meeting. Interestingly the populations of these birds which require very young forests for breeding are declining due in part to the lack of early successional habitat in Connecticut's forests.
Agricultural Station Saved - Funding for the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station was restored to the State Budget.

E-Mail Meeting Planned - A fall meeting will be held at the University of Connecticut Forest. The date will be announced.

Quebec - Kim Lowell

QUEBEC NEWS

Industrial News - The costs of producing wood products in Quebec are 27% lower than those of the USA but 4.5% higher than its other major competitor, British Columbia. This competitive advantage is due primarily to the weak Canadian dollar which started about 20 years ago. British Columbia, however, has an advantage due to the greater efficiencies of sawing large logs and the higher prices obtained for the value added products that can be produced in British Columbia.

The Quebec wood industry now has its own information network, "Reseau Info-Bois" (French for wood info network) a non-profit association with the goal of making Quebec forest industries more competitive by virtue of providing access to specialized information and services to help companies conduct better strategic planning. This network was developed jointly by the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources, five industrial associations involved in forest products, and the Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics of Laval University. For more information contact Principal Counsellor M. Herve Caron of the Industrial Research Network was developed jointly by the Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources, five industrial associations involved in forest products, and the Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics of Laval University. For more information contact Principal Counsellor M. Herve Caron of the Industrial Research Centre of Quebec at (418) 652-2230 or 1-800-286-9661. Retexfor, a quasi-private forest products firm with close links to, and financing from the Quebec government, is in the process of developing a new mission statement. It will shift from its historical role as a development tool in certain regions to aid in the economic well being of selected areas to a new role as an expert who will provide specialized services to needy industries who have the potential to benefit the population at large. As such Retexfor will participate in certain companies by providing loans and capital to favour the emergence of new industries but it will not be abandoning its forestry operations which have among other things provided for the reforestation of poorly regenerated areas in Quebec. It will turn its attention to the salvage of utilizable wood damaged by fire, blow downs, and/or insect epidemics.

University News - Laval is on the Web! Address is http://forestgeomat.ulaval.ca/graduates/bienvenue.html.

A Masters of Science in Agroforestry has been established at Laval University in the Faculty of Forestry and Geomatics. The two principal faculty members involved are Jean Tomlinson of the Department of Wood and Forest Sciences and Ghislain Gendron of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences -- are in the process of finalizing details of the degree which will start this summer. In March Claude Godbout and Michael Dessureault participated in a meeting in Toronto of representatives of all the forest faculties in Canada. The meeting goal was to establish a first contact among these faculties to discuss common goals and methods for influencing the necessary groups concerned with higher education in wood and forest products in Canada.

New Brunswick - Ardith Armstrong

NEW BRUNSWICK NEWS

Graduation Exercises - The 167th Encaenia of the University of New Brunswick, May 23, 1996, was the occasion of graduation of 39 BScF, 7 BScFE, 6 MScF, 2 MF, and 3 PhD students from the Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management. Those receiving bachelor's degrees were from eight Canadian provinces, as well as one from St. Lucia, one from Jamaica, and one from Trinidad and Tobago. Master's graduates were from Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Ontario, and Quebec, and two other countries - Bulgaria and the Philippines. The three doctoral graduates were from the Philippines, Tanzania, and Thailand.

Funding Received - The Sir James Dunn Foundation has awarded $1 million over five years to the Faculties of Forestry and Environmental Management and Science for the establishment of the Sir James Dunn Wildlife Research Centre. This will be located in the Tweedale Centre of the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre. The Themadel Foundation and the Molson Foundation have awarded $500,000 for the establishment of a Research Professorship in Atlantic Salmon. Other such donations and contributions will be announced in the near future.

Two Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management professors, Drs. Y.H. Chue and I. Smith, have received funding in the amount of $20,000 from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). Their project entitled "Performance of Wooden Floors with Concrete Topping" is one of 24 selected for funding this year through CMHC's External Research Program. It will investigate the structural performance of an increasingly popular form of floor construction consisting of wood l joists and a concrete topping. The project will take eight months to complete.

Faculty Presentations - From May 5-8, Dr. Paul Cooper gave two presentations at the American Wood Preserver's Association Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. The two presentations were "Field Assessment of Commercial CCA Accelerated Fixation Systems in Canada" and "Relating Degree of Fixation to Leaching from CCA Treated Products."

Newsmakers - In May Dr. Paul Cooper was appointed to the Jury of the American Wood Preserver's Association Award of Merit Panel. In April and May Dr. S.C. Thompson was re-elected vice-chair of the International Board for Soil Research and Management. He was further elected Chair of the Audit Committee of IBSRAM.
CFE Update

Activity/Date/Location | Contact Hours/Category
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Hydric Soils Field Day; 5/4/96; Stratham, NH | 2/I
Stream Crossings, Wetlands & BMP's; 5/6 and repeated 5/7, 9, 10, 13, 15, 16/96; locations in MA | 4/I
Forested Wetland Mapping and I.D.; 5/9-10/96; Orono, ME | 6/I
1996 Vt. Foresters Mtg.; 5/16/96; Randolph, VT | 4.5/I
Forest Road Maintenance Workshop; 5/17/96; Orono, ME | 7/I
Vt. Timberland Owners & Woodland Resources Assoc. Mtg.; 5/17/96; Berlin, VT | 3.5/I
Vt. Sustainable Forestry Symposium; 5/22/96; Randolph, VT | 5.5/I
Wood Measurement Training Program; 6/6-7/96; Orono, ME | 9/I
Kiln Drying Workshop; 6/11-13/96; Orono, ME | 17/I
Forest Harvesting in Finland and Scandinavia; 6/12/96; Farmington, ME | 3.5/I
Forest Mgmt. and Neotropical Migrants; 6/14/96; Bethany, CT | 1/I
Learning To Live With Env. Laws: The Admin. of Forestry Reg.; 6/18/96; Augusta, ME | 6.5/I
Forest Logging Safety; 6/25/96; Orono, ME | 3.5/I

Congratulations to Anne Marie Kittredge of the Yankee Division for earning a CFE certificate. This is her fourth CFE certificate in eight years!

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.

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