FALL VOTES WILL CHANGE SAF, NESAF, AND FORESTRY IN MAINE

NESAF

The NESAF Executive Committee will call on the 1,173 New England members to cast multiple votes this fall on a variety of measures. Like the packet that came from National SAF earlier asking for our vote, it contains the direction and leadership of the very organization of which we are members. As it does every year leadership will change in the Divisions and Chapters and the Executive Committee. New Executive Committee members will be elected in Vermont, Massachusetts, Maine, and Canada. The Executive Committee will be working with the Divisions and Chapters to nominate a slate of officers for these positions. It is recommended that elected members to the Executive Committee from each state also be members of their respective state executive committees.

The Executive Committee has also grappled with several other issues this year that have or will require input from the membership. NESAF has had major input to the SAF Forest Health and Productivity Report. After a disappointing first draft, some New England concerns were listened to and the most recent effort published in September is a marked improvement. John McNulty's committee will continue to monitor and make recommendations as we move closer to a final chapter to this issue that started in 1993 with the Task Force on Sustaining Long-Term Forest Health and Productivity which resulted in SAF Council's establishment in 1994 of the National Committee on Forest Health and Productivity. NESAF member Laura Falk McCarthy is on the this national committee.

The Executive Committee has decided to change how we do business on three levels - financial record keeping, officer terms, and job descriptions. Starting in 1997 the budget system will change to a straight accrual system. This will allow for a more logical and understandable accounting system that reflects the current status of our finances at any given time. The Executive Committee in September has decided to place before the New England foresters this fall the recommendation to go to two year terms for NESAF Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chair and Vice-Chair positions will allow for greater leadership and direction under a two year regime (a year can disappear in a hurry) and also allow stronger input at the national level. In addition, the yearly secretarial and financial work loads for NESAF will be better met with both a secretary and treasurer as separate officers. These changes will still meet National SAF bylaws and will require minor changes to ours. The role of the Executive Director will be asked to change also. More administrative duties and less travel time (unless it does not interfere with new duties) are the order of the day to a position admirably filled by Dick Watt since 1986. A draft

Maine Referendum

Well it started in February with 55,000 signatures supporting a referendum to ban clearcutting on more than 10 million acres of private industrial forest land in northern Maine. This proposal has occupied the news regionally and nationally since then. It has been covered in everything from The Northern Logger to The New York Times. It has spurred a special legislative session this summer in Maine and has pushed most of the other related voting issues in Maine this fall to a secondary status.

What is clear is that come November 5, 1996 the voters of Maine will have three choices on the ballot: the original proposal (see April issue of the Quarterly); the alternative referendum called the Compact for Maine's Forests (see July issue of the Quarterly); and a third choice which is none of the above. Either referendum if passed will change Maine's 1989 Forest Practices Act to reflect the choice of the voters. Voter turnout for this referendum is expected to exceed 70% and 50% of those voters must choose one of the three for it to pass.

Although it started with those signatures it will not end in November and has already caused change within the management recommendations within Maine. The recommendations found in the compromise will apply statewide and will be implemented by the large landowners involved even if the referendum does not pass.

The How and Where of the Maine "Ban Clearcutting" Referendum

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Mollie Beattie: A Tribute

Webster defines "Memoir" as "a report on an event of significance". This memoir is a personal observation on the life of Mollie Beattie, an event of great significance. Mollie has been proclaimed as a scholar, a forester, a writer, a philosopher, all that and more. She was known as a friend, a public servant, a leader. In all of these roles Mollie's time with us was lived to the fullest, with vitality, commitment, and serenity.

Others have written or spoken of her career in public service to Vermont and to the nation. Her political savvy and integrity brought professional respect as well as outstanding accomplishments. The great courage of her final year has been as she fought, and at last accepted death with confidence, peace and encouragement for others. Not only at death's door was courage so evident. Her professional standards and personal values demanded courage and confidence and determination in reaching the goals she set for herself.

Mollie recognized the importance of maintaining a strong, healthy persona - physically, mentally, and spiritually. Not a selfish concern for her ego, but the pragmatic acceptance that thus only could she give the most of her life. Carlyle wrote that "life is a little gleam of TIME between two eternities." Mollie's life was a great burst of light in that time allotted to her. We have been blessed by it.

She had one unusual and wonderful attribute - that of an unconscious but strong sense of personal presence; not one of power or command, but a presence which, of itself, demanded attention, and got it. Hard to describe, but easy to recognize when you were exposed to it. Yet there were occasions when, while looking directly at you, she would transcendently leave you, dreaming or thinking of some secret, transmundane reality, some mystic other world that only she could know, and could not share. Then, with a glance and a grin she would return her attention to you.

At the end Mollie could have assured us as Stanley Kunitz with "I own only my name. I've only borrowed this dust." But her name will live long in our memories. May those memories serve to guide, strengthen and encourage us in our lives of service.

(By James Wilkinson)

Nesaf Membership Chair Position Opening

The membership chair of the NESAF Executive Committee is appointed by the NESAF Executive Chair which in 1997 will be Karen Bennett. The goal is to have the new member in time for the 97 winter meeting in Portland.

The Membership Chair will work as liaison between the National SAF office membership department and NESAF Division/Chapter membership chairs. The Chair also keeps the NESAF Executive Committee updated on membership issues and status and maintains the membership records at the state society level. The final duty is to serve as a member of the NESAF Executive Committee and attend the meetings of that group each year.

Candidates interested in this position should contact Karen Bennett (page 2) prior to December 1, 1996.

Comments of the Chair

by Phil Bryce

It is 11:00pm in a cottage on Rangeley Lake in Maine. All of the NESAF Executive Committee members are represented and are engaged in lively discussion. The group remains content from a very productive meeting earlier in the day and from an excellent barbecue of beef and salmon prepared by the Immediate Past-Chair, John McNulty. The conversation jumps between subjects randomly - very few related to forestry. The tour of Seven Islands forestry operations doesn't start until 9:00am the next morning. Ten hours together and they are still going at it - a special group of folks.

Sports was one of the many subjects. Disagreements quickly ensue over the degree of boredom on lack of any social value of one sport over another. "I would rather watch grass grow than play golf." "Hockey is a sport for social Neanderthals." "Baseball makes absolutely no sense." Those who felt the greatest passion for one sport seemed to hold the greatest degree of disdain for another. The response to that disdain was always "you just don't understand the intricacies of the sport."

Something bothered me about this. Other than rules and equipment - the characteristics that make sports bring out the best in us seem to be the same: discipline, strategy, ability, practice, concentration, teamwork, the drive to excel, and respect for an opponent. Should these characteristics be appreciated less because the sport is golf or cycling rather than hockey? Every sport has its own intricacies - intricacies that mean something only if the effort is made to understand. So the real question isn't "what's your favorite sport?" it's "Are you a sports fan?"

Few outside the forestry profession understand the intricacies of harvesting wood. But then, that is not the sport they are interested in. Their sport is wildlife preservation, recreational experience or maybe wilderness. But after all, they are sports fans - just like us.

Sign Me Up - Group A or B

In the September issue of The Forestry Source was a letter to the editor by Tammara Van Ryn, a NESAF member concerned about the pending leadership direction of soon to be SAF President Harry Wiant. In the editorial as well as the letter now drafted to be sent to Mr. Wiant, she points out the contrasting perspectives described by Aldo Leopold in "A Sand County Almanac". Group A foresters are content to grow trees "with cellulose as the basic forest commodity." However, a Group B forester "worries about a whole series of secondary forest functions; wildlife, watershed, wilderness areas", and "feels the stirrings of an ecological conscience."

While it should not be construed that NESAF as an organization shares the concern about how SAF will balance the divergent views in the year ahead, a number of foresters within NESAF agree with the letter drafted by Tammara and sincerely hope that a leader has been elected that will represent the entire membership of the Society. Mr. Wiant's forestry position can be found in his campaign statement (page 53 of the September 1995 Journal and further defined in the May 96 Journal) responding to a letter in the "Letters" section. Tammara's letter can be obtained from her office at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-5400. The letter will be sent to Vice-President Wyant with an attached list of Group B foresters. If you wish to join in this effort of Group B foresters after reviewing all the information call the "Group B Count Me In" hotline before November 1, 1996. It is 603-224-9945 ext 333.
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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: Richard Martin of Gifford (N), Holly Jacobson of New London (T), Hamlin Williston of Stoddard (T), and Alan Fred of New Gloucester, Me (S).

Green Mountain Division: Andrew Reed of Peru (T), Edward Harrigan of Princeton, NJ (S), and Samuel Horton of Eliot, Me (S).

Maine Division: Karla Allen of Bingham (T), Charles Love, Jr., of E. Winthrop (T), and Mark Miller of Jefferson (T).

Yankee Division: Laura Dooley of Reading, Ma (N).

Connecticut Chapter: Warren Morse of Moosup (T), Thomas Rogers of Monroe (T), and Sheila Sprague of Stafford Springs (T).

ON THE OTHER HAND

The following names, by state, were purged from the membership roles of NESAF this summer for non-payment of dues. Recognizing the fact that few members join unless asked and that a phone call by the national office has not re-enrolled them perhaps a local call by a friend might encourage them to join our ranks again. If you know any of the following past members you might want to ask them to join us again.


Connecticut Chapter: Oliver Barton, Stephen Child, Brian Jalet, David Liedlich, Tammy MacGovern, W. Lyle Mclothin, George Murphy, and Jim Weed.

Current Year/Previous Year Comparison

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Richard Watt

"From Broccoli to Fellow"

We are conditioned at an early age to respond with a glow of happiness to recognition for doing the accepted or proper action. When we ate pureed broccoli placed on the tray of the highchair, rather than following the urgings of violated taste buds and throwing it on the floor, eating brought lavish praise from a frustrated parent spooning food into an unwilling mouth. In kindergarten, a lollipop may reward maintaining a quiet patience during rest period. Later, we remember bringing home to adoring parents a grade school paper with a silver star, or even better, a gold one. We moved up to numerical or alphabetical grading, sometimes accompanied with a written few words or by public praise as exams were passed out in the classroom.

Study of motivation in adults by psychologists and business school faculty show that our responses may be somewhat different because of our more sophisticated attitudes. Money is of outstanding importance on the scales of awards when salaries provide a less than adequate standard of living. As salaries are increased to the point of allowing a reasonable standard of living, some type of "pat on the back" may be more highly appreciated than a modest salary increase.

In the Society of American Foresters, we have several formal "pats on the back." Election to the grade of "Fellow" is one of several national honors granted by our peers for a sustained period of good works in forestry. The requirements for Fellow are defined as "outstanding service to forestry and the Society, and the basic requirements, shall include contributions to the application of forestry, to education, to research, and to the advancement and profession of the Society." The total number of Fellows cannot exceed five percent of the membership, so indeed it is a signal honor.

How many of you remember reading in the September issue of the "FORESTRY SOURCE" a list of nominees for Fellow on the top of page 5? Probably few so I give you my thoughts.

The 52 nominees are arranged by Voting District. District IV, New York and New England, have two members nominated, both from New England. John Hibbard of Connecticut and William Leak of New Hampshire, voters willing, will become Fellow in November. We in NESAF have submitted a little less than 4 percent of the nominees names but are nearly 7 percent of the total voting membership. We are obviously under represented in the total listing of Fellows.

I ask that you start thinking now of some of your colleagues and acquaintances who deserve nomination. I will remind you and your officers as the time for action approaches in the Spring. The process is relatively quick and simple. In the meantime do not forget to vote for the Fellow nominated from New England this fall. The deadline in October 29, 1996.

Available for the Taking

Once again a long time NESAF member is cleaning house. I wonder sometimes how many members actually hang onto their Journal of Forestry magazines. Like National Geographies, they tend to accumulate. Jim Cronin up in Vermont has accumulated a nearly complete set of Journal of Forestry issues from 1961 to 1995. That's a lot of forest history documented. In any case a few years have a couple of issues missing but most of the years are complete. If anyone would like the complete set please contact Jim Cronin, 22 Sunrise Drive, South Hero, Vermont 05486.
All is Not What You Read

The July issue of The News Quarterly contained a brief article in the Vermont News on the U.S. Forest Service’s intended appeal of a court order preventing a proposed timber sale in Lamb Brook by the Green Mountain National Forest. The information presented was based on an article in the Rutland Herald which on the surface was both inaccurate and misleading. It also presented compliments of this particular newspaper, only one side of the issue. Later articles this summer on clearcutting (August 25) and herbicide application acceptance (September 22) have fared no better in their lack of representation of all the facts.

For the sake of accuracy the following is provided regarding the Green Mountain National Forest’s appeal of the court order. The planning area for this sale is about 5,000 acres; actual commercial harvesting is planned for 964 acres. The harvesting will include 465 acres of selection harvesting, 237 acres of thinning harvests, 142 acres of two-cut shelterwoods, 74 acres of delayed shelterwoods, 30 acres of clearcutting for aspen regeneration, and 36 acres of clearcutting to create permanent wildlife openings.

The Lamb Brook ruling by Federal Judge Murtha was based on three issues presented by the plaintiffs: (1) the Forest Service did not follow its forest plan (2) the Forest Service did not follow the Administrative Appeals procedures and (3) an Environmental Impact Assessment should have been conducted in lieu of an environmental assessment procedure. Judge Murtha ruled in favor of the Forest Service for issues #1 and #2 and directed the Forest Service to conduct a full environmental impact study before implementing the Lamb Brook Timber Sale. The appeal is focused on issue #3 since the result will have national implications for case law.

The proposed timber sale is in the Town of Readsboro not Woodford. The Town Plan for Readsboro was reviewed and the select board contacted during the scoping project. The Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife bear biologist was concerned about the upgrading of roads and not necessarily the planned timber sale proposed for Lamb Brook. The Forest Service and State biologist did not agree on the road implications on wildlife. However the road issue was addressed in the environmental assessment and Judge Murtha ruled that the Forest Service biologist had adequately addressed the issue. That is consistent with case law that in differences of professional expertise, the government (Federal) professional is recognized by the court.

As Paul Harvey would say “Now you know the rest of the story”. As any good editor should also know; the whole story is always better than an inaccurate and misleading half story. The final clarification regarding this story is that it was written by the News Quarterly editor and not the Vermont correspondent.

NESAF Weighs In on Inventory Issue

by Charles Levesque

For many years, state officials, forest policy leaders, NESAF and many others have been concerned about the frequency (or lack thereof) of the forest inventory conducted by the U.S. Forest Service. The Northern Forest Lands Council addressed this in one of its 37 recommendations.

The Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA) has been dubbed the ”decennial survey” in years past but it has been anything but. The New England states are on approximately a 14 year cycle, while other regions of the country, most notably the south, experience far more frequent forest inventories. Another issue surrounding the FIA has been the survey itself – and whether it is meeting the needs of state policy makers and others using the resulting data.

An effort to remedy FIA woes on both fronts got underway this spring and, with others from the region, NESAF has gotten involved in advocating for changes to the FIA as we know it. In July, NESAF Chair Phil Bryce sent letters to two key Senators who sit on the Senate Appropriations Committee -- Senators Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Senator Judd Gregg of New Hampshire -- asking for committee direction language to be added to re-allocate the regionally distributed funding for FIA in a more equitable manner.

The Senate version of the appropriations bill which funds FIA was passed with that language in it late in the summer. The House version has language which gives more weight to the southern FIA – something which must be worked out in the conference committee on the bill. It is likely that the Senate version will prevail – giving a boost to those seeking equitable distribution of FIA funding by the Forest Service.

A related effort to refine the FIA methodology – to make the FIA results more user friendly and consistent with state needs – is also underway with meetings of key state, federal, and private sector folks happening as this Quarterly goes to print. For those interested in participating in this process or wanting to learn more about what is happening, call Charles Nebling at 603-226-0012.

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Technology Coordinator’s Report

by John Brissette

The NESAF 77th Winter Meeting will be held March 12-14 at the Radisson Eastland Hotel in Portland, Maine. It’s time to start thinking about presenting a poster at the meeting (see Call for Posters elsewhere in this issue). Posters are a great way to tell colleagues about management successes, as well as a good way to present research results. They can be used to introduce a unique or interesting project, or tell about a new or innovative technique you’re using in the woods. You don’t have to be a professional artist to put together a good poster - just think about what would make your stop and examine someone’s poster. Also, make sure the print is readable from several feet away. The NESAF Executive Committee has agreed to serve as judges for the 1997 event with recognition of the best posters made at the award’s luncheon.

An often overlooked feature of the Winter Meeting is the opportunity for Working Groups to get together. While NESAF Working Groups have not been very active of late, they certainly can be if anyone is interested. So, if like minded folks would like to get together at the Winter Meeting to discuss working group issues, let me know and I’ll work with the Winter Meeting organizers to get a place and time on the program. If you’re interested in a Working Group but unsure of how to get involved, drop me a note or give me a call and we’ll discuss it.

I look forward to seeing each of you in Portland. In the meantime, if you have questions or comments I can help with, let me know.

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Poster abstracts are due by March 1, 1997, but earlier submission is appreciated. Abstracts should be 400 words or less, double spaced, with 1 inch margins. The header should be centered and contain the title (in capitals), author names, and affiliations. Enclose your business card or typed note with your full name, address, and telephone/fax numbers. Mail to: John Brissette, NESAF Technology Coordinator, RR #1, Box 589, Bradley, Maine 04411. If you have questions call at (207)-866-7260 or FAX to (207)-866-4602.

Second Call For Advertising

After the underwhelming response for potential advertisers in "The News Quarterly," it becomes necessary to continue the information for this issue. If you know of someone or know of a firm that is New England based, has New England roots, and/or would otherwise benefit from advertising to 1,200 foresters from New England please let me know.

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Summer Meeting Features Old Growth - Ninety forestry professionals attended the September 20 Granite State Division summer meeting workshop on "Old Trees and Forests" held in Stoddard. "We tend to perceive of old growth forests as more of a west coast issue because of the extensive harvesting that has been going on in New England for more than 350 years," says Granite State Chair Charles Moreno "but landowners and the public have a tremendous emotional interest in old trees and forests, and we have to learn how to respond to that, both in managing existing old forest stands as well as planning to create areas of old forest into the future."

The morning portion of the program was held in the Stoddard Town Hall and featured four speakers. Robert Leverett, a professor at Holyoke College, provided introductory remarks on the locations and characteristics of old growth, based on his extensive experience in Massachusetts. He stated that old growth forests are not open and park like, ecological deserts of a single species, timeless and changeless, populated exclusively of senescent trees, or wasteful of timber resources. He feels that they are "nature" managed systems with a wide range of characteristics; some forests are stable, others dynamic - given locations in a broad range of habitats; and only remnants of old growth are left in relatively inaccessible places. He believes that there are 2 million acres of old growth remaining in the eastern U, which is one third of 1% of the total forest.

Dr. Charles Cogbill, forest ecologist and adjunct professor at Sterling College, spoke on the unique ecological dynamics of old growth. On the dilemma of defining old growth, he quoted the Supreme Court description of pornography as appropriate in that "you can't define it, but you know it when you see it." Existing locations of old growth in New Hampshire include the Harvard Forest tract at Piahg Forest, and Nancy Brook, Gibb's Brook and the Bowl Natural Research Area, all in the White Mountain National Forest. He commented that "our oldest trees don't get very old because the site disturbances (fire, wind, ice, insects, etc.) are close together. That is why we are more interested in stand and community dynamics, rather than individual tree age."

Ellen Snyder, UNH Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist, discussed the special wildlife attributes of old growth. She reported that most old growth wildlife studies have been done on the west coast forests, and the question for New England is if there is adequate old growth acreage to support dependent wildlife, and not just a single species, but on an ecosystem basis. Mature sugar maple forests support three toed woodpeckers, black capped woodpeckers, and cape may warblers. Krumholz supports spruce grouse, blackpoll warblers, and boreal chickadees. Mature mixed forests support pine martens, owls, red breasted nuthatches, and raptors. Amphibians and small mammals need fallen woody debris. Similarly, some species of insects, like bark beetles, are abundant.

William Leak, US Forest Service senior silviculturist, discussed management strategies for old growth, suggesting possible 200 year (or longer) rotations. He stated that although technically not old growth, we can grow white pine to very large sizes quickly (100 years) to give the appearance of old growth to the public, compared to slower growing species such as hemlock, yellow birch and other tolerant trees.

Vermont

On August 23, 1996 about 50 foresters arrived in Rochester, Vermont to examine the mechanized harvesting work of Jason Fayon, Independent Logging Company, Co-sponsored by the Vermont Forestry Foundation and the Green Mountain Division this workshop got a close up look at feller-bunchers, grapple skidders, wood processors, and the roads and needs required by this equipment to operate efficiently in the woods. Norm Smith, consulting forester, described how his equipment best suited the needs of this particular woodlot. Land design, skid road layout, actual harvesting, residual stand concerns, compaction, volumes removed and safety concerns provided for lively discussion throughout the day long program designed by Diana Frederic, Ginger Anderson, and Jock Harvey. It was a good cooperative effort between the timber industry and forestry community to examine issues of concern of mutual interest to both parties.

The Consulting Foresters Association of Vermont with the UVM Extension System also hosted a series of three workshops this summer. Entitled "Forest Sustainability Workshop Series" the programs on August 1 and 15 and September 12 at the Mountain School in Vershire were designed to help forest managers and landowners improve New England's woodlands using the latest information on a range of forest issues and management activities. Over 100 people, foresters and landowners, participated in the workshops on three different topics which included; incorporating wildlife habitat and neotropical migratory birds into silvicultural prescriptions; incorporating ecology and archeology into silvicultural prescriptions; and incorporating soils and wetlands into silvicultural prescriptions. Included as speakers were silviculturalists Bill Leak and Bruce Reid; wildlife biologists Kim Royar and Clayton Grove, Wetlands Specialist Jeff Parsons; Soil Scientist Nancy Burt; Archeologist Doug Fink; Geologist Roger Haydock; Herpetologist Jim Andrews; and foresters Richard Carbonetti, Neil Lamson, and Ross Morgan.

In addition several thousand people got to visit the new Forestry Building at the Vermont State Fair. This first edition provided displays on forest products, Christmas trees, insects and diseases, urban and community forestry, as well as two forestry organizations: NESAF and the consulting foresters of Vermont association. Robbo Holleran, with several other foresters, also spent many hours at the fair enlightening interested folks about the advantages of managing Vermont's forested landscape.
Yankee Division

Yankee Division Hosts Summer Meeting

The Yankee Division Annual Summer Meeting was held on the City of Providence lands on July 25 in Scituate, Rhode Island. Marc Tremblay, Vice Chair of the Division did an excellent job of organizing and hosting the meeting. The morning session featured Paul Cyr, Assistant Area Director for OSHA and specialist in OSHA logging standards, who explained the OSHA perspective of logging safety and highlighted the new OSHA logging regulations. This included proper clothing, chain saw operation, hazardous tree determination, and other aspects of safe logging.

Austin Mason, Yankee Division Chair, hosted the business meeting during lunch and the afternoon was spent with the Providence Watershed personnel examining red pine plantation management activities. Hans Bergey and Rob MacMillan led the afternoon tour.

Paul Cyr, Assistant Area Director for OSHA, explains a point about the new logging regulations to the Yankee Division meeting held in Rhode Island on July 25, 1996. (T. Quinck photo)

Jason Fayon (C), owner of Independent Logging Company, explains to the foresters and loggers assembled the intricacies of a mechanized harvesting operation during the Vermont SAF summer meeting in Rochester. Much of the day was spent examining the operation and discussing the issues around this type of harvesting.
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exactly where they belong.
I'd check the soil for sand and clay
and water because they matter.
If they're just right, my trees will grow fast,
and I'll bet they'll even be fatter.
That's what I'd do.

And I'd be an engineer.
I'd draw a plan for growing trees,
as many as I could grow.
But I'd leave some room for the pot of gold
at the end of my forest's rainbow.
I'd plan for pines and oaks in the east
and redwoods and firs in the west.
From coast to coast, everyone would say
that my forests are the best.
That's what I'd do.

And I'd be an animal lover.
Some trees would be young, some would be grown.
That's every animal's wish.
I'd have places with grass for rabbits and mice,
and with water for frogs and fish.
I'd have berries for bears and low leaves for deer.
There'd be plenty for all to eat.
The birds in the air and snakes on the ground
would find my forest a treat.
That's what I'd do.

Say, I think I'll be a forester.
I know it's work, but I bet it's fun.
And that's what I want to do.
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New Publication

Ecosystem Management in The United States: An Assessment of Current Experience by Stephen Yaffee, Ali Phillips, Irene Frentz, Paul Hardy, Sussanne Maleki, and Barbara Thorpe is the first practical and comprehensive guide to ecosystem management efforts nationwide that meets the needs of practitioners and decision makers alike.

This 352 page book published by Island Press features over 100 case studies and is a substantial review of ecosystem management efforts in the United States. The assessment has the authors provide conclusions about the aggregate experience at 105 representative ecosystem management sites nationwide. The catalog contains a two-page description of each of the 105 sites. The projects and project areas of each site are described, along with on-site stresses and the strategies used to deal with them. The authors assess the status of these efforts and provide contact information for follow up. The appendix is a list of all 619 projects that the 105 projects were chosen from along with contact information for each project. The authors also list documentary and electronic information for additional reading, a glossary, and a list of acronyms.

Ecosystem Management in the United States, according to Island Press, is a unique and timely resource that significantly advances our understanding of the realities of ecosystem management by moving the debate from vague discussions of theory to an examination of real issues faced by people who are actually working with ecosystem-based approaches. It is an invaluable reference for everyone involved with land management protection. The publication date for this $30.00 paperback was September 12, 1997 and it now available in most bookstores in New England.
of the job description is being revamped to more fully match the needs of the membership and the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is also working on preparing an awards sheet describing for each of the four NESAF awards what information needs to be submitted for a nomination. Hopefully this will make the nomination process and accuracy of the candidate's information easier to both submit and review.

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Certainly not within recent memory has there been more issues and ballots for action than this effort by the Society of American Foresters. In addition to electing a vice-president, and two New England fellows, there are five propositions that need to be decided through constitutional referendum. Many hours of labor went into the referendums on membership, ethics (publications and appeals), publications, and private property rights. In addition to the package of material that came with the ballots, additional information can be found in the May, June, July, and August issues of "The Forestry Source". Please take the time to vote on these important matters.

We also have two excellent candidates for Fellow this year. John E. Hibbard of Connecticut and William B. Leak of New Hampshire. They deserve our votes and election to the honored association of their previously elected Fellows. **SO TAKE THE TIME TO CONSIDER THE CANDIDATES, REVIEW THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE CANDIDATES, AND PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE.**

**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, benefits. Individuals with exceptional talent and drive in this area should be recognized.

The NESAF Executive Committee and Bob Seymour's silviculture class from the University of Maine examine a spruce fir site managed by Seven Islands Land Company during a two day NESAF Executive Meeting on September 19 & 20. The 2 day meeting in Rangeley, Maine provided an opportunity to conduct the regularly scheduled business meeting and also view a forestry operation on large landownership in Maine. Seven Island hosted the forestry tour on Friday.

**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.
Licensing/Certification Debate - Results have been tabulated from the survey on forester licensing/SAF certification sponsored by the Green Mountain Division and the Consulting Foresters Association of Vermont. The survey was sent to 426 individuals working in Vermont. Responses totaled 161 or 38%. Of those responding 40% preferred no regulation on work, 33% preferred licensing, and 27% preferred SAF certification. If the only two choices were either licensing or regulation, 45% favored licensing while 47% favored certification.

When sorted by professional affiliation the results are even more interesting. Of the 94 Green Mountain Division members who responded, 27% favored no regulation while 35% favored licensing, and 33% favored certification. When asked about mandatory regulation, 42% favored licensing while 52% chose certification.

Of the 26 Consulting Foresters Association of Vermont members who responded: 65% favored licensing and 12% favored certification. (No licensing figure was not available). If credentialy were mandatory; 73% would choose licensing and 19% would choose certification.

Of the 53 respondents who claimed no professional affiliation 52% preferred no licensing, 25% preferred licensing and 21% favored certification. The Green Mountain Division is using this information to prepare a position statement on licensing/certification.

Policy Committee Hard Work Needs Member Input - This has been a busy summer for those interested in policy issues regarding forestry in Vermont. The outcome of many of these issues could change the way forestry is practiced in Vermont on all scales of the landscape.

The process of developing policy statements starts with individual foresters and ends with a review by the National SAF office. Statements are drafted by an individual member of the Policy Committee and then opened to the entire committee for input. Drafts are then sent to the Executive Committee for input. The last step prior to membership review and adoption is a review and comment by the National SAF Policy Director. The statements can be adopted in two ways. If time is critical, the Executive Committee deems it an emergency, they can adopt a statement by a two-thirds majority of the members voting. If a more leisurely pace is allowed, the GMD membership will vote on it with passage requiring a two thirds majority of those voting.

Draft position statements on Private Property Rights, Aerial Application of Herbicides, and Credentialing of Foresters will be mailed to GMD members this fall. Much hard work has gone into developing these so please take the time to review them and vote.

Additional position statements are in the works for the Northern Forest Stewardship Act. In addition, the Forest Resources Advisory Council sub-committees are reporting on such topics as sustainability, assessment, clearcutting, and AMP changes. Member comments on many of these positions will be encouraged and welcomed. The Committee of Ten (Policy) is Rich Carbonetti 755-6744; Pete Condaxis 633-3255; Paul Frederick 888-5733; Don and Nina Huffer 875-3092; John Meyer 223-7314; Bruce Reid 767-4261; Bill Samal 865-7488; Jonathan Wood 644-2221; and Art Young 875-4147. These folks do not want to work in a vacuum so please comment to them or offer to join them.

Panel Supports Spraying - In September a special panel of the Forest Advisory Council (FRAC) voted 4-2 to allow the aerial spraying of herbicide on forest land as a tool to control hardwood growth and promote the growth of spruce and fir. The spraying would be allowed as long as the company (Champion International made the request) follows certain forest management practices and avoids applying the chemical near water or other sensitive areas. Allowance also requires the Agency of Natural Resources to find that the herbicide is reasonably necessary to return the forest stand to productivity. The full FRAC Council will hold public meetings this fall prior to issuing a final report to the Legislature in January.

State Forest To Be Renamed - The Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation is proposing to change the name of Grafton State Forest to the "Mollie Beattie State Forest" to honor Mollie's service to the State of Vermont as both Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation and Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources. Given that Mollie lived in Grafton and called it home this action by the Department seems most appropriate.

Enlist New Members

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**GRANITE STATE Division**

by Jonathan Nute

**Tree Farm Event In South Newbury** - More than 100 New Hampshire Tree Farmers and guests attended the annual Tree Farm Field Days, held this year at the 500 acre 1996 Outstanding Tree Farm of Peter and Susie Moore. Field day costs were underwritten by Durgin and Crowell Lumber; HHP, Inc.; Meadowsend Timberlands; and Monadnock Forest Products. Forest tours were conducted during the morning and workshops were offered in the afternoon. The following were recognized during the noontime awards ceremony: Ned Therrien as past Tree Farmer representative to the State Committee; Dave Pilla as past chair of the state committee; Clayton Platt as consulting forester to the Moore’s; and Peter and Susie Moore as the 96 Outstanding Tree Farmers.

**Forest Advisory Board Appointed** - New Hampshire State Forester Jack Sargent has convened the New Hampshire Forest Advisory Board, a group of twenty individuals with broad interests in forest policy. The board, which met for the first time in July, includes representatives from conservation organizations, landowners, forest industry, government agencies, and environmental groups.

The role of the Advisory Board will be to advise the state in the development of forest policy, facilitate dialogue between diverse interests and advocate for the implementation of actions in the New Hampshire Forest Resource Plan and the final report of the Northern Forest Lands Council. One of the first topics the Board discussed was the Maine Forestry Ban Referendum, and its potential impact across the Northeast. Ethan Howard of the Manchester Water Works has been appointed Chair of the Advisory Board, NHTOA Executive Director Eric Kingsley is the Vice-Chair.

**Newsmakers** - Charles Myers has been named as the new head of the Monongahela National Forest in Elkins, West Virginia. Myers leaves his post as Deputy Forest Supervisor of the White Mountain National Forest after serving 5 years here in New Hampshire. In addition to working as the Deputy on the Forest, Myers was assigned as Acting Forest Supervisor for 6 months after former Supervisor Rick Cables moved to Colorado in the fall of 1995. The new Forest Supervisor for the White Mountain National Forest is Donna Hepp.

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**Rhode Island**

by Marc J. Tremblay

**RI Chapter Activities** - This year’s Walk in the Forest Program included three separate events. The first two school events were October 8 and 10 to cover the northern and central/southern parts of the state. The third and new event this year will be on October 19 and open to the general public. Most Chapter members will be involved in one or more of the Walks.

Rhode Island hosted the Yankee Division summer meeting on July 25th at Providence Water’s Scituate Reservoir properties. The morning program featured OSHA Logging Standards with OSHA Assistant Area Director Paul Cyr from Bangor, Maine. About 50 people attended with many concerned about the impact the new logging rule will have on timber harvesting and management decisions related to liability for accidents, inspections, and violations. Austin Mason, Yankee Division Chair, hosted the business meeting during lunch. The afternoon program included a look at some of the harvesting operations in Red Pine stands on Providence Water lands. Hans Bergey and Rob MacMillan hosted the afternoon session.

**RI Chapter Activities** - Chapter member Tom Dupree, Chief of DFE, co-chaired the RI DEM’s Strategic Planning Committee, which recently issued a Strategic Assessment Report. The report sets goals and agendas for the Departments various responsibilities in the protection, management, and restoration of Rhode Island’s environment. For more information contact Tom at 401-647-3367.

The Urban and Community Forestry Council has prepared a new “Notable Trees Calendar” for 1997. The calendar features trees submitted by the general public through the efforts of the U&CF Council. Copies are available by contacting Bruce Payton or Norma Willis at 401-647-3367.

**RI Tree Farm News** - A fall program is scheduled for October 26 at three sites in Burrillville, Rhode Island in the northwestern part of the state. An AFF grant funded the publication and widespread distribution of a Legislative Action Alert newsletter. A second issue was released in August after a mailing list was developed. Response to the mailings have been encouraging and are being handled by RIFCO.

**RIEFCO News** - The Rhode Island Best Management Practices is going to the printer and should be ready for the fall workshops. For a copy, write: RIFCO at PO Box 40328, Providence, RI 02940. Jay Aron and Rhode Island members Gregg Cassidy and Marc Tremblay developed the manual.

Newsmakers - Ellen Grady, Executive Director of the Southern New England Consortium has announced the birth of her baby girl. Congratulations Ellen. Filling in for Ellen during her maternity leave is Chris Modisette. He recently resigned his position as Director of Water Resources at Providence Water and will be continuing SNEFC’s program efforts including the upcoming survey on Woodscaping services and follow up to the highly successful Cost of Community Services study. Chris can be reached at 1-800-772-TREE.
New England Big Tree List Published - The Department of Environmental Management has just published an updated register of the Champion Trees of New England. The 32-page document lists all of the largest measured trees representing more than 350 species and varieties throughout Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maine, Vermont, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Readers will quickly notice gaps in the list just itching to be filled by observant citizen foresters. If you have a big tree the circumference, height, and average crown spread are the official measurements needed for registry. If you believe you have a competing champion contact the state’s Champion Tree Coordinator, Charlie Burnham at 617-727-3180 ext 675.

New MASS ReLeaf Coordinator - The Bureau of Forestry has hired Ms. Edith Makra as new coordinator for the Massachusetts ReLeaf Trust. In partnership with the Bureau’s Urban Forestry Program, Edith will strengthen existing programs and seek new sponsors which since 1989 have raised funds for community tree planting statewide. The Trust has coordinated the distribution of more than $2 million in grants. Edith comes to MASS ReLeaf from a position in Chicago as Mayor Daley’s aide where she implemented his Green Streets Initiative: establishing the “Urbs in Horto” fund and raised more than $1 million in private, state, and federal funds toward planting 500,000 city trees.

Canada - Quebec - Kim Lowell

New Forest Regulations Enacted - The Quebec forest industry is now subject to a different set of laws for the harvest of forest products and management of the forest resource. The new Regulations for Operations in Public Forests (ROPF) took effect on May 23, 1996. The ROPF are designed to take into account the criteria for sustainable forest development established as a result of the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. These criteria include concern for biodiversity, improving the general health and productivity of forests, conservation of water and soil resources, consideration of forests in the global ecosystem, and multiple-use benefits for society as a whole. The ROPF will affect forest industries by decreasing the size of allowable cuts and requiring corridors which diminish visual effects of cutting and improve wildlife habitat. Another major impact of the ROPF is that aquatic resources will now be better protected.

New Budworm Defense Evolving - The research arm of the Ministry of Natural Resources of Quebec is working in cooperation with the Armand-Frappier Institute to evaluate a new strain of Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) to combat the spruce budworm. The timing of this work is fortuitous as 5000 hectares of south-western Quebec have recently been affected by an infestation of spruce budworm — first since a massive epidemic in south-eastern Quebec in 1996. The new strain seems promising because it requires that less of it be applied per acre than earlier strains and a new additive may make it more palatable to the budworm.


Izae Planning Assistance Offered - Ms. Jane Caivin has been hired by the Mass. Urban Forestry Program to assist communities in organizing and training teams of volunteers to complete tree surveys, inventories, and management plans. She has a Master in Environmental Studies from Yale and most recently worked with the Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust in preparing an inventory of their 2,000 city trees. In that effort she was able to raise nearly $25,000 and generate a thousand hours of volunteer time toward that effort. Communities wishing to receive future Mass ReLeaf Grants must have an up-to-date street tree inventory prior to the end of the grant period.

University News - As a result of excellent industrial cooperation, a new cooperative program in Forestry Operations successfully matched 50 students with practical work experience during the summer of 1996. Twenty of the students enrolled in the Forestry Operations program while an additional 30 found employment from the Wood Sciences section. It is anticipated that it will be possible to organize additional work practicums for Autumn 96, Winter 1997, and summer 1997.
First Winter Meeting Announcement

The 1997 Winter Meeting of the New England Society of American Foresters will be held in Portland, Maine on March 12, 13, and 14. It will be held at the Radisson Eastland Hotel and estimated costs are around $70.00/night (single or double) for lodging and about $55.00 for registration to the event. Si Balch is the General Chair and Max McCormack is the program Chair. Full details of the winter meeting will be in the January issue of the Quarterly.


What does one do with the six million dry tons of residuals from US public wastewater treatment plants? At the present time ocean dumping, incineration, and land filling are the options used. Is spreading on forested sites feasible? Is this the best option? Is this the final option? Is the application of wastewater residuals and paper mill sludge to forested sites waste disposal or nutrient recycling? If the process is safe, does it matter? Are there long term effects on soils and the forest? For $45 you can listen to and discuss these questions with Shelagh Connelly of White Mountain Resource Management; Professor Sid Pilgrim of the University of New Hampshire; Susan Avgarn of Bio Resource Management; Professors Ivan Fernandez and Robert Shepard of the University of Maine.

Further information and registration forms can be obtained from the Soil Scientists of Northern New England, PO Box 986, Durham, New Hampshire 03824.

LIVING IN THE NORTHERN FOREST - November 12, 1996 and December 10, 1996 New Hampshire Conservation Institute Workshops. Fee is $25 and includes a signed copy of the book "The Northern Forest". These workshops will be at the Conservation Center in Concord.

Through vivid profiles and engaging narrative, "The Northern Forest" reveals the drama of a rural society struggling to maintain itself in one of America's last great forests. In this 2 session series, authors Richard Ober and David Dobbs will show slides and read excerpts from their award winning book and discuss what it means for the great north woods of New England and New York.

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