Northern Forest Leadership Exchange Builds Partnerships, Leverages Resources

In November 2002, more than 120 leaders of diverse perspectives and backgrounds gathered at Dartmouth College to build partnerships and explore opportunities to leverage their collective resources to advance the social, environmental, and economic well-being of the Northern Forest region that stretches across northern Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York.

The Northern Forest Community Leadership Exchange was more than a conference. It was a work session designed to build interdisciplinary partnerships and leverage resources around an emerging vision for the Northern Forest as a place that supports healthy forest ecosystems, vibrant cultures, caring, effective communities, and diversified, sustainable economies.

Hosted by the Northern Forest Center, in partnership with Genesis Consulting and Dartmouth College’s Environmental Studies Program, Tuck School of Business, and Allwin Initiative for Corporate Citizenship, the Exchange was organized around a nine-part strategic framework for responding to the economic, environmental, and social changes that have been sweeping the Northern Forest region in recent years. Elements of this emerging strategic framework are:

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Maine Debates Liquidation Harvesting

Liquidation harvesting is the hot issue in Maine, as witnessed by a record crowd of 240 attending the MESAF’s fall meeting focusing on the practice. Liquidation is the removal of most or all of the commercial value, without the application of long-term forest management principles, and the subsequent sale within five years. Opinions varied widely, from environmental travesty to property rights, but speakers throughout the day universally agreed that liquidation harvesting is an issue that must be addressed.

Speaker Drew Barton, biologist and teacher at the UM at Farmington, noted that much of the practice appears to be a result of bizarre policy incentives that promote such practices. It mostly occurs on private ownerships, but acreages match those of former forest industry ownerships. Approximately 64,000 Maine acres were affected from 1991 to 1993. Over the next two decades, possibly one million acres of harvest could be classed as liquidation. He also said, “Liquidation Harvesters do not dispute the data, but do not like the label and find it inflammatory.” They promote that they are improving previously high-graded stands, are important facilitators in the timber markets, and are firm believers in unfettered markets. Two themes seemed to emerge from the discussion...1) the difficulty of separating growth management from liquidation harvesting and 2) as stated by Perry Lamb, “The cancer of liquidation harvesting will be one that the legislature will hear and be responsive to.” - Marc Johnson

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Opinion

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management has failed in its primary mission to promote good forest management in our state. Eighty percent of all DEM approved Forest Cutting Plans are high grade cuts or diameter limit cuts. (According to a study published in the Woodland Steward). After one or two such cuttings, the forest is finished commercially. Diameter limit cuttings are being sold as forest management by many loggers and sawmills. In addition, only about one half of the timber that is cut using those plans is paid for. Annual losses to landowners are estimated at $12 million (80 MMBF x $150/MBF). Red oak is the most important commercial hardwood tree in our forest. According to the US Forest Service's 1998 Forest Inventory for Mass., red oak is being cut 20% faster than it is growing, while lower value red maple, hickory, and beech are becoming more predominant.

DEM owns about 300,000 acres of forest land. However, only about 3% of the annual volume growth is harvested every year. There are tens of thousands of acres of state forest land where tree mortality has greatly increased because the forest stands are overstocked. Increased thinning using the best silviculture possible would generate up to $20 million annually for the state, without considering the multiplier effects.

The Massachusetts Association of Consulting Foresters is proposing that only Massachusetts Licensed Foresters be able to prepare Forest Cutting Plans. This would greatly reduce destructive high grade and diameter limit cuttings. The SAF sponsors a Certified Forester Program. However, if a Forester's License isn't worth anything at the state level, then this program isn't doing much good either.

These reforms would be for everyone's long term benefit: private landowners, foresters, loggers, sawmills, wood using industries, and the taxpaying public.

Mike Leonard, Consulting Forester
Petersham, MA

SAF To Tour Finland & Estonia in 2003

The 2003 SAF International Study Tour will visit Finland and Estonia May 31 to June 12. We will visit the University of Helsinki, then the European Forestry Institute in Joensuu, industrial and nonindustrial private forests, a Stora Enso complex, and the Timberjack plant. In Estonia there will be a weekend in a national park, a visit to one of their newest sawmills, a visit to the Estonian Agricultural University forestry school, and a day at the Jarvselja Forestry Experimental and Training Center. In addition to forestry, there will be plenty of interesting sightseeing, and a post-tour extension to St. Petersburg Russia is offered.

For an information and booking brochure or online information, contact Dick Reid, 11627 E. Boone Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46229, (317) 894-0138, or email reidconsulting@aol.com.

Oops!

Did you notice that Merv Griffin has joined our ranks? Merv Stevens did, and thought he bore a remarkable resemblance to himself! Upon a brief but thorough investigation, this publication has determined that, indeed, Merv Griffin is not a member and that the caption on the page one picture in October was incorrect. We are relieved to report that Merv Stevens was very gracious about our faux pas.—Ed
(Ed is responsible for all the screw-ups here.)

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.
Exchange participants included major regional landowners, foresters, mill-workers, business owners, environmentalists, educators, economic development professionals, health and human service providers, cultural specialists, and the leaders of other diverse organizations and networks.

The Exchange agenda was developed explicitly to build new interdisciplinary collaborations. It generated scores of ideas for action and identified leaders willing to take responsibility for moving those ideas forward. Just a few of the action initiatives developed during the event include:

- Pursuing a branding initiative for wood products from the Northern Forest;
- Securing new and expanded capital investments and financing for forest product manufacturers and other small businesses;
- Recognition of the Importance of Large-Scale Forest Products Manufacturing;
- Developing and Improving Markets for low-Grade Wood;
- Improving and expanding worker training and entrepreneurial training programs;
- Continuing public/private partnerships on conservation initiatives;
- Engaging the region’s Congressional delegation to secure funds for rural development initiatives in the Northern Forest.

The Northern Forest Center is now working with regional leaders to further develop this strategic framework, build an organizational network to support follow-up on actions identified during the Exchange, and begin organizing a second regional Leadership Exchange for Fall 2003.

By building partnerships that cross geographical, sectoral, and ideological boundaries, and leveraging the collective energy of ongoing and emerging initiatives, Exchange participants hope to attract the resources and build the capacity needed to establish the Northern Forest as a national, even international, model for people seeking to live sustainably and prosperously in a forested place.

The Northern Forest Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to building a public consensus to conserve and enhance the cultural, civic, economic, and environmental wealth of the Northern Forest region. For more information about the Exchange and related activities, contact the Center at 207-824-8263, or 603-229-0679.—Mike Wilson, Northern Forest Center

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The State of Maine announced the protection of 12,000 acres of land, including Tumbledown Mountain in western Maine. In a combined effort the Forest Legacy Program, the Land for Maine’s Future, the Trust for Public Land, and the Tumbledown Conservation Alliance furnished $3.5 million to acquire both fee and conservation easements. The state will acquire 3,800 acres outright and 7,800 acres in easements. The seller is Hancock Land Co., a 150-year old, sixth generation timberland company in Maine. They will continue as the owner of the easement land and the sustainable management of its forests. The state’s Bureau of Parks and Lands will manage the newly acquired fee acreage. Source - Central Maine Newspapers, 12/11/02

Jerry Young, MESAF member, and procurement coordinator at the Augusta, ME headquarters of International Paper Co. has received a Pro-forestry Activist Award from the Forest Resources Association’s Northeastern Technical Division. Over the last three years, Jerry organized six pro-forestry television shows. These 30-minute programs air on Maine stations and on the nationally syndicated Outdoor Channel. The themes featured stream management, fisheries protection, and proper forest management practices.

In 1903, the University of Maine was first accredited to teach forestry. The Centennial celebration will be honored over the next three years. In this context, Prof.Bill Livingston outlined some interesting items about recruitment. "Enrollments across the nation are down and we may see half the number of forestry schools in the next ten years. Yet the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the need to fill 5,000 forestry jobs in the upcoming years, and this bodes well for UMO."

To help recruitment, high school sophomores and juniors are invited to attend Forest Explorations at Acadia National Park, May 30 - June 1, to introduce them into forestry and the school. Prof. Tom Brann said, "Many students do not know what a forester does and do not know the requirements of math/writing/science that are necessary." More than one-half of UMO forestry students come from out-of-state, Bill said, 'Almost all students who come into forestry have had a previous contact with a professional forester.' So get the message out!

A Clifton, ME logger was sentenced to jail in a timber theft case in December, for the theft of timber from a 1999 harvest he conducted on land belonging to Rosemary Carter of Orrington. Under the plea agreement, the defendant must also pay $6,773.51 in restitution to the victim and will be placed on probation for one year. He is scheduled to begin serving the jail sentence on Jan. 15. "We in the forest service are determined to aggressively pursue those who violate the law and take advantage of
woodlot owners," said Thomas Doak, director of Maine Forest Service. Source – Maine Woodsman

In another enforcement case, Irving Woodlands, LLC, of Ashland has agreed to pay a $1,000 fine and improve its harvest monitoring procedures to settle clearcutting violations on land it owns in Aroostook County.

Irving owns about 1.55 million acres of Maine forestland, making it the state’s largest landowner. Charles Gadzik, the company’s senior forester in Maine, was director of the Maine Forest Service from 1995-1999.

In the settlement agreement, Irving took responsibility for the violations and agreed to certain reporting and operating modifications and pay a $1,000 civil penalty.

"This case resulted from inadequate harvest monitoring, not a willful violation," said Thomas Whitworth, northern region enforcement coordinator for MFS. "Irving staff were very cooperative throughout the settlement process and acted in a professional manner to get it settled." Source – Maine Woodsman

Maine’s third annual forest inventory suggests that the state’s forests are regenerating more quickly than expected from the spruce budworm epidemic and heavy cutting of the 1980s. But at least one forest activist, Mitch Lansk of Wytopitlock, is skeptical. He said inconsistencies in the report cause him to question its reliability. The focus of the controversy is the Maine Forest Service’s third annual inventory of the Maine Woods – part of a five-year, rolling survey of about 3,800 forest plots statewide. The latest report includes field data collected from 1999-2001. To view the complete document, go to: www.state.me.us/doc/mfs/pubs/pdf/anninv/2001invrpt.pdf - Source – Maine Woodsman

GRANITE STATE Division – Jonathan Nute

More than 100 mill workers, idled since the pulp mill in Berlin shut down more than a year ago for the first time in its nearly 100-year history, got the news last month that the mill won’t reopen for a few more months. The pulp mill, along with the paper mill in Gorham, was purchased last spring by Fraser Papers after the previous owner declared bankruptcy in September 2001. Nearly 900 mill workers lost their jobs with devastating results for the North Country. About 350 people are back at work at the paper mill. In December, about 125 workers were contacted to prepare to head back to the Burgess mill Jan. 2, but shortly thereafter the start-up was postponed until spring. Contributing factors were weak pulp prices and a concern that there would not be enough wood in the yard to carry the mill through early spring. Jasen Stock, of the NH Timberland Owners’ Assoc. pointed out that there’s ample wood in the forest but when the mills went down last year, he said, woods equipment was idled as operators went in search of other jobs. "The timing is difficult," Stock said. "Mud season can happen in some parts of the state as early as February. To get the (pulp mill) up and running, there would need to be contracts in place to fill the yard and reach a point where it would remain full." Source – The Berlin Daily Sun

A recent article in Forest Magazine reports that
the most frequent visitors to the White Mountain National Forest are middle-aged white guys. In USFS surveys conducted in 2000, 65% of visitors were men, 61% of visitors were between the ages of 31 and 50 and 93% of visitors were white.

The statistics were very similar for wilderness area users, with 93% being male, 55% were between the ages of 31 and 50 and 99% were white.

The 5 most popular recreation activities were:
- 78% - viewing natural features
- 61% - viewing wildlife
- 48% - hiking
- 39% - general relaxing
- 32% - driving for pleasure

For specific information on the White Mt. National Forest survey, which was done from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2000, look at [www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum](http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum).

New Hampshire has received a $200,000 federal security grant to help ward off an invasion of Asian long-horned beetles. The nation’s defensive posture in the war on terrorism includes anticipating some of the more subtle threats, including such acts as the stealthy deposit of invasive species. Commissioner of Agriculture, Steve Taylor said, “If al-Qaida wanted to devastate the northern deciduous forests, it could get a few Asian long-horned beetles and dump them in scattered locations and do a horrible number on us.” Source — Concord Monitor

VERMONT Division — Ray Toolan

The family-owned Bell-Gates Lumber mill in Jeffersonville recently shut down for an undetermined period, resulting in the lay-off of 17 employees. The company’s retail lumber operation will continue to operate. Pres. Jerry Gates emphasized that the shutdown was a business decision caused by poor markets, high costs and unreliable wood supply and not financial necessity.

The company has placed its timberland holdings on the market but has no intention of selling the sawmill or any of its equipment at this time. Source — VT Forest Bulletin

Jack Dwyer, Chief of Marketing, Utilization & Development retired on September 30. He began his service with the state in 1963 as a Aide and became Addison County Forester in 1964. He moved into the wood utilization field in 1982 and has been instrumental in numerous initiatives to promote VT wood products and improve utilization. His “log Bucking and Defect identification” program is perhaps one of his best-known accomplishments. Source — VT Forest Bulletin

Since the mid-80s, schools in VT have been

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7th Annual NESAF Hockey Game
Wednesday, March 19, 2003 8:00 - 10:00 pm
Cairns Arena, South Burlington, Vermont
(Ten minutes from NESAF meeting)

Full gear—no checking—All abilities welcome

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heating with wood chips. In the last heating season, 23 schools and roughly 10% of VT students were utilizing wood chip systems. Recently, increasing numbers of schools are converting, including a Jr/Sr High in Eas Montpe-

Connecticut — Joseph P. Barsky

The Connecticut Forestry Centennial is finally here! 2003 marks one hundred years since the original purchases to establish the Connecticut State Forest system. In recognition of this landmark year, the DEP Division of Forestry has a full year of celebratory events and tie-ins. Included are:

- Development of a digitized Forestry Image Library.
- Updating of the educational “Connecticut’s Forests” slideshow and creation of a new “Historical Perspective of State Forests” slideshow.
- Updating of a Forestry Division brochure, a new booklet explaining “why trees are cut” in state forests, and a new children’s brochure.
- Ninety minutes of public television (CPTV) documentary on forestry, natural history, and state forests of Connecticut, currently in production. This program could reach 100,000 homes per night, with video copies available to every library and school in the state.
- An art poster contest for three age groups, the winning poster to be used as the symbol for the year, on the theme “Forestry... Looking Beyond the Trees.”
- Statewide letterboxing activity to encourage young people to visit their state forests.
- Internet-based contests and activities web page for children is being planned.
- Field celebration by the Connecticut Forest and Park Association (CFPA), with the assistance of DEP Forestry, on October 4, 2003 at People State Forest in Barkhamsted.
- Kickoff media event, hopefully including the Governor, scheduled for January. In addition, the Governor is expected to be invited to assist in planting 12 trees in the spring, one for each former State Forester, and place a monument in Meshomasic State Forest, Connecticut’s first state forest. The SAF Connecticut Chapter plans to hold its summer meeting at Meshomasic in recognition of the property’s significance.

A Connecticut Statewide Forest Resources Plan is currently underway. Phase I, the work of Helene Flounders, will host a series of focus groups to collect information leading to a document addressing issues affecting forestlands in Connecticut.

After nearly two years of investigation, the husband and wife team who operated Tri-State Forestry Products plead guilty to 17 degrees of larceny in the State’s largest case of timber theft. The agreement between Catherine Morsey and the State of Connecticut stipulates that she must make two payments of $70,000 by July 30, 2003 to avoid an eight-year jail sentence. Her husband, Lee, must make a payment of $70,000 by January 23, 2003, to avoid a two-year jail sentence. Further, the couple is prohibited from engaging in any “logging activity” within the State of Connecticut.

The Connecticut Chapter hosted a Fall Silvicultural Workshop on October 16, in Bridgewater. Jean Cronauer and Sean Hayden of Litchfield County SWCD presented a video on “The Careful Timber Harvest,” J.P. Barsky and Larry Rousseau discussed “The Cutting Method Study” in Dr. Jeffrey Ward’s absence. The study examined the effects of six different silvicultural techniques on residual stand dynamics and regeneration. The meeting moved
NESAF 83rd WINTER MEETING
March 17-20, 2003
Radisson Burlington Hotel
Burlington, VT 05401

Private Lands - Public Benefits

Monday, March 17, 2003
1:00 NESAF Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2003
8:00 Registration

GENERAL SESSION

10:00 Welcome - Tom O'Shea, Chair NESAF
Rich Carbonetti, Chair GMSAF

10:20 Promotion of SAF National Convention - October 2003, Bill Bentley, SUNY ESF

10:30 Keynote Address - Shifting Burdens - The Need for a Consumption Ethic
Douglas MacCleery, Senior Policy Analyst, USDA FS, Washington, DC

11:20 Public Goods From Private Forests: Opportunities and Constraints
Information From the National Woodland Owner Survey
Brett Butler, USDA FS, Newtown Square, PA

12:00 Box Lunch and NESAF Business Meeting

2:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:15 - 3:45

I. Resources Without Boundaries - Forestry Without Borders, Part I-presented by the Management and Utilization Working Group D
Managing Stands Within the Landscape Context; Concepts
Why? - Dave Capen, University of Vermont
How? - Chad Oliver, Yale University

II. Agroforestry - presented by Working Group B4
Forest Farming Learning Communities in N.E. North America - Louise Buck, Cornell
Alternate Land Use Concepts in Rhode Island - Greg Cassidy, RI DEM

III. Human Impacts on Stand Dynamics - Ecology/Biology Working Group C
Concepts of System Resiliency and Redundancy - Prof. Mark Ashton, Yale
Impacts of Urbanization on Ecosystem Dynamics - Prof. John Gordon
Effects of Introduced Pathogens and Insects on Stand Dynamics - Prof. Matthew Kelty
Invasives and Long-term Dynamics of E. Forests - Prof. Robin Harrington, UMASS

4:00 Student Quiz Bowl / Posters and Exhibits Viewing

5:30

7:00 Alumni Socials - Check Message Board for Locations
Wednesday, March 19, 2003

7:00  Registration and Continental Breakfast

**GENERAL SESSION**

8:00  Forest Sustainability - History, Challenge and Promise, Dr. Donald Floyd, SUNY ESF, Syracuse

Challenges in Forester Education - Needs, Desires, Credentialing - Al Sample, President, Pinchot Institute of Conservation, Washington DC

9:30  Break / Exhibits / Posters

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

10:00  I. Forest Response to Natural Disturbance

N. Hardwoods and Jack Pine Ecosystems on the Miner Experimental Forest
Dr. Kenneth Adams, SUNY Plattsburgh

Effects of the 1998 Ice Storm on Forest Bird Populations in Central VT
Steve Faccio, VT Institute of Natural Science

Maple Sugarbush Recovery - Kevin Smith, Project Leader, NEFES Durham, NH

II. International Issues - Sponsored by NESAF International Forestry Working Group

Softwood Lumber Tariff - Domestic Perspective
Coalition for Fair Lumber Imports, Washington DC (Speaker, TBA)

Softwood Lumber Tariff - Canadian Perspective
Diana Blenkhorn, Maritime Lumber Bureau

Growing International Demand for Innovative Wood Products
Dr. Tom Hammett, VA Tech

III. Putting GIS to Work in Forest Management

Joe Mints, Maine Forest Service
Elizabeth Lesnikoski, Burlington Electric, McNeil Station
Russ Barrett, VT Dept. of Forests, Parks and Recreation
Consulting Forester, TBA

12:00  NESAF Awards Luncheon

**CONCURRENT SESSIONS** (continued)

2:00  I. Managing Stands Within the Landscape Context: Practice

Industrial Perspective: Joel Swanton, International Paper Co.,
MainePublic Lands: John Scanlon, Mass Wildlife
Small Woodlots: Charlie Moreno, Consulting Forester, NH

Resources Without Boundaries - Forestry Without Borders, Part II
Presented by: Management and Utilization Working Group D

II. Values Associated With Private Lands - Economics, Policy, Law Working Group E1

Valuing Public Benefits From Private Land - Don Dennis, USFS Burlington
Value of Green Certification to Private Landowners - Mario Teisl, UMO
III. Challenges in Forester Education #2 - Credentialing Forestry Education Programs
Changing Accreditation Standards - Jo Ellen Force, Univ. of Idaho
How Does Accreditation Influence Academics? - Ted Howard, Univ. of NH
New Directions in Forestry Education at UVM - John Shane

3:30 - 5:00 Poster Session With Authors in Attendance / View Exhibits

5:00 - 6:00 Policy Committee Meeting (meet at registration desk – all members welcome)

8:00 - 10:00 Hockey Game - Cairns Arena, Dorset Street, South Burlington

Thursday, March 20, 2003

7:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

GENERAL SESSION
Cosponsored by Vermont Woodlands Association

8:00 Encouraging Sustainable Forest Management on Private Lands
History of the Conservation Movement and Sustainable Management in the Context of Private Land: Peter Pinchot, The Pinchot Institute of Conservation

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

8:45

I. Forest Policy Roundtable - Presented by - NESAF Forest Policy Committee, Jon Wood, Chair

II. Increasing Management on Private Forest Land - Panel
Cost Share Opportunities and the 2002 Farm Bill- Brian Stone, VT Dept. FP&R
Income Generation and Impact of Wood Markets- Sarah Smith, Univ. of NH
Tax Incentives - Steve Sinclair, Director of Forests, VT Dept. FP&R

10:15 Break

CONCURRENT SESSIONS (continued)

10:45

I. Forest Policy Roundtable

II. Increasing Management on Private Forest Land - Panel
Consulting Forester Perspective - Nancy Patch, Northwood Forestry
Landowner Perspective - Steve Parker, VT Outstanding Tree Farmer, 1999
Discussion and Wrap-up

12:00 Adjourn
to the field location of this study at the Iron Ore Hill Forest Management Study Area to view the different cuts. Margaret MacCauley of the Nature Conservancy and Bruce Turner, contractor and owner of Turner Logging and Firewood, discussed logging considerations for small woodlots. Finally, David Beers and Tom Degnan of Ferrucci and Walicki, LLC, provided a tour of a private timber harvest to discuss rural gentrification and Smartwood certification. Despite a "nor'easter" rainstorm predicted to wash out the field meeting, enough breaks were provided by Mother Nature to make the day a success.

An unexpected and unwelcome ice storm blew through Northwestern Connecticut on November 17. Nearly 130,000 residents were without electricity, and power was not fully restored until almost a week afterward. The cleanup from the storm proved to be costly, with estimates reaching nearly $1.6 million. The affected communities are hoping to receive some Federal Emergency Management Administration funding to cover a portion of the cleanup expenses. To be eligible for the aid however, two key elements have to be met: The Litchfield County towns would have to demonstrate at least $493,000 in storm-related expenses, and Connecticut officials would have to show $3.7 million in statewide costs. As the storm was geographically isolated in Northwestern Connecticut, FEMA would have to waive the second condition to free up the assistance.

MASSACHUSETTS — Jennifer Fish

The Chief Forester position has been announced. Interviews will be held in January, 2003.

The Massachusetts Woodlands Cooperative, a forest landowner management, processing and marketing cooperative organized by and on behalf of forest landowners in western Massachusetts, has recently undergone FSC Green Certification review by Smartwood. The cooperative is currently awaiting comment. Obtaining FSC certification will assist the Cooperative in its efforts to: (1) set high standards in their approach to forest stewardship; (2) provide an internationally accepted way of assessing the extent to which these standards are met; and (3) add value to the products that are produced and marketed through the Cooperative.

Proposed changes to the Forest Cutting Practices Act, MGL Ch 132, have been made by the State Forestry Committee and will be presented to the Director of Forests and Parks for approval shortly. The changes are to the cutting plan form and are aimed clarifying landowner objectives and at educating landowners.

CANADA — Kim Lowell

The Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is in the process of completing its most recent province-wide forest inventory. Since the early 1970s, such an inventory has been conducted about every 10 years. As the present inventory nears completion, the MNR is starting to plan for the next inventory based on lessons learned from the present inventory and evolving information needs. Among the goals of the next inventory will be to continue im-
provement in the quality of the forest maps produced, reduce the periodicity of the inventory to 15 years in northern Québec, complete the province-wide definition of ecotypes and estimate the productivity of each, and obtain a global precision of 95% and a local precision of 70%.

A recent 5-year report has produced a variety of interesting information on the state of Québec's forests from 1995 to 1999. The following are among the most noteworthy observations:

- Since the first 10-year inventory in the early 1970s, the area covered by predominantly softwood forest types has decreased by 10%. This has been caused primarily by infestations of spruce budworm.
- In addition to spruce budworm, since 1995 there have been other events that have caused changes over large areas. Fire has caused a loss of nearly 600,000 hectares of forest. The ice storm of January 1998 damaged some 1.7 million ha. And in 1999 alone, insects defoliated some 660,000 ha.

Based on the forest management laws adopted across the province in June 2001, owners of sugar bushes are being encouraged to better manage their maple woodlots. Those who choose to participate in the program are given $385 per ha. In return, they agree to undertake certain pre-harvest silvicultural treatments as well as to harvest using techniques developed specifically for sugar bushes. The goal of the program is to ensure that sugar bushes will remain an essential and healthy part of the Québec landscape, continue to produce maple syrup, and begin to be managed for more than just syrup.

For about a year, the company Bois de Structure Lee Inc. (Lee Structure Wood, Inc.) has been producing laminated beams intended specifically for the scaffolding market. The beams are made entirely of laminated black spruce and are only made by this company. The beams conform to U.S. norms (OSHA and ANSI) and Canadian norms (CAN/CSA) and sell for approximately $15-30 USD each depending on the dimension required by a client.

**IN MEMORIAM**

Willard S. Bromley (1909-2002) came from Philadelphia, was a graduate of Penn State and had a 1939 MF degree from Yale. Prior to WWII he was a CCC supervisor. Later, as Forester for the Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company in Upper Michigan, he established one of the earliest unevenaged hardwood programs. He served on the Univer- 

![Society of American Foresters 1900](image)

The art of living fully in one spot;  
Of using wisely that which is my lot;  
To grow above my lesser company  
Though still a part of my community;  
To fight the menace of an inner rot  
Or outer parasite, for one cannot  
Of all such enemies be wholly free.  
If I could learn to alternate the days  
Of strong production with the days of rest  
And in my older years provide the best  
Of strength, of beauty, and of shaded ways.  
How fortunate indeed my life would be,  

If I had all the power of a tree.

Clark L. Stevens
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From the Chair – Tom O'Shea

New Year's Resolutions

By the time you are reading this issue of the News Quarterly you probably have already made your New Year’s resolutions for 2003. Surely you followed through on some and likely have already given up a few. Maybe some of you do not even aggravate yourself by making resolutions for the New Year. And in the “age of information” we can find all sorts of resolutions made available to us. Can you imagine that with all the possible resolutions available, that I actually made a New Year’s resolution to serve 1,700+ foresters as the new Chair of the New England Society of American Foresters? This is not a resolution that I can take lightly. So why would I do such a thing?

Especially, at a time when there is a seemingly limitless number of super-specialized organizations to join and be involved with, when volumes and volumes of information are constantly bombarding our attention, when email, faxes, cell phones, and computers can consume so much on one’s precious time, how is it even possible to expect someone to make time to be a member of the Society of American Foresters? How and why is it that so many of us continue to be members of our professional organization despite our differences in age, gender, perspective, education, employer, and where we live? I do not fully know the answer, but I believe that our membership comes down to our shared core values. And it is these core values that bring us together from all over New England. Core values, I believe, are the very foundation from which I decided to serve all of you as Chair of NESAF.

As Chair, I recognize that NESAF is in the unique position of being able to connect foresters nationally and locally to enhance our professional education, service, and our ability to build public support of, as well as provide, professional stewardship of forest resources. Because NESAF represents New England, it is by nature inclusive of an increasingly vital and diverse membership. And as foresters know, diversity is synonymous with health and vitality.

To be successful in today’s information technology age, we need to continue expanding and improving NESAF’s ability to communicate and be responsive to the diverse and evolving needs and concerns of NESAF members. Ultimately, for many members, their bottom line for NESAF is to provide opportunities for career advancement, continuing education, professional recognition, and, of course, having a lot of fun. Are these benefits important to you?

To help me with my daunting New Year’s resolution, I invite you to play an active role with NESAF this year whether it’s applying for a grant, visiting our website, nominating a member for an award or office, cultivating discussion of forest policy issues, volunteering for an event or workshop, or helping a student begin his or her career in the profession. Whatever you do this year, keep an open mind and try something new and different. Best wishes in the New Year.

FROM: Christopher F. Modisette, Committee Chair
DATE: November 26, 2002
RE: Tellers Committee Report

The Tellers Committee counted the ballots cast in the 2002 election on November 25, 2002. The results are:

VICE CHAIR (2 year term)
0

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Massachusetts (2 year term)
12

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Vermont (2 year term)
34

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - Maine (2 year term)
103

The ballots will be retained in the files of NESAF for six months.

For the Teller’s Committee:
Christopher F. Modisette
Paul C. Dolan
Thomas Abbott
Councilor’s Report — John McNulty

Thank You Bill!

I first met Bill Banzhaf more than ten years ago as an officer in the New England Society of American Foresters. This was years before I had the privilege of gaining an intimate insight and understanding of the behind the scenes workings of the Society; a time when the mere notion of meeting the Executive Vice President of the Society of American Foresters was compelling. Bill was a true leader in forestry and an icon of industry. He commanded respect.

Over the intervening 10 years I have gotten to know Bill on a personal level and can say the man mirrors the image. Bill has been a friend, role model and at times a philosophical adversary. As the Executive Vice President of a large, diverse and at times unwieldy organization, he has always managed to maintain a steady course during rough times. Forest Health and Productivity, declining membership, the Centennial Campaign, bull-headed Council members and the 2001 National Convention are but a few examples of the leadership challenges Bill has tackled.

True leadership emerges during times that try men’s souls. The 2001 National Convention in Denver was such a time. The morning of 9/11 as we gathered around monitors in the hotel lobby, Bill was taking decisive action to rescue the National Convention. Under his leadership, the 2001 Convention became a tribute to America, the profession and a time for reflection and fellowship for those pre-convention attendees. Bill did not shrink from that challenge – he was inspired by it.

Now after 14 years of leadership, Bill is leaving the Society of American Foresters. The Sustainable Forestry Board of the AF&PA has found a superbly capable leader to move the SFI Program forward. Likewise, SAF emerges from the 20th Century ready for change. The timing in many ways is exquisite. In his new role Bill assumes a larger, perhaps more relevant, position of leadership that can take the U.S. industry and the practice of forestry to new heights with the SFI Program. Our Society will benefit through the very process of identifying a new Executive Vice President; for it is only through knowledge of ourselves that we can identify the leadership we seek for tomorrow.

So, I invite all of you in District VI to join me in saying “Thank You” to Bill for his unwavering support, dedication, loyalty and leadership. The Society of American Foresters is much better for having had Bill at the helm. He has taught us to look beyond ourselves; to see what we can be rather than what we are or were. I, for one, am richer for having had the experience of working with so selfless a forester.

Issues of Council

Immediate Past President, Dave Smith has assembled an executive committee to lead the search for a new Executive. The process should be complete and a new EVP selected and in place by the end of May 2003. In the interim, Michael Georgen whom you’ve known as Policy Director will assume the role of interim EVP. Michael is superbly capable and qualified to lead the national office during this period.

The Society remains financially sound. Membership continues to be a challenge; the slow decline appears to have been halted and membership numbers stabilized. Alternative avenues of funding the organization are in place and are aggressively being pursued. This is especially significant since membership dues only account for ~40% of the organization’s operating budget.

Council continues to wrestle with its vision for SAF. The new EVP will play a key role in realizing this vision. SAF in the 21st century will be different from the SAF we have all known to date. The institution of the CF Program and the new testing requirements will play a critical role in this evolution. We are living the Chinese proverb....“may you live in interesting times”!

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Retiring Chair—Bob Edmonds

Thanks to Great Folks

Over the past 4 years, I have had the pleasure of working with a lot of wonderful people who have been working to help advance the forestry profession. In its best form, SAF is dedicated professionals, right here at home, giving their time and resources for the benefit of all foresters. The volunteers are too numerous to name. We owe them our thanks.

When Dick Watt retired as NESAF Executive Director, the Executive Committee took on his duties. The level of commitment has been extraordinary. Thanks go to all those who have stepped up to the plate to run for a NESAF office, serve on a committee or otherwise volunteer to make NESAF better for us all.

Donna Bungard is not a NESAF member. Her husband Neil is. Donna has dedicated her volunteer time and talent to developing the NESAF web site.

Chris Modisette stayed on beyond his term on the Executive Committee to lead the election process. He took over the job from Monica Prusik, who was the first to tackle the job without an Executive Director on board. Connecticut produces excellent Treasurers, including Fred Borman and Larry Rousseau. Their numbers can be relied upon more than those of many Wall Street corporations. Ray Toolan, a “Stumpy” from Vermont, has been an excellent NESAF Secretary, probably the hardest job, along with the Treasurer’s position.

Sara Packer has led us through a process to break down barriers for foresters to participate in NESAF. Sara is leaving the Executive Committee, but her work reducing barriers will be continued as an on-going NESAF goal. Jonathan “Woody” Wood is an energetic Policy Committee Chair, who is spearheading NESAF’s policy development, the first step in giving NESAF a voice in what happens in the forestry political arena. Jeff Ward, who leads the NESAF Forest Science effort, has been instrumental in revitalizing the working groups in New England.

The News Quarterly that you are reading is the quality product of Brad Wyman, Editor. Jennifer Fish headed the NESAF awards effort with the goal that we would have a recipient for all of the NESAF awards. George Frame, led the NESAF Grants Program as well as being very active in Winter Meetings. Jon Nute has for many years coordinated the Continuing Education Units program for NESAF. Max MacCormick has served NESAF well in many capacities over the years, including Membership Chair, as a great meeting organizer and now is working on the program for the NESAF Quebec meeting to be held in 2004. Lindsey Santaniello, NESAF’s Administrative Assistant has brought us to a new level of efficiency. Past Chair, Bob Ricard, has not run out of adrenaline and can be still found on several fronts.

Leo Laferriere has helped me and the Executive Committee greatly, being the mentor and advisor that we all needed.

Newly elected Vice Chair, Ken Laustsen worked tirelessly on the recently-approved bylaws amendments. His steel trap mind has kept the Executive Committee procedurally correct and consistent. He will continue to bring a valuable historical perspective to the leadership of NESAF.

Tom O’Shea is more than just another bagpiper in a kilt. I have been with him for two years as NE SAF has brought our perspective to the SAF House of Society Delegates. Tom is well equipped to ensure that the Yankee viewpoints are effectively. He has been an active participant for several years in NESAF decisions and is leader that we need at this time to carry us forward.

We have many more dedicated volunteers. There is not enough room and not enough thanks to pass on to all. Because of them, NESAF is delivering more in the way of policy, education, communication and professional recognition. These are wonderful colleagues and true friends. Thanks!
Call for Posters — Jeff Ward

Poster abstracts for the 2003 annual meeting are due February 28, 2003. We encourage posters on Private Lands - Public Benefits. Abstracts should be 500 words or less. Files should be submitted in electronic format (see below) to jeffrey.ward@po.state.ct.us (or Jeff Ward, Department of Forestry & Horticulture, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, P.O. Box 1106, New Haven, CT 06504).

Displays provided consist of a 4' x 4' foam core board and easel. If you will use your own board, or need a larger one, please contact me before February 28. Poster setup is Tuesday morning at the hotel. Dismantle posters Wednesday evening.

Please use the correct format (I have to compile 30+ abstracts). Submit in either WORD or ASCII format. Put title on first line in capital letters. Name and affiliation go 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 questions.

TITLE OF THE PLOT
I.M.A. Forester (University of Stihl)
An abstract of about 500 words, giving justification, experimental protocol, and summary of results. Include Latin with common names.

Nominations for 2003 — Chris Modisette

NE SAF members who would like to serve their professional association have these opportunities for 2003:

Position          Outgoing Member
Secretary (open to all) Ray Toolan
Treasurer (open to all) Lawrence Rousseau
CT State Rep      Peter Connorton
NH State Rep      George Frame
RI State Rep      Marc Tremblay
Canadian Rep      Joakim Hermelin

Contact Chris Modisette, Nominating Committee, c/o SNEFCI, PO Box 760, Chepachet, RI 02857, (401) 568-1610 (voice) (401) 568-7874 (fax), cmodisette@aol.com.

Nominations for SAF Fellow

Nomination petitions for SAF Fellow are due May 31. Use the opportunity to honor a deserving colleague with one of the most prestigious recognitions we bestow.

The petition can be found at www.safnet.org/members/fellowinst.cfm. A petition must contain at least 25 valid signatures of Members or Fellows or signatures of at least one-half of the voting membership, whichever is less, of the state society making the nomination. Invalid petitions will be returned to the originator for correction. We recommend that you obtain at least 30 signatures in case some of the signatures are found to be invalid. The full printed name of each signer is required for validation. Any signatures that are not legible will be declared invalid. Petitions must accompanied by a biographical sketch, a photograph and a signed Consent Statement of the nominee.

Poetry by American Foresters...

The Alaska State Society of American Foresters is seeking to publish a national collection of original poems written by members of the Society of American Foresters. This collection will serve to bring recognition to forestry and natural resources poetry in order to capture this means of expression and its contribution to our American heritage.

Contact Information: Bob Wheeler—SAF Poetry
PO Box 756180, UAF, Fairbanks, Alaska 99775-6180
(907) 474-6356, ffwaw@uaf.edu

All Chapters and State Societies are encouraged to submit original poems for the book. The deadline for submission is March 31, 2003. We intend to publish the book by August 2003. Proceeds from the sale of the book will support the SAF Foresters Fund.

Topics can deal with forestry and natural resources and can range from the serious to the whimsical.

Submissions should include: Title, author, background information about the author and source of inspiration for the poem, organization and SAF Chapter & State Society.
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You may obtain a chronological list of all evaluated programs that have taken place during the past three years by sending $1 cash (for postage and printing) to me at my office.

Jon Nute
UNH Cooperative Extension
468 Route 13, South Milford, NH 03055

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NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS
83rd ANNUAL WINTER MEETING
March 17 - 20, 2003
Burlington, Vermont
Radisson Burlington Hotel
RESERVATION FORM
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Item (all options include coffee breaks) | NUMBER | AMOUNT | SUB-TOTAL
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Full Package: Includes box lunch, 2 continental breakfasts, awards luncheon (make menu choice below), and ice breaker | SAF Member | $90 | 

Non-Member | $100 | 

Student Full Package (or per day rate @ $25) | $55 | 

Single Day Registrations:
- Tuesday (including Box Lunch) | $60 | 

- Wednesday (including Awards Luncheon) | $60 | 

- Thursday (Meeting Only) | $30 | 

Additional Awards Luncheon Tickets | $20 | 

Additional Box Lunch Ticket | $12 | 

LATE FEE (registration after March 1st) | $15 | 

TOTAL (enclosed) | 

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR AWARDS LUNCHEON MENU CHOICE
- Pasta Primavera (vegetarian)
- Roast Turkey

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Send registration and checks (payable to NESAF Winter Meeting) to
Ray Toolan, 29 Sunset Drive, Suite 1, Morrisville, VT 05661-8331

For information on hotel accommodations, contact: Radisson Burlington Hotel at 60 Battery Street, Burlington, VT 05401, phone: 802-658-6500
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