Four New England Fellows Elected

Congratulations are due four of our New England colleagues whom we elected SAF Fellows this year.

Leo C. Laferriere, of Waitsfield, Vermont, won the NE SAF Distinguished Service Award last year. He is past Chair of NE SAF and originator of the NE SAF Integrity in Conservation Award. He served as Commissioner, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation and now practices as a consulting forester. He holds degrees from SUNY and Northeastern University.

Charles A. Levesque, President and founder of Innovative Natural Resource Solutions of Antrim, NH, is a 20-year member of SAF and recent past representative to the SAF Council. He

March Meeting to Ponder Fragmentation

The Granite State hosts of the 2002 Annual Meeting will challenge NE SAF members to solve the fragmentation puzzle in Manchester on March 26—28. On Tuesday, attendees will view the puzzle pieces at a keynote panel featuring Lester Decoster of the Decoster Group, Jeff Porter, of the NH Southwest Region Planning Commission and L. Keville Larson, of the Forest Landowners Association. Throughout the three days members will have a rich selection of workshops and field trips from which to choose. “Fragmentation and parcelization affect even those of us living and working in the most rural areas of New England. We think we’ve got something for everyone,” says Karen Bennett, Chair and General Manager of the meeting. A special feature this year will be real field trips on Thursday...an opportunity for some fresh air after two days inside! Of course the usual attractions will draw many members...camaraderie, hockey, quiz bowl, awards, exhibits posters and, of course, Manchester. Look for more details and explanations on page three. The program and registration information are found on pages 10-12 and 19, respectively. Register early for an important and exciting meeting.

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Winter Meeting News

Thursday Field Trips and Workshops
Space is limited in field trips and workshops. Pre-registration is required. We will do our best to accommodate everyone's first choices. Workshops have less room available, so don't choose two workshops. Travel to field trip sites will be on your own and maps and directions will be provided. Appropriate winter gear is recommended.

Watershed Management in an Urban Area
At the Manchester Water Treatment Plant for field discussions on: forest health issues; water quality and hydrology; silviculture and management (white pine focus); and the increasing demands of recreation on "green spaces" with population growth. Field destinations may vary with weather conditions.

Forest Society Conservation Center: From Stump to Stud - Tour of an award winning building (in Concord), integrating green certified forestry, land protection, advocacy and education. Showcase the use of green certified products and state of the art building materials and techniques.

Ecosystem Function Across the Urban Rural Continuum - A field trip to the Piscataquog River Watershed which empties into the Merrimack River. View efforts to maintain healthy trees and restore rare species in the city of Manchester. Tour the watershed upstream toward a more rural landscape examining the role of ecological reserves and ecological management within this 220 square mile watershed.

Global Positioning Systems - A general overview of the theory and use of GPS. Small group, hands-on, outside exercises using common models. Computer mapping programs demonstrated. GPS units supplied. You may bring own, but familiarity with them by the instructors can't be guaranteed.

Arcview GIS Capabilities - Learn about ArcView GIS capabilities for natural resources related applications. Manipulate ArcView software and GIS data to see how existing data layers can be used to create a community natural resources inventory.

For more information about:
Registration: George Frame at 603-744-7823
Program: Karen Bennett at 603-862-4861
More Details: www.nesaf.org

Parking
Available at the hotel, but demand is high. For late day arrival, see the website for additional parking. Daily fees for overnight guests are $2 and $1 for day guests with validation provided at registration.

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Our mission as foresters is to be responsible stewards of the Earth's forests while meeting society's vital needs. The challenge of our mission lies in keeping forest ecosystems healthy and intact while concurrently drawing on their resources. We will meet this challenge by carefully monitoring and managing the effects of natural and human forces on the forest. Our decisions will be guided by our professional knowledge, our compassion for all living things, our desire to improve citizens' lives, and our respect and concern for the entire forest ecosystem. By advancing forestry science, education, technology, and the practice of forestry, NE SAF will provide the leadership to achieve its mission.
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earned his forestry degree at UNH and is a Leadership NH Associate.

Carl M. VanHusen, of Madison, Maine, retired after 32 years with Scott Paper Company, is noted for his tireless promotion of his profession in the public forum. He is particularly proud of his leadership in the MESA Forestry Poster Contest in the public schools, which brings professionals and youngsters together in the cause of conservation. Carl earned his forestry degree at SUNY in 1955.

Perhaps Carl speaks for many New England Fellows when he says, "I have always felt I have taken more from the SAF than I have been able to give."

Dr. Dale Solomon a researcher at the USDA Northeastern Forest Research Station in Durham, NH, brought us the FIBER growth model. He recently worked with the AMORPHYS carbon balance model project team within the Global Change Program. Dale earned his degrees at Penn State, Yale and UMaine.

Post Script: It is reported that Dale is in poor health and would enjoy hearing from friends and colleagues. His address is 519 Billings Road, Hermon, ME 04401

Granite State Award

Mervin Stevens, of Walpole, NH, received one of two Granite State Awards presented by Keene State College and the University System of NH for outstanding achievements by community members.

Stevens led New Hampshire's participation in the 1999 Smithsonian Festival of American Folk Life. The festival showcased Granite State music, dance, food crafts, storytelling, occupations and community celebrations for two weeks in Washington, DC. He has also served on numerous civic and cultural boards of the state and region. (Keene Sentinel)

In Memoriam

Clare B. Mitchell, former Forest Products Utilization and Marketing Specialist with State & Private Forestry, passed away October 7. Clare was born in Berlin, NH. He graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a degree in forestry and received an M.S. from Yale in wood technology. He was employed by the USDA Forest Service Intermountain Region (Region 4), State & Private Forestry, where he provided expertise to a wide variety of people in the forest products industry. Clare was a member of the AGR Fraternity, Society of American Foresters, Forest Products Society, and Forest Service Old Timers Group. He was an avid tennis player and skier, and loved to hike in the mountains. His wife Esther, two sons, and two grandsons survive him. Condolences may be sent to Esther at 4977 Kiwana Dr., Ogden, UT 84403-4215, or call 801-479-8459. (From The Forest Products Conservation and Recycling Review, Vol 13)

Rodney E. Kennedy, 51, died unexpectedly Dec. 6, 2001, in Wilton. He was born Aug. 28, 1950, in Houlton, son of Edward and Jacqueline (Goodall) Kennedy. He graduated from the University of Maine in 1970, with a degree in forestry. In 1971, he briefly attended Northern Maine Vocational Technical Institute in Presque Isle, before volunteering for military service, and served for two years as a member of the renowned 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C. Rodney was an avid hunter and fisherman, who loved the outdoors, and spent most of his life as the project forester of the Northeast Region for International Paper. Rodney loved the Lord, and lived a Christian and charitable life, giving in generosity to his beloved wife, children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, and various Christian ministries and missions. Rodney loved hunting with his boys, playing with his grandchildren, working on his land, and sharing good times with family and friends. (From The Forest Products Conservation and Recycling Review, Vol 13)
MAINE Division – Marc Johnson

SAF Foresters Greg Foster, Laura Audibert and Carl Van Husen display ME-SAF Poster Contest winning posters. Winners were Amy McIntire of Jordan Small School, Chelsea Paradis of Dr. Levesque School of Frenchville and Jess Hayden of Madison Junior High School. (Photo by Marc Johnson)

The MESAF Poster Contest has foresters giving talks on forestry and the benefits of forest to sixth grade classrooms throughout the State of Maine. Student entries are judged by MESAF members at the Winter Meeting in December. Patty Cormier, MESAF Poster Chair, reports that over the past ten years 8,000 students who are now of voting age have been reached by the contest.

Tony Filauro, Communications Chair, reports that the newly resurrected communications committee has contacted all the major newspapers in the state to let them know we are a source of forestry information. To-date, productive editorial staff/MESAF meetings have taken place with the Bangor Daily News and the Maine Times.

Ron Lemin, reporting on the Guest Lecture Series at the University of Maine, said that he, Mike Benjamin, Ralph Knoll and Lynn Wilson spoke this past season. The students like to meet with practicing foresters and would like to see the series continued even though it is no longer sponsored by National. About 12-20 students and professors show up to the informal talks in which they discuss the forester's work, tips on how to succeed and forestry in the real world.

Maine Forester Licensing Board member Craig MacLean reports the new license law is in effect and new rules are being worked on for this spring. Two of the rules must go before the legislature. They relate to unregistered foresters and a variance procedure to license those who have not met the four-year educational requirement. License fees have risen and there are substantive changes for late renewals. If a license is not renewed on time one cannot practice forestry.

The MESAF Winter Meeting program was "Forestry in Maine: Improving Public Perception and Communication." Speakers were Lester Decoster, President, of The Decoster Group Washington, DC, Joel Swanton, Manager of Forest Policy/Sustainable Forestry Initiative, of International Paper Co., Bob Wagner, Department of Ecosystem Science and Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, Orono, Jeff Rowe, Communications Director, Maine Forest Products Council and Steve Reiling, Associate Director, of the Maine Agricultural and Forest Experiment Station in Orono.

Decoster challenged the concept of "outreach" with the idea of "inreach". We need to be ready when people want the information...ready with handouts, displays and the internet. Currently we are not players on the internet. A search for "Maine forest facts" gets pictures of clearcuts with stumps, courtesy of the anti-forestry groups. "Forestry" as a key word, turns up Maine's pretty fall foliage...then more stumps. Decoster said the message needs to be there, when the people are ready. The problem with the referenda was that many voters were not ready when the debate erupted.
Swanton analyzed voting records from the last forest practices referendum...“Do Mainers favor permits for all clearcuts and to define a level of cutting for lands registered in tree growth tax status?” Records show that 28% voted “yes” and 72% voted “no” with no county voting less than 64% “no.” Polls had shown the potential vote to be 50-50. Swanton stated that the campaign was reactive and noted that $10 million had been spent on the past three referenda.

Wagner gave a twenty-year history of public concern over herbicide use in the forest. An Ontario study showed that timber-dependent communities were as concerned as urban people in southern Ontario. People perceive risk differently. Foresters and wildlife professionals see herbicide risks as much lower than do lay people. Studies show that one negative issue requires three positive ones to overcome the perception. Bad news is more credible to people than good news. Trust is vital in a participatory democracy. The public identifies empathy and caring in the first 30 seconds of any communication. To build trust, one must show care, do the right thing and communicate well. And do it over and over.

 Rowe, an industry lobbyist who came from the liquor trade organizations, offered views from the non-forestry public. The industry needs to identify its goals. In past years the goals have been to defeat the referenda. Goals become more difficult to determine without an immediate threat. The current goal is to improve the credibility of the industry.

Reiling described what the agricultural community does to support its cause. In the early 90s the Ag Council of Maine formed, including every commodity group. It speaks with one voice on ag issues, such as the right to farm, sprawl and bonding. Farmers deliver the message. There is an egalitarian and compromising attitude in meetings. Reiling pointed out that “If you spend your time shoveling cow manure, you don’t have a big ego.” The Council works closely with the legislature, where foresters tend to work with the Governor first. The Ag community has formed partnerships and coalitions well, taking an opportunistic, coordinated and pragmatic solution to the problems facing them.

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GREEN MOUNTAIN Division—Ray Toolan

The fate of the West Mountain area of the former Champion Lands is taking a lot of energy. The core issue is around what will or will not be permitted. On the one hand are the so-called “environmentalists” who are pushing to keep it as a “preserve” and roadless. On the other hand are the traditional users of the land who wish to see the traditional uses continued. In the middle is the mass of deals and agreements that were made for the state to acquire the land. Rumor has it that some sort of an agreement is on the table.

Wood markets are still very soft and, needless to say, pulp just isn’t moving. An occasional load of hardwoods may be seen and occasionally some pine. I did see a load of spruce going off towards the mill at North Hyde Park yesterday but by and large most of the log trucks I see are empty and waiting.

There is a steadily growing wood chip market in Vermont, however...for heating institutional and commercial buildings. The state has 25 schools and two major office complexes heated with wood chips; using an estimated 18,000 tons per year. Over the last several years an average of one to two new school systems have come on line. Recent changes in state aid for school construction could help raise that number significantly. (Vermont Forest Exchange & Information BULLETIN)

Vermont Forest Products Association, under Ed Larson, is negotiating to take over the LEAP program from Thom McEvoy of the Extension Service while the PLP program is still under the newer Vermont Loggers Association. These are parallel logger education and certification courses.
On December 8 about 60 people gathered at the Unitarian Church in Montpelier for the inaugural meeting of the newly formed Vermont Tree Society. Loona Brogan, the organizer of both the Society and this meeting, was pleased to see not only the number but the variety of people gathered. Green industry folks, consulting foresters, the former state naturalist, interested citizenry and, in general, a collection of folks interested in Vermont trees. The initial meeting featured slide shows by Bernd Heinrich of the "The Trees of My Forest" fame and Dr. Jeff Freeman on Vermont's Big Trees. The business portion of the meeting forged an interim mission statement to help define the organization based on those people attending. The Vermont Tree Society exists as a means of coming together to understand, cherish, and sustain the notable trees of Vermont. A second organizational meeting is planned for January to further develop a program for 2002 and to continue on with the organizational structure of the Society. Just think, almost a century ago a handful of people met to create the Society of American Foresters and today tree organizations are still in the making. Those with an interested in joining the Vermont Tree Society or in their plans for 2002 can contact Loona via email at: loonavermont@hotmail.com.

Dr. Jeffrey Freeman has been awarded the Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Council Vermont Tree Steward Leadership Award for 2001. The award, one of four given annually, honors an individual who has shown leadership and dedication in carrying out a community project. Dr. Freeman has been the Castleton Tree Warden for 23 years and during that time has dealt with 10 town managers, Dutch elm disease and the gypsy moth while carrying out a very successful tree program. Liberty elms have now replaced American elms and 17 other species of trees grace the streets of Castleton. Two trees are listed among the state's big trees for their species. Dr. Freeman has also directed the Vermont Big Tree Program for a couple of decades. He has been an SAF member since 1956.

**GRANITE STATE Division — Jon Nute**

The 2002 New England Christmas Tree Pest Management course has been scheduled for March 21-22, 2002 at Keene State College in Keene, NH. The course is an intensive 2-day series of lectures and laboratories providing hands-on learning about conifer tree health, insects and diseases and weed identification and control. Sponsored by UNH Cooperative Extension, the course brings together insect and disease experts from throughout the Northeast as instructors. New England pesticide re-certification credits and forestry continuing education credits are available. The biennial course has been well received by past attendees from New England and Canada. In addition to Christmas Tree growers, foresters and landscapers can benefit by attending.

Brochures will be mailed in January. For more information or to be sure you are on the mailing list contact Marshall Patmos, UNH Cooperative Extension, 800 Park Ave, Keene, NH 03431 (603-352-4550)

**Massachusetts — Jennifer Fish**

The Forest Stewards Guild has named Michael Mauri its new southern New England Coordinator Working out of Deerfield, MA. Mike will initiate Guild activities in the area, including field trips, and represent the Guild at a range of events. The Guild, which is based in Santa Fe, New Mexico, sees itself as a strong network of foresters who are committed to the principles and practice of sustainable forestry. SAF members who want to learn more about the Forest Stewards Guild or have suggestions for field trips or involvement should contact Mike at (413) 774-6854 or mikemaur@crocker.com.
The Call Before You Cut Program is an outreach effort to provide Massachusetts landowners with the information that they need to make educated decisions about their woodlands. Making an informed decision will allow owners to achieve long-term wildlife, timber production, aesthetic, and recreational goals in a way that protects and enhances the value of one's property.

When one calls the toll-free number he/she will be asked to provide name, contact information and the town where the property is located. This information will be relayed to a Service Forester who will contact the caller to discuss his/her needs and follow up with mailed information, or schedule a free site visit to evaluate the woodlot. The available information includes recent timber prices, ways to save taxes, information about the Forest Cutting Practices Act, a list of MA Licensed Foresters, and advice on managing woodlands in ecologically sustainable ways.

Massachusetts is one of four states (along with CT, MD, and MO) selected by the Northeastern Area of the USDA Forest Service to participate in a Stewardship Impact Initiative. The objective of the project is to assess forestlands on a statewide basis to determine where Forest Stewardship plans currently exist, and to determine where the greatest difference could be made in developing future Stewardship plans. Using GIS tools and analysis, Stewardship tracts will be compared with high priority watersheds, important habitats, and forest communities at risk, as well as areas that are the focus of special management or conservation initiatives by state agencies or private groups. The analysis will enable more concentrated efforts that produce a positive cumulative effect on natural resources at a landscape level.

CONNECTICUT — David Irvin

The Connecticut Chapter fall field meeting was well attended by over 70 participants. The program on hardwood log and lumber grading was led by Sarah Smith, forest industry specialist with the UNH Cooperative Extension System. The workshops, hosted by Great Mountain Forest and South Norfolk Lumber on the first day, and by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association and Perma Treat Corporation on the duplicate session, were well-received, raising over $1,000.00 for the Chapter.

J. P. Barsky, 2001 secretary/treasurer for the Chapter, will be the 2002 Vice-Chair. Chris Donnelly, DEP's urban forester, will be the 2002 secretary/treasurer. David Irvin, 2001 Vice-Chair, assumes the role of Chair in 2002.

The CT Division of Forestry is developing unprecedented outreach to coincide with the 2003 State Forest Centennial. Spring and fall field day celebrations are being planned at Pachaug and Peoples State Forests. Committees are developing new printed publications, including a booklet on "Why We Cut Trees on State Forests," two new video videos to air on Connecticut Public Television, internet-based contests, and a new Power-point slideshow. Outreach is intended to educate a broader base of the public than ever before, targeting children and families, schools and educators, forest users and neighbors, environmental groups, and elected officials. All proposals will depend upon budgeting but will be a Division priority through the Centennial.

The next examinations for Forest Practitioner Certifications will be held in mid-March. The application deadline is February 1, 2002. The December 2001 Directory of Certified Forest Practitioners is available on-line. To view it, visit http://www.dep.state.ct.us/burnatr/forestry/forestcert/certific.htm. Anyone with questions on the certification program or the Forest Practices Act, or who wishes to receive a copy of the Directory by e-mail, should contact...
Doug Emmerthal at (860) 424-3630, or by e-mail at douglas.emmerthal@po.state.ct.us.

The Connecticut Chapter welcomes Valerie Fraser, who started a forester position with the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority in September. Ms. Fraser is a Yale graduate and an SAF member.

The Private and Municipal section, Division of Forestry, with assistance from the CT Urban Forest Council and the Tree Wardens Association of Connecticut, presented a workshop on tree care in four locations in December. They were designed to educate anyone involved in the hands-on maintenance of public trees. The program was well-received, with nearly 200 attendees.

A 466-acre forest fire in New York burned across the state line into Kent, Connecticut. Personnel in both states fought the fire for a week, requiring four days to contain it. Smoke was reported halfway across the state in the Farmington and Connecticut River Valleys and it caused traffic snarls on nearby State Route 7. The fire burned a portion of the Appalachian Trail and the Schaghticoke Indian Reservation. It was the largest wildfire seen in the state in years and the first time a Connecticut fire has made the National Interagency Fire Center’s nationwide “Situation Report”.

Despite dry conditions and localized spring frost damage, 2001 proved to be a banner year for acorns, a fact not unnoticed by foresters and wildlife alike! This seems particularly appreciated by Connecticut’s healthy deer population, and by wild turkeys, which were reintroduced to the state in the 1970s and are now common sights in much of the state. Other wildlife that have made remarkable recoveries with reforestation and management in the 20th Century include fisher, bobcat, porcupine, river otter, and black bear. Even moose have established themselves in northern Connecticut.

The DEP Wildlife Division is undergoing a statewide trap-and-release study to estimate bear population and health. Each bear is tagged or radio-collared upon release. Massachusetts has a hunting program for bear but the species is still protected in Connecticut.

Three parties sharing responsibility as “conservators” for the Connecticut Bridgeport Hydraulic (BHC) lands have completed a draft Natural Resources Management Agreement. The open space acquisition, the largest in state history, involving thousands of acres in several counties of western Connecticut, will be managed jointly by the State DEP, the BHC Company, and The Nature Conservancy. The draft can be obtained on-line at http://www.dep.state.ct.us/rec/openspace/nrmal126.pdf

RHODE ISLAND—Marc Tremblay

The RI Chapter conducted a “Walk in the Woods” in October at the Lincoln Woods State Park, site of the Zachariah Allen Silviculture Plot. Chapter chair Tom Abbott and Paul Dolan, through the RI Environmental Education Assn., recruited several classes for the day of walks. A number of home-schooled students also attended with their parents and a few people from the general public attended after hearing about the event from a press release. Chapter members Chris Modisette, Hans BERGEY, Cathy Sparks, and Marc Tremblay participated, along with Abbott and Dolan.

At its December meeting the RI Chapter voted to pursue a cooperative agreement between the Division of Forest Environment and the RI Forest Conservator’s Organization (RIFCO) to develop a demonstration woodlot program. There are a few parcels of state land and a woodlot owned by RIFCO (see story below) that may be available for demonstration forestry sites. State forester Tom Dupree will lead a committee of the RI Chapter to explore the possibilities.

RIFCO recently received a donation of ten acres of woodland from a Foster couple, Alex and Julia Merriman, who have been active

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Monday, March 25
1:00-5:00 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 26
8:30 COFFEE, REGISTRATION DESK OPENS

9:30 CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME
Bob Edmonds, NESAF Chair;
Karen Bennett, 2002 NESAF Meeting Chair;
Steve Najjar, GSD/SAF Chair

10:00 KEYNOTE PANEL
What is the Fragmentation Puzzle? - Laying Out the Issue - Lester Decoster, Decoster Group
Mitigating Fragmentation and Sprawl Through Open Space Protection
Creating Livable Communities - Jeff Porter, Southwest Region Planning Commission
What's All the Fuss? There Are Benefits to Fragmentation. - L. Keville Larson, Forest Landowners' Association

12:00 BOX LUNCH AND BUSINESS MEETING - Bob Edmonds, NESAF Chair

2:30 BREAK FOR POSTER AND EXHIBIT VIEWING

3:00 CONNECTING THE SOCIAL AND THE BIOLOGICAL IMPACTS
The State of Land Protection in New England - Jane Difley, SPNHF
Why People Choose to Live Where They Do - John Delvecchio, Maine State Planning Office
Forest Health Effects of Fragmentation - Kathy Fallon Lambert, Hubbard Brook

4:30 WORKING GROUPS TECHNICAL SESSION, QUIZ BOWL, POSTER & EXHIBIT VIEWING

5:30-7:00 ICE BREAKER

7:00 ALUMNI SOCIALS

Wednesday, March 27

7:00-8:00 COFFEE, REGISTRATION DESK OPENS

8:00-9:30 CONCURRENT TECHNICAL SESSIONS
FOREST FRAGMENTATION: THE REGIONAL PICTURE - Charlie Niebling, Moderator
Forest Fragmentation: The Regional View - Kurt Ritter, USDA Forest Service
NH's Vanishing Forests - Sarah Thorne, SPNHF
Applying the Concept of Matrix Forests to Biodiversity Conservation - Doug Bechtel, TNC

PROTECTING CRITICAL LANDS — Ralph Knoll, Moderator
Federal Programs Addressing Land Protection - Deirdre Raimo, USDA Forest Service
Using Forest Legacy to Protect Land in Urbanizing Environments - Fred Borman, CT DEP
The Pingree Forest Partnership: A Case Study - Keith Ross, NE Forestry Foundation
COMMUNITY PLANNING TOOLS: A FORESTER’S PRIMER - Inge Seaboyer, Moderator
Forest Land Evaluation Site Assessment (FLESA) - Rich Carbonetti, Landvest
Natural Resource Inventories - Phil Auger, UNH Cooperative Extension
Green Mountain Conservation Group - Dan Stepanauskas, Northern Forest Resources

NEW CLIENTS NEED NEW STRATEGIES - Paul Sendak, Moderator
Changing Landowner Objectives, A Synthesis of Studies - Dave Kittredge, UMass
Cooperatives: An Answer to Managing and Marketing in a Fragmented Landscape - Susan Campbell, MA Forest Stewardship Program
Vermont Family Forests: A Case Study - David Brynn, VT Dept. Forests Parks & Recreation

9:30-10:00
BREAK FOR POSTER AND EXHIBIT VIEWING

10:00-11:30
IDENTIFYING AND ASSESSING BIODIVERSITY - Mariko Yamisaki, Moderator
What Is an Exemplary Natural Community? - Elizabeth Thompson, TNC
Identifying Critical Wildlife Habitat - Ellen Snyder, NH Ecological Reserve System Project
Assessing Biodiversity - Scott Jackson, UMass Extension

LAND PROTECTION TOOLS FOR CLIENTS - Peter Pohl, Moderator
Conservation Planning for the Family - Cynthia Wood, NE Forestry Foundation
Land Protection Techniques - Tim Storrow, NE Forestry Foundation
Case Studies of Creative Solutions for Land Protection - Tom Worthley, UConn Extension

COMMUNITY PLANNING TOOLS: MINIMUM IMPACT DEVELOPMENT - Roger Monthey, Moderator
Maintaining Rural Character - Kate Hartnett, NH Minimum Impact Development Partnership
Maintaining Green Infrastructure - Carol Foss, Consulting Biologist
Educating Local Decisionmakers and the Public About Smart Growth: The “Maine Smart Growth Institute Experience” - Beth DeLavalle and Amy Haible, ME State Planning Office

WATERSHED FUNCTION IN THE FRAGMENTING WATERSHED - Connie Carpenter, Moderator
Impacts of Fragmentation on Watershed Function - Bob Neville, The Bioengineering Group
Forests, Water & People: A Second Century of Challenges and Opportunities - Paul Barten & Avril de la Cruz, UMass & Thomas Kyker-Snowman, MA Metropolitan District Commission
Do BMPs Really Work? - Russell Briggs, ESF-SUNY

11:30-13:00
NESAF AWARDS LUNCHEON

1:30-3:00
INVENTORY METHODS: TIMBER & BEYOND - Ken Desmarais, Moderator
Biotimber Inventories - Andrea Alderman, SPNHF
Northeast Decision Model (NED) - Mark Twery, USDA Forest Service

PROTECTING WORKING FORESTS - Nory Parr, Moderator
Foresters Working with Land Trusts - Tom Henderson, Forest Stewardship Consultant
Working Forest Easements - Paul Doscher, SPNHF
The Peck Working Forest Easement: A Case Study - Mike Bartlett, Hull Forest Products

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES IN NEW ENGLAND THROUGH URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY - John Parry, Moderator
Tree Wardens & Foresters: Parallel Universes-Divergent Worlds - Bob Ricard, UConn Extension
How Does Urban Forestry Make Communities Livable? - Dave Bloniarz, Northeast Center for Urban and Community Forestry
MANAGING WILDLIFE HABITAT & NATURAL COMMUNITIES - Ellen Snyder, Moderator
Assessing Habitat Management Opportunities - Mariko Yamasaki, USDA Forest Service
Management Around Wetlands: What’s In It For the Herps? - Kim Babbitt, UNH
Ecological Management of Pine Barrens Habitat - Peter Benson, TNC

3:00-3:30 BREAK FOR POSTER & EXHIBIT VIEWING

3:30-5:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS
GIS AND SPATIAL ANALYSIS TOOLS - Swift Corwin, Moderator
An Overview: Working with GIS Software and Data - Nancy Lambert, UNH Coop Extension
GPS Applications and Use with Map CD Roms - Sam Stoddard, UNH Coop Extension
On-Line Sources for Remote Sensing Data - Shannon Spencer, UNH

WORKING GROUPS TECHNICAL SESSION - Jeff Ward, NESAF Science Coordinator

SPECIES CONFLICTS IN THE FRAGMENTING FOREST - Jen Bofinger, Moderator
Human and Animal Conflicts Associated with Sprawl and Fragmentation - Eric Orff, NH Dept Fish & Game
Non-Native Invasive Plants - Cynthia Boettner, USFWS
Exotic Insects - Dennis Souto, USDA Forest Service

ADAPTING TO NEW ECONOMIES- Sarah Smith, Moderator
Are Tax Incentives the Answer to Fragmentation? - Chris Modisette, Southern NE Forest Consortium
Small Scale Harvesting - Andy Egan, University of Maine at Orono
An Industry Perspective of the Effects of Fragmention - Ralph Arnold, Timco

5:00 NESAF Policy Committee Meeting: Open to All - Jonathan Wood, NESAF Policy Chair

8:00-10:00 EVENING HOCKEY GAME

Thursday, March 28

7:00-8:00 COFFEE, REGISTRATION DESK OPENS

8:00-12:00 FIELD TRIPS
Manchester Water Works: Watershed Management in an Urban Area - Ethan Howard, Jim Hornbeck, Bill Leak, Ken Desmarais, Kyle Lombard & Inge Seaboyer
Ecosystem Function Across the Urban-Rural Continuum - Mary Tebo & Ellen Snyder

WORKSHOPS
Global Positioning Systems (GPS) For Intermediate Users - Sam Stoddard, UNH Coop Extension
Hands-On Demonstration of Arcview GIS Capabilities - Nancy Lambert, UNH Coop Extension

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members of the organization for the past eleven years. This is RIFCO's first and only woodlot, and it will be developed into a demonstration woodlot. A conservation easement was granted by RIFCO to the Foster Land Trust as part of the transaction.

The RI Tree Farm Committee held its annual Tree Farm Tour in October at the Turnquist

CANADA—Kim Lowell

The Canadian Naturalist magazine has published a special issue on the subject “The Boreal Forest of Quebec – Research and Biodiversity.” The issue is the fruit of eight different Quebec universities, government organisations and private concerns. Approximately 60 specialists contributed to the central theme - “Conservation of Biodiversity.” The publication addresses more than just vegetative and/or woody biodiversity, as lichens, insects, mushrooms, and wildlife are among the topics covered. For more information, visit www.provancher.qc.ca.

In 1985, the Ministry of Natural Resources began developing an integrated suite of data bases to assist in the control of forest fires and insects. Last April, the MNR began updating the existing data base to include forest pathology. The new system takes advantage of advances in computing and new technologies such as Geomatics (remote sensing and (GIS)) and the Web. It allows remote access – either to extract information or to update it – via the Web. More information on the FIMAQ system is available at http://www.mrn.gouv.qc.ca/fimag.

The high quality carton factory of Smurfit-Stone located in La Tuque is the first pulp and paper factory in Quebec to receive its certificate of compliance from the Quebec Office of Normalisation for its calcareous residues. These residues can be used as substitutes for limestone in agricultural enterprises. Not only will this decrease industrial waste, it costs a fraction of the price of agricultural limestone.

Lumber mill property in Foster. The Turnquists celebrated their 50th anniversary as a Tree Farm this past year, and were recognized as the RI Tree Farmer of the Year at the RIFCO annual meeting in November. Chapter member Robert Thurber led the Tree Farm tour, which was held on what we believe to be the only forest industry-owned parcel of forest land in Rhode Island.

At Laval University under the direction of Dean Denis Brière, the Department of Wood and Forest Sciences is pursuing a number of Industrial Chairs. The department has already won a Chair in Genomics and is optimistic of winning others in Wood Transformation, Sylviculture and Wildlife in the Boreal Forest, and Electronic Commerce for the Forest Industry.

Some 250 student interns in Forest Management, Wood Engineering, and Forest Operations were hired by the Quebec forest industry last year. These internships are an important part of training for foresters and provide the industry a means of recruiting employees. The Department thanks members of the Quebec forest industry who provided internships.

5th Annual
New England SAF Hockey Game
Wednesday, March 27, 8-10 PM
Tri-Town Arena, Hooksett, NH
(10 minutes from NESAF meeting)

Full pads, no check - all abilities welcome

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charlie@nhnhf.org

This Year:
NH vs. ME, VT, MA, CT, RI
Are you up to the challenge?
NE SAF AFFAIRS

From the Chair — Bob Edmonds

Breaking Down Barriers

Should NESAF leadership belong to only those folks who are well supported by a large organization that can cover a person’s time, secretarial support and other resources? Should self-employed foresters step aside when it comes to members’ opportunities to be active in their chosen profession of forestry? Are there barriers which prevent you from offering to do your part working with others to sustain this great profession?

Your Executive Committee recognizes that we need to reduce barriers which may keep NE-SAF members from becoming engaged in our profession. Time, and finances limit many people’s ability to tackle leadership roles in SAF. We have taken some steps to help you be a part of the action in your profession.

• The Executive Committee has called for proposals for administrative services (see page 17) which have recently been supported by the SAF elected officer or committee chair. Thanks to an effort led by Sara Packer, we now have an interim administrative contract to assist volunteers in NESAF. We will bring this to the membership at the winter meeting in Manchester.
• NESAF and SAF have provided financial assistance for NESAF officers to attend the SAF Leadership Academy. This training has received excellent reviews from all who have attended.
• Funds are available for the Chair and Vice-Chair to attend the House of Society Delegates at the national convention. This helps take the sting out of two days of contributed time while the NESAF officers represent you on National SAF affairs.
• We are developing a web-based manual to help newly elected officers and chairs, making NESAF involvement more time-efficient for the volunteer.
• Policy development is being brought to the local level. You will have easier access to those developing policies which affect your work and your values. Jonathan Wood, Chair of the Policy Committee is leading this effort.
• Jeff Ward, Science Coordinator, is revitalizing working groups in New England to provide opportunities to participate close to home in the discipline area which most interests you.
• You can accumulate the CEU’s for your state license or SAF certification in a cost-effective way. Our registration costs are about 60% of other multi-state SAF Societies and offer more concurrent sessions.

There is more work to do. We haven’t found ways to assist self-employed foresters to recoup billable time when they participate in a NESAF position. While we move the winter meeting around New England and hold Executive Committee meetings in a fairly central location, we haven’t overcome the burden of travel, which is greater for some than for others.

The Executive Committee wants your ideas on how we can help you participate in the benefits and leadership of NESAF. Please let me, or any of the Executive Committee know your thoughts. Help us break down the barriers so that you can be always be proud of your active contribution to your professional Society.

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Elections—Chris Modisette

The Tellers Committee counted the ballots cast in the 2001 election on November 19, 2001. The results are:

SECRETARY (2 year term)
283 Raymond J. Toolan
5 Write-in (Bill Sama! – 2; M. Benjamin 1; Chris Modisette – 1; No vote – 1)

TREASURER (2 year term)
286 Lawrence M. Rousseau
1 Write-in (Chris Modisette)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – CT
36 Peter M. Connorton
2 Write-in (D. Dubois – 1; M. Ferrucci – 1)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – RI
9 Marc J. Tremblay
0 Write-in

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – NH
62 George F. Frame
1 Write-in (T. Hahn)

BALLOT ON BY-LAWS REFERENDUM
285 Accept the revised Bylaws
10 Reject the revised Bylaws

Call For Nominations

The NESAF Nominating Committee needs your help in recruiting nominees for NESAF Vice-Chair and for Executive Committee representatives from Maine, Massachusetts, Vermont and Canada. Nominations for are due September 1, 2002. The Vice-Chair office begins a four year commitment to NESAF; two years as Vice-Chair followed by two years as Chair. Please send names and contact information of interested parties to:

Chris Modisette
31 Mary Elizabeth Drive
North Scituate, RI 02957
Home: (401) 934-1543
Work: (401) 568-1610
Fax: (401) 568-7874
Email: sneforest@e fortress.com

Thank you for your time and help.

Call for Posters—Jeff Ward

Abstracts are due by March 1. We encourage posters on forest fragmentation and parcelization. Abstracts to be 500 words or less. Files to be submitted in electronic format (correct format shown below). Mail diskette to: Jeff Ward, Department of Forestry & Horticulture, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, P.O. Box 1106, New Haven, CT 06504 (or email to jeffrey.ward@po.state.ct.us).

Displays provided are a 4’ x 4’ foam core board and easel. If you use your own board, or need a larger one, contact me before March 1. Setup is Tuesday morning at the hotel. Dismantle Wednesday evening.

Please use the correct format (I have to compile 30+ abstracts). Submit in WORD or ASCII. Put title on first line in capital letters, name and affiliation on the second line, text of paragraph begins on third line. Do not use tabs or any fancy formatting (except as noted above). Use hard returns after each line (but not in abstract body). Use single spaces after end of sentences. Email or call (203.974.8495) if you have any questions.

TITLE OF THE PLOT
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82nd Annual Winter Meeting
Pausing to reflect on my first year as Councilor I am struck by how much I didn’t know when I ran for office a year and a half ago. Sort of like my first forestry job - I didn’t know how little I knew about managing a forest until I had the opportunity to do so! The experience at the National Convention in Denver, where SAF officers marshaled resources to put on a scaled down convention, reinforced my respect for National Office staff. Running SAF is not an easy task. The National Office must cater to the varied, sometimes conflicting, concerns and questions from every region of the country.

Here are some things that are on board for SAF this year - After 2002, obtaining a Certified Forester Certificate will require passing a written exam. Journal of Forestry – will be reduced from twelve issues to eight in an effort to better focus SAF’s efforts on the Forestry Source, which is very popular with members. Membership continues to be a concern as SAF numbers decline slightly. This loss of members, albeit small, has long-term financial implications. Regional Tent Conferences will serve the field-oriented forester. This innovation will create informal, inexpensive opportunities for foresters from a region to gather, learn and connect in an environment where we are all most comfortable. Field Practitioners and Forest Managers will receive more attention in all venues. This is the sector of our profession where foresters feel most disconnected from SAF. Articles written by field foresters and articles focusing on applied research will be emphasized in 2002 in an effort to appeal to the forest manager.

SAF is listening to its members and is designing programs to meet their needs. The E-Forester is an excellent example of how SAF can be relevant to the member in the field. At the national policy level, SAF is highly effective “on the hill” and sought after by key Congressional staffers as a source of credible forestry information. Check out the SAF website and you’ll find that there is something there for each of you.

I look forward with delight to two more years representing you in Bethesda. My job is to make SAF relevant and responsive. I thank you for entrusting me with this responsibility. In this era of fragmented interest groups, SAF continues to be the representative of foresters nationwide...a huge challenge when you consider over 16,000 members from all walks of forestry life. Your SAF is up to the challenge.

New England Society of American Foresters Membership Summary

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WELCOME!
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
New England Society of American Foresters
Administrative Service Contract Opening

Contract Overview
The NESAF contractor works for, and is responsible to, the NESAF Executive Committee, and in doing so serves the NESAF membership at large. The contractor serves the role of assistant to the NESAF Chair and Committee Chairs within the Executive Committee. The contractor works closely with the NESAF Chair and work is supervised by the Chair. The contract is offered for an annual basis with a possibility of renewal. There will be a yearly performance review by the NESAF Chair or designee.

Duties
• Executive Committee meetings: Prior to meetings, distributes agendas as prepared by the NESAF Chair.
• Elections: Prepares, mails and collects ballots for counting by the Tellers Committee.
• Annual Meeting: As assigned by the NESAF Chair, assists in the planning and execution of the annual NESAF winter meeting by assisting the sponsoring division.
• Awards: Collects, reviews for completeness and forwards award nominations to the Award Committee Chair.
• Record Keeping: Maintains copies of written records of NESAF
• Office: Maintains an office mailing address, telephone and FAX.
• Assists Chair and other officers:
• Grants: Collects, reviews for completeness and forwards grant applications to NESAF Chair.
• Communication: Assists Executive Committee members with communicating to divisions, chapters, and NESAF members.
• Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications
Must provide office including FAX, word processing and e-mail capabilities with computer and printer.

Finances
Contract not to exceed $3,000, to be paid in installments upon receipt of invoice.

Anticipated Start Date
The Executive Committee will review proposals on March 25, 2002 in Manchester, NH, with an anticipated starting date on or before September 1, 2002.

Submit written proposals by March 15, 2002 to
Leo Laferriere
249 East Rd
Waitsfield, VT 05673
leol@together.net

Questions?
Contact Bob Edmonds, 2 River Road, Barrington, NH 03825.
Phone: (603) 862-2619 (work) or (603) 942-5166 (home) or bob.edmonds@unh.edu
Goals:
The SAF Foresters' Fund assists local SAF units in achieving the goals of the Society. The SAF Bylaws state that the goals of the Fund are to:

- promote education to enhance public understanding of the role of professional foresters in forest resource management,
- conduct forest policy activities, and
- to strengthen state societies, divisions, and chapters in achieving the mission of the Society.

Project Ideas:
In 2002, SAF units are encouraged to submit proposals that meet one or more of the goals of the Fund. Such proposals could include but not limited to:

- Public outreach and education – forestry field days, museum displays, Walk in the Forest activities, or education for teachers.
- Media campaigns – opinion/editorials, feature articles, press releases, or field tours.
- Legislative events – tours, breakfasts, luncheons, or offices visits by SAF members.
- Local unit support – special professional development opportunities (guest speakers, joint organizational meetings), website development, membership recruitment/retention, or leadership/media training.

Deadlines:
Regular grants (up to $1,500) February 15; June 15; and September 15, 2002
Special grants ($1,501 to $5,000) is June 15, 2002

Applications:
Applications and project highlights are available via the SAF website at www.safnet.org/members/forfund.htm or from Louise Murgia, affiliate services manager, at murgial@safnet.org or 301/897-8720 ext. 118

SAF local units (state societies, divisions, and chapters) are encouraged to partner with student chapters, working groups, national committees, and the National Student Assembly on Foresters' Fund projects.

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Jon Nute
UNH Cooperative Extension
468 Route 13 South, Milford, NH 0305
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82ND ANNUAL WINTER MEETING
March 26 - 28, 2002
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ITEM (INCLUDES COFFEE BREAKS)  NUMBER  Amount  Sub-Total

Full Package: Includes box lunch, 2 continental breakfasts, ice breaker and awards luncheon (menu choice below). $90

Student Rates: $25/single day, $35/2 days, $50 Full

Single Day Registration  $60

Additional Awards Luncheon Tickets  $20

Additional Box Lunches  $14

Late Fee (after March 4)  $15

Total

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Thursday Programs - Designate First and Second Choice

Manchester Water Works: Watershed Management in an Urban Area

The Forest Society's Conservation Center: From Stump to Stud

Ecosystem Function Across the Urban-Rural Continuum

Global Positioning Systems (GPS) For Intermediate Users

Hands-On Demonstration of Arcview GIS Capabilities

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First Pioneer Farm Credit  Johnson Woolen Mills LLC  James W. Sewall Co.  Voss Signs, LLC
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