HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!!!

We are a profession as well as a collection of New England foresters. Some of our nearly 1300 members have seen nearly half of the century of forestry while others of us have practiced forestry for a quarter or so of it and beyond. Still others of us bring a history steeped in the modern elements of the profession since they are short on career years but still anxious, hopefully, to share in the celebration of the career that we all share. This is the year to do it. We were born in 1900, have much to celebrate, and a New England and National Society ready to help us do it. Each of the Division and Chapters will be honoring us, the New England Society of American Foresters will celebrate forestry in several ways this year, and the national SAF will celebrate with a formal celebration in Washington, D.C. this November. So join us in celebrating ourselves.

The Society of American Foresters was organized on November 30, 1900 by seven foresters of the Bureau of Forestry assembled in the office of Gifford Pinchot. They were Gifford Pinchot, Henry Graves, George Sudworth, Ralph Hosmer, Overton Price, Edward Allen, and William Hall. Of the seven charter members, only one, Henry S. Graves, was a New Englander by residence and nearly life-long occupation. Ed Allen and Ralph Hosmer were New Englanders by birth and education, although their subsequent careers were elsewhere. At a second meeting on December 13, 1900 this group adopted a constitution, elected officers, and accepted as charter members an additional eight men: Thomas Sherrand, E. M. Griffith, James W. Tourney, Carl A Shenk, B. E. Fernow, Filbert Roth, F. E. Olmsted, and Horace B. Ayers. Both James Tourney and Frederick Olmsted were also New Englanders by birth or occupation. As stated in the constitution, "The object of this Society shall be to further the cause of forestry in America by fostering a spirit of comradeship among foresters; by creating opportunities for a free exchange of views upon forestry and allied subjects; and by disseminating a knowledge of the purpose and achievements of forestry." The initial officers elected were: Gifford Pinchot - President; Henry S. Graves - Vice-President; George Sudworth - Secretary; and Ralph Hosmer - Treasurer.

The amended constitution of the Society, published in 1911, contained a provision authorizing the establishment of sections " wherever there are enough active members to form a strong local organization." The New England Section, organized in 1920, became the eleventh section of the Society. The organizational meeting was held in the office of State Forester Harold O. Cook in the State House in Boston on April 3, 1920. Fourteen members attended and signed the charter establishing the New England Society of American Foresters. They were: J. W. Tourney, R. C. Hawley, W. Munro, P. T. Coolidge, H. B. Sheppard, D. A. Crocker, E. I Terry, H. F. Gould, J. S. Rogers, P. P. Brooks, G. P. Burns, W. G. Hastings, H. O. Cook, and K. W. Woodward. Professor Tourney was elected the first Chair and Harold Cook the first secretary. The first Executive Committee included Chair, Secretary, and J. H. Foster of New Hampshire, D. A. Crocker of Maine, and J. R. Coolidge III of Massachusetts. Twenty seven other foresters soon became members by letter. Initially the New England Section comprised members from the six New England states. In 1930 provision was made for inclusion of members from the eastern provinces of Canada. In June 1949 the Society constitution was amended authorizing the creation of chapters within sections. Accordingly, the Granite State Chapter was established on February 22, 1952; the Green Mountain Chapter on August 16, 1956; and the Yankee Chapter (Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut) on February 19, 1959.

From this very small beginning the Society of American Foresters has grown to a membership of nearly 18,000 and through its scientific publications has stimulated the development of the science of forestry in the United States. Through the aggregate impact of the organized body of professional opinion the Society has had considerable effect on national and local policies and practices in the broad field of resource conservation and management. And through the work of the thousands of foresters that have come since the establishment of the Society in 1900, millions of acres of forest have become healthier and more productive.

THE GIFFORD PINCHOT BIRTHPLACE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Friday, August 11, 2000
Simsbury, Connecticut

Everyone is invited. So mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Watch future editions of the NESAF News Quarterly for details.
Field Elected as SAF Fellow

Each year the Society of American Foresters selects from its membership those individuals who have rendered outstanding service to forestry and the Society. In 1999 there were 35 foresters from around the country honored with the award of Fellow. David B. Field, Giddings Professor and Chair, Department of Forest Management at the University of Maine at Orono was elected by voting members from New England as our Fellow in 1999.

Dr. Field joined SAF in 1963 upon his graduation from the University of Maine with a BS in Forestry. He remained at the University to obtain an MS in forestry in 1968 and then received a PhD from Purdue University in 1974. He became a Maine licensed forester in Maine in 1976 and has worked in New England throughout this period: as a forester on the White Mountain National Forest; assistant professor at Yale; associate research professor the University of Maine; Chair of the Department of Forest Management (1983-88 and 1994 to present); and Giddings Professor 1981 to present. He is on sabbatical leave from the Chair position until September 1, 2000.

David has been involved with SAF at the Division, New England and National level. He has chaired the Maine Division's Policy Committee, served as a member of the Task Force on Forest Practices; chaired the Forest Goals and Practices Committee; Chaired the Division, and edited The Maine Forest Review. At the New England level he has served on the Policy Committee; worked as a leader on the New England SAF Systems Analysis Working Group; and served on the Executive Committee. He worked as a Tour Leader at the 1995 National SAF Convention in Portland; served on the SAF Task Force on International Trade in Forest Products; and as treasurer of the SAF Systems Analysis Working Group.

He has published numerous papers in forest economics and policy which have found readership in the Journal of Forestry, National SAF Proceedings, Forest Science, and the Baxter State Park Scientific Study Review Committee.

He has been a guest lecturer in New Zealand and Beijing, China and has received the Downeast Magazine Environmental Award (1988) and the Northeastern Logger's Association Forest Industry Award (1980). He has served for many years with the Maine Appalachian Trail Club (President 1978 and Director since 1994) and with the Appalachian Trail Conference (Board Chair since 1995).

To congratulate Dr. David Field for his accomplishments over 36 years of forestry practice and for his election as Society of American Foresters Fellow in 1999.

Tree Farm Inspector Award

To Charles Moreno

Charles Moreno of Center Strafford, New Hampshire has been named as the Wesley R. Meier Outstanding Inspector of the Year for 1999 by the American Forest Foundation. The Foundation honors a forester each year as the top inspector from the American Tree Farm System's pool of 8,000 volunteer foresters. The award was presented on November 7 at the National Tree Farmer Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

The award recognizes a professional forester's commitment to the Tree Farm program and sustaining private forestlands. Mr. Moreno has been New Hampshire's perennial Tree Farm inspector of the year, having been selected the state's winner six times and the Northeastern Region winner twice, including 1999. He has been a tree farm inspector for 18 years and has earned the American Tree Farm System's Gold Hard Hat for certifying more than 100 Tree Farms. He has served as vice-chair for the New Hampshire Tree Farm Committee and currently serves as Rockingham County area chair. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Forest Stewards Guild and is a member of the Ecological Reserve Steering Committee. He joined the Society of American Foresters in 1980.

To honor Moreno's achievement, New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen issued him a commendation honoring his achievement. The commendation was also presented at the November 7, 1999 awards ceremony.

Executive Director Status Report

by Bob Edmunds, NESAF Chair Elect

The NESAF Executive Committee members are taking on more of a workload in the hopes that it will create an effective, engaged NESAF administration with a cost savings for the membership. Since the 1980's, NESAF has had an Executive Director to help manage the business affairs of our professional organization. Upon Dick's retirement, the current NESAF Chair Bob Ricard and the Executive Committee volunteered to take on the Executive Director's duties. While it has meant a lot of effort, time, and a sharp learning curve, the Executive Committee has agreed to continue without the Executive Director for another year to see how it succeeds at running a viable organization.

Although there has not been a NESAF dues increase in over a decade (an option that would have been considered if an Executive Director had been hired immediately), the Executive Committee didn't want to recommend a dues raise at a time when we are looking for more members. The Committee is also interested in having elected people and NESAF members have a more hands-on involvement in operating NESAF. To that end, the Executive Committee has developed (or continues to develop) manuals to cover the administration of elections, grants, awards selections, and other facets of NESAF administration. NESAF members have assumed the task of managing these portions of the work load and as a result your elected NESAF leadership will have more things on their platter than they may have had in the past.

We may have to return to having a paid person on-board in NESAF to assist the Executive Committee, record the organizational memory, and provide the long-term repository and contact point for NESAF. On the other hand, the current experiment may provide NESAF with a very workable structure. The Executive Committee will be looking at this situation in 2000 and, with the advice and council of membership, will decide whether or not NESAF will continue without a paid staff person to assume administrative responsibilities. The experience gained this year will be the best indicator of the most appropriate route for NESAF to follow.

Questions, suggestions, or comments will be handled by Bob Edmunds, NESAF Chair-Elect. He can be reached at bob.edmunds@unh.edu or 603-862-2619 or at 2 River Road, Barrington, New Hampshire 03825.
Comments of the Chair

by Bob Ricard

It's the Year 2000. The New, the Third Millennium. What more can anyone say except that this year is an important one for us - NESAF and SAF members. It is the one hundred anniversary of the founding of our professional society. It is a year to celebrate. And NESAF has jumped into the national celebration with both feet dancing on a rolling log in a raging river.

One hundred years ago, at the dawn of the development of professional forestry in America, forward thinkers, such as New England born Gifford Pinchot, thought fit to create an organization dedicated to the advancement of the science and art of forestry. SAF has been the leading organization fighting the good forestry battle on all fronts. It has been largely responsible for establishing and overseeing the education of virtually all foresters in this country. And this is the year we in New England can join our colleagues and friends around the nation in celebrating one-hundred years of excellence in forestry.

We have planned several special events to help celebrate – and I wish to, as former President Nixon would have said, “make myself perfectly clear”….. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend these events. Note that some of the events are “stand alone” events while others will occur at the Annual Winter Meeting in Lowell, Massachusetts. This year's Annual Winter Meeting will be better than ever, and include a visit by Gifford Pinchot himself. In fact he will welcome you to the event. In addition, we will kick off our heels at the Foresters Ball and Variety Show. While some of the Winter Meeting events are intended to be just good fun, others like the technical portion of the winter meeting will provide information valuable as we look to the future of forestry. So bring a friend, a spouse, a guest. Read about these events in this Quarterly and watch for details of other centennial events as we march through 2000.

Remember that this opportunity will never happen again in our lifetime. A centennial celebration rarely occurs in anyone’s lifetime, and you have the opportunity to enjoy this one. You have the choice of sitting at home and missing out or you can join your friends and colleagues. Have some fun and come to the Centennial events. You won’t regret it.

In other NESAF business matters, I would like to thank several NESAF Executive Committee members, whose terms of office have expired. They have provided tireless service to NESAF. David Maass has served two years as treasurer and we all know how difficult and time consuming this task is. Jim Stewart served as secretary in 1998-1999 and produced timely and complete minutes that guided us throughout our operational year. Both people were essential to the effective operation of NESAF. Three state representatives also completed their terms: Hans Bergey of Rhode Island; Bud Sanders from Connecticut, and Monica Prusik of New Hampshire. All three represented their states all year. We spent a great deal of time at this Council meeting in early December. It's hard to express the positive feelings I have about how wonderful our organization is. From the incredible minds, convictions and dedication of the Council members from all parts of the country, the House of Society Delegates and the Forest Science & Technology Board, to our exceptionally talented staff, we are blessed. I am gushing, but really, I feel honored to be associated with SAF and you should too. Especially so as we enter our Centennial year!

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- Adopted testimony and position statements, the most visible and important ones related to the Clinton Administration Roadless Area proposal for the national forest system (bad idea - let the local public involvement process decide such things), the proposed Forest Service Planning Regulations and (watch out for this one) the EPA proposal to treat forestry operations as potential point source pollution activity (we are opposed to that one);
- Re-affirm our strategic objective on cultural diversity and the charge to our Diversity Committee to continue to find ways to make sure SAF is a welcoming organization for women and minorities and foresters with a variety of backgrounds and values. We are an open Society to all foresters!
- Created a short-term work team to look at whether our programs and services are what they need to be to grow our membership in the coming years;
- Chose a southeastern US site for the 2002 National Convention;
- Approved a long-term strategy to continue building the leadership of the SAF through the Leadership Academy and through growing the Academy idea to make it attractive to other SAF audiences in addition to our local elected leaders;
- Position ourselves to soon take an active role in the training side of forest certification;
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BUTTERFLY AND LUNA

After a two year stint to protest logging (particularly old growth redwood logging) Julia "butterfly" Hill removed herself from the top of the redwood tree she has been living in since December 10, 1997. The tree, named by Hill as Luna" will be spared from both her continued presence living in it and the woodperson's ax. She descended of course to a news conference attended by the sitter but not by the owners, Pacific Lumber Company. An agreement was reached that will require Hill to pay $50,000 to Pacific Lumber Company for lost logging revenue and require Pacific Lumber to retain 'Luna' the redwood and a nearly 3 acre buffer zone around it.

Council's Commentary

by Charles Levesque

I write this immediately after spending three days at SAF headquarters in Bethesda, at our end-of-the-year SAF Council meeting in early December. It's hard to express the positive feelings I have about how wonderful our organization is. From the incredible minds, convictions and dedication of the Council members from all parts of the country, the House of Society Delegates and the Forest Science & Technology Board, to our exceptionally talented staff, we are blessed. I am gushing, but really, I feel honored to be associated with SAF and you should too. Especially so as we enter our Centennial year!

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And if you haven't picked up a copy of The Greatest Good, the new SAF book chronicling the history of forestry in the US and produced to celebrate our Centennial, you should. It is a gem that every SAF member should have. Best wishes for 2000!
CALL FOR POSTERS

The Winter Meeting Planning Committee encourages NESAF members and colleagues to prepare poster presentations for the 2000 NESAF Winter Meeting scheduled for Wednesday through Friday, March 22-24, in Lowell, Massachusetts. For several years, the Winter Meeting has had excellent poster sessions. At this year’s meeting, we would like to build on that tradition and welcome poster presentations on any aspect of natural resource management, science, or history.

Poster Abstracts are due by March 1, 2000, but earlier submission is appreciated. Abstracts should be 500 words or less, double-spaced, with 1 inch margins. At the top of the abstract, center the title, author names, and affiliations. Enclose your business card or typed note with your full name, address, and telephone/fax numbers—please do not put this information on the abstract itself. Mail to: John Brissette, NESAF Technology Coordinator, PO Box 640, Durham, NH 03824-0640. If you have any questions, call me at 603-868-7632 or fax to 603-868-7604. If you prefer, you can e-mail me at: jbrisette/ne_du@fs.fed.us

Poster Displays provided at the meeting consist of a 4' x 4' foam core board and easel. If you want to use your own board, or need one larger than 4' x 4', please contact me by March 1, 2000. We do not provide tables for the poster session. If you must have a table, let me know as soon as possible and I’ll see if one can be arranged.

When preparing your poster, keep in mind that readers will be about 5 feet from the poster. Include photographs, graphics, and data tables as needed. We encourage authors to tend their posters during breaks and to provide readers with abstracts or other supplemental material related to their posters. A large envelope pinned to the easel is a good way to present such materials.

Poster Judging is simple, each registrant can vote for the poster they think is best. The winners will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon on Thursday and in the News Quarterly.

Poster Setup is Wednesday morning at the hotel. Directions to the poster session will be available at the meeting registration desk and there will be someone to assign you an easel. Be sure to bring pushpins or some other method of attaching your poster to the foam core board. Plan to dismantle your poster Friday morning, no later than 10:30 AM.

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: David DeGruttola of Piermont (N), Bakhshi Singh of Manchester (T), David S. Larrick of Dover (T), Nash Degarmo of Durham (S), and Wendy Rexroth of Dover (S).

Green Mountain Division: Coleen Shanahan of Burlington (T), Gilbert Churchill of Underhill (T), and Kerry Barton of Burlington (S).

Maine Division: Stephen Clark of Cumberland (N), Mark Fogarty of Bangor (N), Jeffrey Dubis (T), Carla Huyssen of Rangeley (T), Terence Miller of Freeburg (T), Lawrence Caldwell of Turner (T), Keith Kanoli of Bradley (T), James Runyan of Pembroke (T), Jason Gwinn of Orono (S), Benjamin Dow of Vazzie (S), and Benjamin Herzig of Milford (S).

Connecticut Chapter: Jackson Eno of Simsbury (N), Kevin Wilkinson of Winsted (N), Mark Wishnie of New Haven (N), Mathew Davison of New Britain (N), Brian McDonald of Groton (N), Dwight Jenson of Southbury (T), Joseph Naya of New Haven (T), Matthew Fladeland of New Haven (S), Steven Price of New Haven (S), Christian Wippermann of New Haven (S), Adrian Camacho of New Haven (S), Bryan Foster of Great Falls, MT (S), Henrik Fox of New Haven (S), Jeffrey Luoma of New Haven (S), Ramsay Ravenel of New Haven (S), and Michael Sterner of New Haven (S).

Massachusetts: John Beebe of Medford (N), Joseph Zorzin of Housatonic (N), Bob Bosley of Groveland (N), Michael Downey of Haydenville (N), Garbiel DeAlessio of Holyoke (T), Marcus Phelps of Southwick (T), Ruben Lubowski of Cambridge (S), and Julie Riehburg of Easthampton (S).

**Forestry Calendar**

**SFI Standard For Sustainable Forestry and SFI Program Implementation**
February 10-11, 2000 at Orono, Maine. Sponsored by Office of Professional Development, University of Maine, Orono and BioForest Technologies, Inc. Contact Person: T. J. Dragon, University of Maine (207)-581-2896; FX581-4976 e-mail - bohan@umenfa.maine.edu

Proceedings: "Thinning in the Maine Forest" Price $20.00 from University of Maine. Contact T. J. Dragon address above workshop.

**New Publications**

**The Northeast's Changing Forest**
Written by Lloyd C. Irland and published by Harvard University Press, it is the first book to review the nature of the Northeast's forests, their significance, and policy issues for a general audience. Lloyd tells the story of the changing forests of the nine northeastern states and reviews their history from original European settlements through the age of shipbuilding to the retreat of farming and regrowth of the forest in the twentieth century. Emphasizing the continuity of the history and varied uses of the forests, the work summarizes the forces shaping past farming and land abandonment, forest cutting practices, insects, winds, diseases, and land development patterns.

Cost is $50.00 (plus $4.50 S&H). Order by phone at 1-800-448-2242 or fax 1-800-962-4983 or website order via: www.hup.harvard.edu or mail to Harvard University Press, 79 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

**Pinchot Supports Utility De-regulation**

Bill Kropelin, Chief Forester for the Burlington Electric Department, Vermont's largest publicly-owned electric power system, recently came across an article in "Public Power Magazine" which parallels current efforts to restructure the electric utility industry with similar efforts in the early part of the twentieth century. Then, as now, great disagreement characterized the debate about how to best manage electric power generation and distribution. Both then and now, the nation was struggling to find the best way to structure the electrical industry to ensure the most efficient, reliable, and economical supplies of electricity. The difference now is in scale. There existed and exist today two types of utility ownerships. Investor owned utilities which characterize the market today and public power utilities which were (and are) rate-payer owned and controlled. By 1916 Gifford Pinchot had retired from his duties as Chief of the Forest Service and had become Governor of Pennsylvania. He formed the Public Ownership League to promote the growth of public power utilities. He firmly believed that electric power was a natural resource and should be publicly owned. He also was a strong critic (read his biography) of monopolies which he believed resulted in price-fixing to the detriment of consumers. He was joined in this organization by reformer Jane Addams and Senator Robert LaFollette from Wisconsin. Between 1916 and 1922 the Public Ownership League grew from about 100 members to about 5,000. As Mr. Kropelin noted, "I suspect Pinchot would feel 'right at home' in the midst of the fray today and probably would be a great supporter of the concept of customers having the freedom to choose their electric power source including renewable, sustainable biomass energy."

(Most of the information came from an article by Lorel Wisniewski entitled "Is This Deja Vu All Over Again?" found in the November-December PUBLIC POWER MAGAZINE.)
Second Call For Editor

In January 2001 the New England Society will require a new editor for its newsletter, the NEWS QUARTERLY. Applications are now being accepted by the Executive Committee for a person, or group of persons, or an organization with a forestry focus, interested in maintaining this newsletter, the voice of New England Society of American Foresters.

Requirements for the job include the collecting of information on forestry and SAF items over the course of each year and publishing the information in each of four issues: in January, April, July, and October of each year. The editor communicates with the news correspondent from each of the six New England states and two Canadian provinces and publishes relevant news from the member states and provinces in each issue. The editor attends the NESAF Executive Committee meetings; maintains the list of current officers with mailing addresses in the Quarterly; develops an annual budget; insures that the winter meeting program is featured in each January issue; and otherwise provides the information on forestry relevant to New England foresters.

Ability to do the job is dependant somewhat on an ability: to type; to write articles; to edit information making it SAF relevant; to work with news correspondents and the Executive Committee; to work within a budget; and to prepare bulk mailings. Additional talents that will make the job easier and more effective include: e-mail; basic computer skills; some photographic skills; familiarity with word processing and newsletter programs; and a nearby post office. Time requirements include the time necessary to collect, write, and edit information for this 16 page newsletter and the time to send it to the membership. For details on any aspect of this job description please contact the incumbent.

New Hampshire Study Raises Forest Concerns

A sweeping study released in October 1999 by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and the Nature Conservancy finds that forest cover is declining, drinking water supply lands are vulnerable to inappropriate development, and most rare species and natural communities are not adequately protected. The report is based on extensive review of data from public and private agencies, sophisticated computer mapping and modeling, and input from an independent panel of experts. New Hampshire is already the fastest growing of the Northeastern states and an additional increase of 350,000 residents is expected in the next 20 years. The study is intended to serve as a baseline to track future trends in population and natural resources and to spur action.

Some of the significant forest land findings:
- Forest cover is declining for the first time in many decades with some 13,000 acres of woodland annually converted for development,
- 70% of all conservation land is in the northern half of the state leaving the heavily populated southern tier with less and less open space for forestry, farming, and long term protection of biological diversity and recreation,
- 85% of the growth will occur on 33% of the land area, mostly in southeastern counties which will have 60,000 acres permanently converted in the next 20 years,
- The number of housing units has expanded by 55% since 1980 with 5,000 new single family homes built in 1998 alone. "New Hampshire's Changing Landscape" was compiled by Dan Sundquist, SPNHF science director and Mike Stevens of the Nature Conservancy. The report may be obtained from SPNHF by calling 603-224-9945. An executive summary may be downloaded on-line at www.sphnh.org.

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THE FORESTERS CENTENNIAL BALL
AND VARIETY SHOW

To celebrate the 100th Year of the Society of American Foresters and in connection with the 80th NESAF Winter Meeting, you are invited to The Foresters Centennial Ball and Variety Show Thursday evening, March 23rd, 2000, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Your regular registration gets you in. This includes a selection of foods from around the world, a variety show featuring the theatrical elite of the forestry profession, dessert, prizes, music by a professional DJ, and dancing into the wee hours of the night.

Bring a friend, your spouse, a guest (its tough dancing alone). Sign them up on the registration form ($15 fee). For more information Cynthia Wood, 978-448-8380 x110.

4th Annual New England Foresters Hockey Game!!!

Wednesday, March 22, 2000
8:00 – 10:00 PM
Janas Memorial Rink, Lowell, MA
(Full pads, no checking, all abilities welcome)

$20 fee payable to and mailed to:
Jack Jackson
P.O. Box 829
Carlisle, MA 01741-0829

Questions? Call Jack at 978-368-3350 ext 21

I Doesn't Get Any Better Than This!!
Despite the ambition, the lack of professionally trained foresters seriously handicapped the introduction of scientific forest management early in the century. In 1900 only a handful of foresters worked in the U.S.; most of them had studied the European experience, including conditions that often applied poorly to American forests. Therefore one of the first steps in the scientific management of U.S. forests was to expand the number of trained forestry professionals.” – Douglas MacCleery

March 22, 23, and 24, 2000

THE DOUBLE TREE HOTEL
LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS
THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
80TH Annual Winter Meeting Program Guide

Tuesday - March 21, 2000
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. NESAF Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday - March 22, 2000
8:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration

General Session

10:30 a.m.
Call to Order and Welcome
- Robert M. Ricard, NESAF Chair

- A Special Centennial Celebration Presentation -

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon Gifford Pinchot: From the Other Side
- Gary Hines, USDA Forest Service, Grey Towers Historical Site
  This one act play, written, directed and performed by Gary Hines as
  Gifford Pinchot, centers on the beginnings of the conservation movement, as seen
  through the eyes of the first Chief of the US Forest Service and founder of the
  Society of American Foresters. This is a special centennial celebration presentation.

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Box lunch and visit with the exhibitors and poster session

1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. New England Forests and Forestry: A Retrospective
This Plenary Session will include reminiscences and the filling of a time capsule. A
number of New England foresters will reflect upon their time in the woods, and in the
profession. Each speaker will leave something- an object, a thought, a story or some
advice – for the foresters who open the time capsule at this meeting in the year 2100.

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. NESAF Business Meeting
- Robert M. Ricard, NESAF Chair, presiding
- William Banzhaf, Executive Vice President, SAF, will be our special guest.

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Icebreaker, visit with exhibitors and poster session

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Alumni and Agency Socials / Jam Sessions

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. 4th Annual NESAF Hockey Game
Thursday - March 23, 2000

7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Registration

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Working groups meet for breakfast

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
**CONCURRENT TECHNICAL SESSIONS — GROUP A**

**Session 1**
Sustainability: Tools and Approaches
- Viable Loggers: A Key to Sustainable Forestry
  *Jim Hourdequin*, Yankee Safety Network, Lebanon, NH

**Session 2**
Resource: Landscape-level Forestry
- Natural Disturbance Regimes in the Northeast:
  Application to Stand-level and Landscape Forestry
  *Dr. Robert Seymour*, University of Maine
- The Forest Ecosystem Information Exchange
  *Dr. John Hagan*, Shifting Mosaic Project, Manomet Center for Conservation

**Session 3**
Ecosystems Benefits and Function: Water
- Protecting Drinking Water Supplies, Both From and Through Forest Management
  *Dr. Paul Barten*, University of Massachusetts
  *Thom Kyker-Snowman*, Metropolitan District Commission

**Session 4**
Politics, Perception and Practice: Getting the Message Out
- An Evaluation of the Success of the Coverts Project
  *Stephen H. Broderick*, University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension System
- Using the Web to Promote Forestry
  *Barry Sims*, Forestworld, Burlington, VT

9:30 a.m. – 10: a.m.
Break

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
**CONCURRENT TECHNICAL SESSIONS — GROUP B**

**Session 1**
Sustainability: Tools and Approaches
- Criteria and Indicators: What's it all about?
  *Connie Carpenter*, USDA Forest Service, Durham, NH
- A Comparison of Certification Schemes
  *Dr. Michael Washburn*, Sustainable Forestry Partnership

**Session 2**
Resources: Inventory and Analysis
- User Perspective on the New FIA Annual Inventory System
  *Dr. Paul Van Deusen*, NCASI, Tufts, University
- The 1998 Ice Storm: Forest Damage Assessment
  *Margaret Miller-Weeks and Dr. Chris Eagar*, USDA Forest Service, Durham, NH

**Session 3**
Ecosystem Functions and Benefits: At the Landscape Level
- Ecological Changes at the Forest Landscape Scale Over Time
  *Dr. David Foster*, Director, Harvard Forest
- The Northern Forest Wealth Index: Human Experiences and Values
  *Steve Blackmer*, Northern Forest Center

**Session 4**
Markets and Products: Non-Timber Forest Products
- An Overview of NTFP Possibilities
  *Dr. Marla Emery*, USDA Forest Service, Burlington, VT
- Some Early Results from New Hampshire
  *Charles Baylies*, New England Forestry Consultants

11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Awards Luncheon
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
CONCURRENT TECHNICAL SESSIONS—GROUP C

Session 1  
Markets and Products: Where is the Wood Going?  
- The NEFA Wood Flow Study  
  Dr. Lloyd Irland, The Irland Group  
  And a panel of respondents

Session 2  
Resources: Forest Health  
- White Pine Blister Rust: Cause for Concern?  
- Gypsy Moth: Why No Epidemic for 20 Years?  
  Dr. Joseph Elkind, University of Massachusetts  
- Pine Shoot Moth: What Do We Know?

Session 3  
Ecosystem Functions and Benefits: Biodiversity  
- Biodiversity Management on State WMA’s  
  John Scanlon, Forester and Wildlife Biologist, MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife  
- Management Principles for Biodiversity: Beyond New England  
  Dr. William McComb, University of Massachusetts

Session 4  
Resources: New Types of Landowners  
- Open Space and Municipal Finance: Do They Mix?  
  David Davison, Finance Director, City of Walpole, MA  
- Working with Towns to Protect Forest Land  
  Keith Ross, Director of Land Protection, New England Forestry Foundation

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Break and visit with exhibitors

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
CONCURRENT TECHNICAL SESSIONS—GROUP D

Session 1  
Markets and Products: Wood  
- Where will the Wood Go?  
  Tony Lyons, Mead Corporation

Session 2  
Resources: National Forest Issues in New England  
  Jim Northup, Director, Forest Watch  
  Charles Niebling, Director of Policy, Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests

Session 3  
Ecosystem Functions and Benefits: Carbon  
- The Carbon Credit Marketplace  
  Darby Jack, Project Administrator, Cfix LLC, Bellington, WA  
- Carbon Forestry Case Study: Malaysia  
  Tom Sullivan, New England Power System

Session 4  
Politics, Perceptions and Practice: Ethics  
- Can We Be Seen as Professional and Credible If We Do Not Act Ethically?:  
  An Exercise in Role Playing  
  Dr. David Kittredge, University of Massachusetts  
  Jennifer McDonald, Service Forester, MA DEM  
  Paul Catanzaro, Service Forester, MA DEM

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Quiz Bowl

6:30 - Midnight  
THE GALA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

- Buffet Dinner (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
- Variety Show (7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.)
- The Foresters Centennial Ball, with DJ Forester WeirdChuck (8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Society of American Foresters' Centennial Celebration
Future Plenary - Panel Presentation and Open Discussion

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.  **Hyper-Psycho-Eco-Forestry: Our Future?**
- *Lester DeCoster*, President, The DeCoster Group, Discussion Leader
- *Douglas MacCleery*, Forest & Ecosystem Planning, USFS
- *John McManus*, Editorial Director, American Demographics Magazine
- *Pat Jackson*, President, Jackson, Jackson & Wagner

This panel discussion will investigate the future of forestry, and will be conducted in the following segments:

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**Our Past – Douglas MacCleery**
With all that We have Learned from our History, Shouldn’t We be Able to Figure out our Future?

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
**Our Customers – John McManus**
A Sneak Peek at our Customers – How Will the US Population Change?

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
**Our Problems – Pat Jackson**
The Growing Gaps between the Nature that Foresters Know, and the Nature that Others Know – Bridge them or Die?

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
**Questions and Discussion**
Probing the depths of maximum feasible misunderstanding

12:00 noon
**Closing Remarks, Adjournment and Farewell**
- *Robert M. Ricard, NESAF Chair*

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Mission Statement

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In 1966, Warren Doolittle, a past president of SAF wrote, "...as professional foresters, timber production is the one use of the land which is our undisputed responsibility. We manage forest lands for other uses too, but other groups and scientists usually claim primary responsibility for the disciplines representing these uses. So let us take good care of our responsibility for growing timber before some other group lays claim to it." In the wake of such trends as "biocentrism", with its attendant disparagement of multiple use supporters as mere "timberists", Doolittle's warning has proven prophetic. Responsible, professional forestry is under attack. The public is increasingly being told, and is increasingly believing, that foresters are destroying forest biodiversity and thus our forests must be saved...from foresters. How are we to respond? One approach I would advocate is for each and every SAF chapter to actively support the Sustainable Forestry Initiatives.

SFI was launched in 1995 by the American Forest and Paper Association (AF&PA), a national organization that represents more than 400 forest and paper companies and related trade associations. The SFI program defines sustainable forestry as managing our forests to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs by practicing a land stewardship ethic which integrates the growing, nurturing and harvesting of trees for useful products with the conservation of soil, air and water quality, and wildlife and fish habitat.

SFI consists of five Forest Principles and twelve Implementation Guidelines to ensure that companies and individuals: regenerate harvested sites; provide wildlife habitat; improve water quality and ecosystem diversity; and protect forest land of special ecological significance. The SFI program's goal is to expand sustainable forestry practices to all 490 million acres of timberland in the United States. Currently, the owners of almost 60 million acres across the nation have enrolled in SFI.

As in other states, Vermont SFI (VT-SFI) is a comprehensive program of forestry and conservation practices designed to ensure that future generations have the same abundant, productive forests that we enjoy in Vermont today. Since December of 1998, VT-SFI has been effectively administered by Associated Industries of Vermont (AIV), our state's industrial trade association. The program is directed by a State Implementation Committee comprised of foresters, (including, myself), loggers, mill owners, landowners, conservation organizations, brokers, contractors, and state officials. Uniting these diverse interests is a shared belief that Vermont's managed forests make a vital contribution to the state, to the nation, and to the world by providing economic, consumer, environmental and aesthetic benefits indispensable to our quality of life.

While VT-SFI has had a number of accomplishments since being housed within AIV, it really is just getting started. The program established logger training requirements and supports the provision of this training. VT-SFI is continuing to evaluate these training programs to determine their ability to meet SFI curricula requirements. VT-SFI conducted a legislative tour this past October to provide lawmakers with a firsthand look at the effects of sound forest management and timber harvesting practices. The program also sponsored an exhibit at the annual Vermont Teachers' Convention to make educators aware of the program and determine which of their forestry educational needs could be addressed by VT-SFI. Perhaps most importantly, VT-SFI is in the process of developing appropriate Vermont-specific standards to instill greater program accountability.

The program is also addressing significant issues of implementation and enforcement that must be resolved for VT-SFI to succeed. And in Vermont, as nationally, SFI has its detractors. Not surprisingly, most of the groups opposed to SFI are the very same groups that oppose active forest management. SFI should be viewed as one means by which foresters can publicly and demonstratively support the continued improvement of the practice of forestry. It is also a conduit through which we can communicate information on the science of silviculture and the need for forest management. Our side of the story is not being heard and inflammatory rhetoric has clearly overwhelmed scientific fact. I think you will agree that our nation's record of silvicultural accomplishment is clear: a significantly enlarged renewable resource base with which to responsibly meet society's commodity needs; improved waterways and greater recreational opportunities; increased biodiversity and decreased soil erosion; and markedly enhanced scenic vistas. Thousands of dedicated foresters played a key role in realizing these gains. SFI affords us an excellent opportunity to protect and build upon these gains.
New England Society of American Foresters
80th Annual Meeting
In Celebration of SAF's 100th Anniversary
March 22 - 24, 2000
The DoubleTree Hotel, Lowell, Massachusetts

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Registration Options (All options include coffee breaks)

A. Full Package - includes Ice Breaker, Wednesday box lunch, Centennial Ball
   and Thursday Awards luncheon................... @ $90.00
   Student (Full Package)........................... @ $50.00
   (sub-total)

B. Single Day Registration
   Wed. (incl. box lunch) ......................... @ $50.00
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E. Late Fee (After March 1, 2000) .......................... Add: $10.00

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UNH Reaccredited - The Society of American Foresters has reaccredited the University of New Hampshire College of Life Sciences and Agriculture forestry programs through 2004. Ted Howard, Chair and Associate Professor of Forestry Economics at COLSA announced that the review committee was pleased with the university's self evaluation report, the report of the site review committee, and by the follow-up interview held in Portland, Oregon in September. The University will provide an interim report to SAF in July 2001 to maintain their accreditation.

Low Grade Wood Markets Fall Topic - Fifty foresters and timber harvesters attended the Granite State Division Fall meeting in Concord to listen to wood market information provided by Charles Levesque, Chip Millick, and Mike Bergeron. Levesque of Innovative Natural Resource Solutions, discussed his recent publication which investigated 14 major categories of wood markets and five were chosen for his report: “Green Power” marketing of wood energy plants; establish an oriented strand board facility; wood chip co-firing with PSNH coal burning generator; exporting clean chips to Asia or Europe; and distilling chemicals such as ethanol and levulinic acid. Although these five are not economically feasible at this time, they could become so if certain public policies were adopted.

Millick, Procurement Manager for SAPPi Fine Papers, noted that the pulp mill in Westbrook Maine closed in June. This hardwood mill had been producing 380 tons of pulp per day and closed because it was too expensive to improve the bleaching process and control the sulphur odors in what is now an urban neighborhood.

Bergeron, from the NH Division of Economic Development, pointed out that although New Hampshire has low taxes and abundant raw materials and is a nice place to live, we also suffer from high electrical costs and the inability of communities to provide property tax incentives. Two other disincentives to starting wood industry businesses included high land costs in southern New Hampshire and the isolatedness of northern New Hampshire.

Capacity Crowd for Tree Investment Workshops - One hundred and sixty foresters attended the two Fox Forest Workshops in October which examined tree growth from both a biological and economic perspective. Paul Sendak, Forest Service economist, stressed that time is money and that by using compound interest tables, the potential value of a tree over time can be calculated to see if it is actually “paying its way.” Don Quigley of the Thompson School talked about the relative value of trees; particularly the factors in both softwood and hardwoods that determine value. Knots, taper, shape, amount of clear wood, were examined with Quigley urging the use of 3 schematic “quality zones” in predicting the quality of lumber that may be produced by a log.

David Smith, Professor Emeritus from Yale, discussed the yield return from releasing and pruning white pines. He noted that pruned trees can produce ten times the financial return of an untreated stand, although the board foot volume is 40% less. Mark Ducey, from UNH Department of Natural Resources pointed out that the performance of a single tree is based on 3 forms of growth: biological, grade change, and price change over time. Since leaves grow the tree and trunk diameter growth slows when the crown growth remains stable, it is more important to thin from above than from below.

Brooks Mills, East Holden Maine Tree Farmer and Neil Lamson, USFS Silviculturist, explained BANTIC, a tree value spreadsheet for home computer use. This program calculates the volume and value of logs and can make future projections regarding the optimum harvest size for each tree.

William Leak, USFS Principal Silviculturist, discussed thinning strategy in a pole stand of red oak, red maple, beech and sugar maple. This preceded the afternoon field session which focused on silvicultural treatments to three forest stands.

Estate Planning Workshops to be held - This workshop co-sponsored by NHTOA, UNH Cooperative Extension, SPNHF, GMDSAF, and Division of Forests and Lands, will show that good estate planning is imperative to protect family land from tax surprises. It will be presented on Jan 26, Feb 9, and 23, and March 22 in various locals. Contact Trish at 224-9945 for more details.

Newsmakers - William Mautz, Dean of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture at UNH will be stepping down from that position at the end of the school year in June 2000. He will then be on sabbatical leave followed by a return to his teaching position on the faculty.

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of the Lynx based upon an unfinished report which was being 
posted on the internet as chapters were being completed 
helter skelter. The GMD was notified in mid August that the 
comment deadline was September 25. The GMD requested an 
extension until the report was completed and was peer 
reviewed. The extension was denied. In 1998, the GMD 
provided testimony opposing the listing. Judging by the 
reactions to the new report from several state Fish and Wildlife 
agencies, the report received little support from the scientific 
community. For example, one state's testimony included, 
"This...is written very subjectively. Instead of the author's 
reviewing available information on the topic and reaching well 
thought out, objective, conclusion, it appears they started with 
an agenda and selectively used information to support their 
opinions." The Fish and Wildlife Service is to issue an opinion 
in January.

Water quality: The EPA is attempting to withdraw 
the silvicultural exemption from the Clean Water Act which 
would eliminate the designation of forestry and harvesting 
activities as "non-point source". For the past 27 years states 
have had the authority, and have done a good job of protecting 
water quality. The Vermont AMP's are a good example. This 
move by EPA could force every landowner planning a harvest 
to obtain an EPA permit. It will also provide a litigation tool for 
the GAG's (Green Activist Groups). The GMD sent a letter 
asking for intervention to our congressional delegation. The 
GMD plans to provide testimony against this move. The 
comment period closes January 20, 2000.

Sprawl: The subject of sprawl could turn out to be 
a hotly debated issue in Montpelier this session. Two bills were 
introduced last year with others certain to follow. Some of the 
ideas floating around to "protect" the forest products industry 
are to allow towns in certain situations to limit heavy cuts to 20 
acres, funding for undefined "low impact equipment", allowing 
for citizen lawsuits to enforce environmental laws, curb cut 
restrictions and a surcharge on vehicles rated at 21 MPG or 
less. The PC is drafting a position on sprawl and support for 
the forest products industry.

Easements and Acquisitions: In light of the 
tremendous amount of public acquisition in the North East the 
PC is drafting a position on the positive role of reasonable 
easements.

GMD and the GMNF In light of the preservationists 
injunction to halt timber sales, the GMD is looking into filing as 
an intervenor. More information will be available at the winter 
meeting.

Division News - The Public Information Committee of Ray 
Toolan, Robert Turner, and Jay Strand are re-emphasizing the 
top three priorities as Web Site completion; completing 
Vermont radio spots, and countering misinformation about 
forestry in the media. The Policy Committee is recommending 
the formation of a policy on eco-reserves. We need to support 
the science as it evolves and SFI and SAF need to get in front 
of this and have a policy.

The CD ROM project is progressing well. Portions of this 
video may be used for the GMD Centennial project VIDEO 
showing Vermont Forestry over the last century.
Rhode Island - Chapter Activities - About 300 students and teachers participated in the Rhode Island Chapter's Walk In The Woods program on October 15 at the Arcadia Management Area. Chapter members provided the educational portion of the walk program which extended this year into a week or so rather than a one day event. The Chapter also co-sponsored a public workshop on alternative forest products at the Browning Mill Pond in Arcadia Management Area. About 70 people attended the session organized by Gregg Cassidy for the RI DEM. The workshop was a part of an alternative Forest Uses Program developed for the RI Rural Lands Coalition from a USFS grant through the RI Division of Forest Environment.

Farm, Forest, Open Space Land Valuation Subcommittee commences - The first meeting of this newly created subcommittee, under the State Conservation Committee met on November 15th. This committee will determine the methodology and the resulting current use valuations for land certified under the Farm, Forest, Open Space Act. Participants include RI Chapter members Tom Dupree, Tom Abbott, and Chris Modisette. April 2000 is the target date for establishing the valuations, which could then be applied in 14 Rhode Island communities that are conducting revaluations during the next year.

Tree Farm News - The Tree Farm Fall Workshop was held on October 16 at the Seiner and Greene Company Tree Farm in West Coventry. Participants were treated to a tour of the cranberry harvest at the Greene Company bogs, which are the largest cranberry operation in Rhode Island. Chapter member Hans Bergey organized the event. Tree Farmer of the Year was awarded to Olindo Amore, who, with his son has been managing a Tree Farm in Rhode Island for about 25 years. The award was presented at the RIFCO annual meeting by Tree Farm Committee Chair and chapter member Rob MacMillian.

RIFCO and SNEFCI News - The RIFCO annual meeting was held on November 13 at the Foster Country Club. Bruce Wight of the National Agroforestry Center addressed the membership on the specialty products that can be grown in New England forests. SNEFCI has been selected as the coordinating agency for a southern New England SFI Committee. Bill Hull of Hull Forest Products is Chair of the committee, and SNEFCI will be administering the effort.

Massachusetts

Logger Education Program Graduates - In December eighteen loggers from four New England states graduated as Certified Professional Loggers as part of the Southern New England Logger Education Program. Over 500 loggers from southern New England have attended at least one workshop in the last year but to be a graduate these 18 completed 32 hours of classes and workshops: 4 business credits; 8 environmental issues or regulations; 12 truck/logger safety credits; and 8 hours of first aid and CPR. The program is sponsored by the Forest and Wood Products Institute at Mount Wachusett Community College. For further information on courses contact Joe Smith at the College: 978-632-6600 - ext. 360 or e-mail: j.smith@mwcc.mass.edu

Forest Legacy Program - Massachusetts recently acquired its ninth Forest Legacy easement, more than any other state involved in the program. To date 1235 acres have been protected, keeping those acres in forest in perpetuity. The U.S. Forest Service has invested, or committee over $5 million to the Massachusetts program

Forester Licensing - Over 150 applications for forester licensing have been received by the Massachusetts Forester Licensing Board. To date, 124 foresters have been licensed from all the New England states and New York.

Strategic Planning - The Secretary of Environmental Affairs, Bob Durand, has initiated a strategic planning process for Massachusetts forests. Currently Massachusetts Extension Forester David Kittredge is leading the first phase - developing a vision for Massachusetts forests.

Canada

Forests and Greenhouse Gases - Based on the agreement signed at Kyoto, Canada is required to reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases (principally carbon dioxide) 6% from its 1990 levels by 2012. Since forests cover 45% of Canada and the forest industry is such a large consumer of energy in the production of wood products, the forest industry is likely to be greatly affected by this reduction. However, the Canadian Association of Pulp and Paper estimates that between 1990 and 1996 member companies reduced their emissions by about 16%, due primarily to machinery efficiency improvements and a switch to generating energy from wood residues rather than fossil fuels. More reductions are possible, through electrical co-generation plants for example. The industry believes that it has an important role to play if Canada is to attain its target.

Forest Road Safety is Target of New Program - "In The Forest, I respect the law, just as I do elsewhere", a new publicity campaign from the Ministry of Transports in cooperation with the Ministries of Natural Resources, Environment and Wildlife, and Quebec's parks is aimed at improving road safety in the forests. In Quebec about 250 people are injured annually on forest roads. The campaign involves the use of posters, brochures, and billboards in sectors of high forestry activity. It has been noted that drivers on forest roads modify their driving habits compared to how they drive on other roads. The goal is to encourage drivers to remain on the right, not exceed the speed limit, wear seat belts, and not exceed the legal load limit.

Value of Forest Industry to Quebec - Recent figures suggest that the 6.7% decrease in the value of the Canadian dollar relative to the United States dollar since the mid 1990's has clearly helped Quebec to become the leading exporter of newsprint - fully 80% of the sales of paper products from Quebec are exports. Because 76% of this total goes to the United States (paid in US dollars), the 16% decrease in exports to other parts of the world has caused little trouble for the Quebec forest industry. The Association of Forest Industries of Quebec has concluded that the pulp and paper industry remains an extremely important part of the Quebec economy as much for the economic activity within the province as for its contribution to the balance of trade.
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