PSNH Wood-Energy Proposal Has New England Roots and Impact

After a years-long campaign by Public Service Company of NH to extricate itself from expensive contracts with independent wood-to-energy power plants in the State, the company is proposing to convert one of its 50 megawatt boilers to burn wood. The proposal is driven by new clean-air laws in Massachusetts and Connecticut, requiring utilities there to derive a portion of their power from cleaner, renewable energy sources. They are allowed to meet this obligation by buying credits from out-of-state sources that use renewable energy. Public Service intends to earn credits for burning wood and sell them to their southern New England neighbors to pay for the $70 million project. The conversion is expected to provide a market for 400,000 tons of low-grade wood in the New Hampshire seacoast area, southern Maine and eastern Massachusetts.

While the new boiler will provide only about 5% of Public Service’s production, the contribution to air quality will be significant. Compared to the coal-fired boiler it will replace, it would release 70% less nitrogen oxide, 95% less sulfur dioxide and 90% less mercury. Carbon dioxide emissions would be negligible, presumably due to the recycling of the carbon through the renewable energy source.

The reaction of New Hampshire wood producers is guardedly optimistic. The NH Timberland Owners’ Association is withholding its endorsement of the plan pending assurances that a generous amount of the wood supply will come from NH, since the seacoast location of the plant is close to the state’s neighbors. Public Service officials have touted improved markets in NH for low-grade-wood as part of their application to the NH Public Utilities Commission.

Additional benefits of the project would include improved efficiency of the new boiler over the one it will replace and it would bring Public Service closer to complying with New Hampshire’s Clean Power Act. Furthermore, Congress is currently considering a bill that would provide tax credits to wood burning projects like this one by December of 2005. PSNH proposes to have its boiler on line by that date.-(Source – NH Sunday Monitor, 9/7/03)
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Northeast Association of Watershed Forest Managers Conference

The Regional Water Authority will host the conference on October 23-24 with the help of Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and the CT Chapter of SAF.

The program features the following:
- RWA source
- Policing watershed lands
- RWA watershed inspection program
- Connecticut's Flood ALERT system
- Dam maintenance
- Stormwater management basins
- Site plan reviews
- RWA education program
- Deer population and movement research
- Deer browse research
- Tick-born pathogens
- Seasonal ponds
- Coarse woody debris research
- Invasive species research
- RWA forest management plan
- RWA recreation program

NE SAF members on the program include Jeff Ward, Valerie Fraser and Tim Hawley.

The $45 registration fee includes Thursday night's buffet dinner. Single-day registration is $25. Registration deadline was October 3, but interested parties can contact John Triana - (203) 401-2749, jtriana@rwater.com or Tim Hawley - (203) 401-2731 thawley@rwater.com.

USDA Forest Service—Helen Thompson

The USDA Forest Service's Forest Fragmentation Working Group in Durham worked with UNH Cooperative Extension to offer a training session in August on the application of ArcView GIS software. The 3-day, hands-on workshop focused on developing skills to view, query, modify, and present spatial and tabular data, and culminated in an exercise in which attendees conducted an analysis to identify roadless (unfragmented) lands. The 14 attendees from 6 states and the Forest Service represented the Forest Legacy, Forest Stewardship, and Urban and Community Forestry Program areas. The workshop concluded with a brainstorming session on continuing education opportunities designed to build the states' capacity to address forest fragmentation, parcelization, and urban sprawl. This workshop resulted from a Forest Service-sponsored fragmentation symposium at which attendees identified a need for training in GIS applications.

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.
Maine's Governor John Baldacci has asked the State of Maine and its forest community to work together to retain the state's national lead in certifiable forestlands. The Maine Forest Certification Initiative (MFCI) has become the tool to work toward this goal.

The MFCI says, "The Maine Forest Certification Initiative is a business development and environmental initiative to help grow Maine's forest industry by distinguishing Maine products in the marketplace while improving forest management on the ground. Maine has the highest percentage of certified forestland in the nation. It includes 6.5 million acres out of 17.8 million acres total of forestland or 37% of Maine's forestland. There is a growing interest and demand for paper and wood products from certified sources. This can provide Maine with a competitive advantage in the growing market for certified products. To maintain and strengthen our leadership position regarding certification, the goal of this initiative is to increase the amount of certified forestland in Maine from 6.5 million acres to at least 10 million acres by the end of 2007."

The Governor's Forest Land Certification Advisory Committee provides recommendations in four areas: how to 1) increase certification and meet the goals of the initiative, 2) increase the certification of mills, 3) enhance the markets for certified forest products from Maine and 4) make current systems more effective in achieving sustainable forestry and distinguishing Maine in the global markets. The following SAF members serve on the 24 member committee: co-chairs John Cashwell, and Rob Bryan, as well as Dave Edson, Pat Strauch, Bill Miller, Cliff Foster, Dr. Robert Seymour, Barrie Brusila, Tony Lyons and Terry Walters. Tom Doak, Maine Forest Service Director of Special Projects, is the coordinator for the MFCI. Recommendations from the committee are requested for January 2004.

Northeast Region Outstanding Tree Farm
Clark Granger, 2003 Maine Outstanding Tree farmer, has been selected Northeastern Region Outstanding Tree Farmer. He earned the designation as a result of his extensive work on his China (Maine) Tree Farm. Clark and his wife will attend the 10th Annual National Tree Farmer Convention in Columbus, Ohio, where the National Outstanding Tree Farmer will be announced.

Maine's Tree Farm Field Day
The much lauded Clark Granger Tree Farm was host, for about 300 attendees on August 16 at the annual Maine Tree Farm Field Day and the 8th Annual Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine Forestry Fair. Visitors came from all over Maine, and beyond, Tree Farm Family members, SWOAM, the Maine Christmas Tree Growers Association, the American Chestnut Foundation and a myriad of other natural resource groups.

Wagon rides provided transportation to numerous informational sites throughout the Tree Farm. A number of stops highlighted the time and hard work it takes to grow Christmas trees from small seedlings to being ready for people's
homes. Forestry stops, set in the woods, demonstrated crop tree management, forestry for wildlife and water quality practices. The American Chestnut Foundation showed off its newly created American chestnut plantation and outlined the effort to develop a blight resistant strain.

A notable 50-year presentation was made to the Carroll and Madelyn York Tree Farm of Windsor. Host Clark Granger, talked about the long hours and dedication it takes to succeed at growing Christmas trees and providing good stewardship in the forest. One word of advice he gave to the audience was, “Don’t quit your day job.”

Upcoming MESAF Fall Meeting

“The Changing World of Forestry Ownership: Future Challenges & Expectations for Maine’s Foresters,” is the theme of the upcoming MESAF Fall meeting to be held, November 12 and 13, at the University of Maine, Orono.

Changes in land ownership are having a profound effect on forestry. Speakers will address historical patterns of land ownership and future expectations for foresters from various groups of land owners. How certification affects forest ownership and the forester’s job will also be discussed.

The meeting will also be part of the on-going 100th Anniversary of the Forestry Program at UMO. Some of the planned speakers are: the Dean of Forestry UMO, Alec Giffen: Director, Maine Forest Service, Bill Beardsley: historian, Harold Burnett: consulting forester and Kyle Stockwell: The Nature Conservancy on conservation easements.

Contact Laura Audibert, MESAF Division Manager at la4568@sjv.net or write her at 11 Leopold Street, Fort Kent, ME 04743, for more.

A Tree Farm Field Day would not be complete without a chicken barbecue and the American Legion Post of South China did not disappoint. During lunch, the Maine Forest Service demonstrated water drops with its helicopter, demonstrating their effectiveness for fire fighting.
NH Mills Close

It’s been a tough summer for New Hampshire sawmills. Two of the state’s largest mills closed their doors, perhaps for good. In the town of Barnstead, NH, population 3,900, Timco Sawmill has been the largest employer for more than half a century, until this summer. In Woodsville, Davidson Industries, formerly Newman Lumber, closed its doors in July... doors that first opened in 1932. For generations, white pine mills have been a staple of the New Hampshire economy. The White Pine industry extends back to colonial times, when the tallest, straightest pines were claimed for the King to become masts for the royal navy. As recently as the late 1990s, New Hampshire production of white pine lumber soared. So what happened?

According to Jasen Stock, Executive Director of the NH Timberland Owners’ Association, they were caught between two very competitive markets...one for the logs and the other for lumber sales.

While the price of logs has climbed inexorably, foreign competition in the lumber industry has driven lumber prices down. The closure of the Berlin pulp mill drove many loggers out of business, and though operating once again, log prices are high because of slowly recovering production capacity. Meanwhile, sawmills are competing against imported lumber from Canada, eastern Europe and Chile, and experts point out that NH mills have already committed millions of dollars to new technology, to help them squeeze every bit of product out of each log.

Despite the problems, State Forester Phil Bryce remains optimistic that the plentiful renewable source of logs and industry ingenuity and quality focus will pull the industry through.— (excerpted from NH Public Radio broadcast)

Managing ATVs

Over 85 people attended the GSD-sponsored session on “Managing ATV Use on Forest Lands of NH” in July. Ten speakers offered varying perspectives and fielded lively questions from the crowd. ATVs are out-selling snowmobiles by 5 to 1 in NH and are showing a tremendous increase in sales. In 1999 there were 13,795 registered in the state, and 9 clubs. In 2003 there are 21,717 registered ATVs and 23 clubs. The state Bureau of Trails manages 300 miles of state-owned rail-to-trail conversions and assists with maintenance of 6,500 miles of snowmobile trails and 550 miles of ATV and trail bike trails. The state provides $2 million liability insurance to landowners who allow the use of their property for these public trails, 85% of which cross private land.

Land owners seem to have greater acceptance of snowmobile trails on their property than ATV trails. They note that snowmobiles are active for a short time in the winter, do little damage to the terrain and may not be as noisy. A survey of 532 “current use” taxpayers found that most do not own ATVs. Written permission is required to ride an ATV on private property, but the law is widely ignored.

John Harrigan, north country newspaper publisher and writer, gets a lot of letters on the issue, with strong feelings on both sides and very little middle ground. He blames a minority of “rogue riders” and urges more cooperation between law enforcement agents and ATV clubs to enforce the law and educate riders.

The NH Division of Forests and Lands has established several criteria for creating ATV trails on state land. An available brochure describes 9 areas that have ATV trails. Because the state accepts fees for registering the machines ($54), most present at the meeting felt it is incumbent upon the state to provide trails on state land.
Vermont State Fair

One-stop shopping for all of your forestry questions could be found at the Forestry Building for eleven days at the Vermont State Fair. Crop tree management, pruning, urban and community forestry, cultural resources, natural history, natural communities, forestry planning, firewood identification, and even a Kid’s Forest provided opportunities for discussion. Thousands of visitors stopped by to chat to the volunteer foresters who supplied the information. Green Mountain National Forest Supervisor Paul Brewster spent a Friday evening providing information. Hundreds of children visiting during Labor Day were invited to participate in a treasure hunt of forestry information scattered throughout the building. Consulting foresters, state and federal foresters, industrial foresters, and utility foresters all played a role in designing the theme and helping the public understand the value of Vermont’s forests via our Forestry Building displays. - (Gary Salmon)

Green Mountain Division Summer Meeting

The GMD summer meeting in July focused on wildlife cuttings. Two dozen foresters visiting Robbins Mountain Wildlife Management Area, and lands of Hannah and Ray Morgan learned an appreciation for the wood chip market. The meeting focused on wide roads, wildlife cuts for aspen, deer yard thinning in hemlock stands, browse creation next to the winter yard, hardhack and shad retention for soft mast within the patch cuts, apple tree release, old field reclamation, sugar bush enhancement and other simple things like leaving wet spots in the skid roads to grow sedges as bear food. The morning at Robbins Mountain in Jonesville was under the direction of Chuck Vile, Vermont Forestry District Manager, and Bill Baron, Wildlife Forester. Consulting Forester Rose Beattie, with BED Forester Bill Samal and landowner Ray Morvan provided an afternoon tour of the Brookfield site which provided an opportunity to observe the application of chipper technology in managing wildlife habitat. Hammond, Department of Fish and Wildlife Forester described this site best by noting that he “wished it were mine.”

The beauty of a field meeting is the numerous opinions and discussions that result when foresters assemble on a site. The bottom line, on this day, was that good wildlife forestry was being practiced on both sites with the benefit to wildlife species in need of early successional northern hardwoods. Whether private or public land, there were interested citizens able to provide technical leadership to improve the land base for wildlife (and in one case also for the future sugar bush potential). Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Jonathan Wood found the time to spend the day with fellow foresters providing insight and thought-provoking questions regarding work on these sites. – (Gary Salmon)
Rhode Island—Gregg Cassidy

Walk in the Forest

This season's RI Walk In the Forest was held October 16th at Apieron Institute for Environmental Living. The Apieron Institute manages a 55-acre property in Coventry, RI. Previous SAF activities here include oversight of the development of a forest stewardship plan for the property to facilitate its use to demonstrate sustainable forestry. Paul Dolan and Rob Macmillan organized the tours.

Alternative Forest Use Challenge Grants

RI DEM recently awarded challenge grants to forest landowners for alternative forest-based businesses. The grants reimburse landowners half of the cost of supplies and materials needed to initiate non-traditional forest-based businesses. Nine projects, totaling $8,242 in grants, were funded for establishment of alternative forest crops including cultivated mushrooms, maple syrup, ginseng, witch hazel, and floral greens. The grants require recipients to report on the growth and yield of the crops and to assist in promoting this concept to other forest landowners.

Several SAF members including Tom Abbott, Gregg Cassidy, Tom Dupree, and Marc Tremblay helped establish criteria and coordinate the evaluation of proposals. For more information visit the DEM website at: www.state.ri.us/DEM/programs/bpoladm/stratpp/forprod/forestprod.htm

Demonstration Forests

Rhode Island DEM, Division of Forest Environment recently prepared a scoping paper to develop a network of demonstration forests to increase citizens' understanding of the principles of forest management. Partners include RI DEM, nonprofit organizations and several land Trusts. Six potential sites providing examples of "typical" forest conditions have been identified. Long-term plans include developing stewardship plans, implementing management, developing educational materials, and demonstrating active forest management to the public. Tom Dupree and Marc Tremblay are RI SAF members active in this initiative.

Register Today for the NESAF 84th Annual Winter Meeting

The NESAF 84th Winter Meeting will be held March 23 - 26, 2004, Quebec City, Quebec, Canada.

Regular registration will be $95.00 beginning September 1, 2003. Information about the conference, including hotel, is now available at the NESAF website (www.nesaf.org) or by emailing (robert.ricard@uconn.edu) or calling (860-570-9257) Bob Ricard.
Connecticut — David Beers

Connecticut SAF

The next CT SAF event is a jointly sponsored program with the Northeast Association of Watershed Forest Managers on October 23-24 in New Haven at the CT Ag Experiment Station. See page 3 of this issue for details.

Last spring, CT SAF sponsored two events: a workshop on surveying for foresters and a tour of the first CT State Forest in Portland (CT) as part of CT’s State Forests Centennial. On October 4th, there was another State Forest Centennial celebration at People’s State Forest in Barkhamsted. FLEP is up and running, with workshops throughout the state on its cost-sharing powers.

Connecticut Forest Resource Plan

During August 2003 the Draft Connecticut Forest Resource Plan went out for review to over 220 individuals and organizations. Included was a questionnaire regarding priorities of the plan, and personal and organizational partnering commitments to the plan. Reviewers consisted of active participants of both the Phase 1 Focus Groups and the Phase 2 Advisory Committee sections of the planning process, along with anyone having signed an interest sheet over the past year. During September and October 2003 comments are being reviewed and worked into a final draft of the plan, scheduled for completion by December 2003.

DEP Retirements

The State DEP has had a recent loss of forestry expertise via retirements. We wish these foresters the best in their new pursuits and hope to continue to see them at SAF events. The state tree nursery has also been retired. The current plan for the facility is for a private business to continue its operation.

Massachusetts — Robert Rizzo

Department of Conservation and Recreation

Massachusetts government is still undergoing change. A direct result of the changes has been the creation of a new environmental department, which merges together the Department of Environmental Management and the Metropolitan District Commission Watershed Division. The new Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will serve to carry out the functions of the former departments. Kathy Abbott has been appointed the first Commissioner of DCR and will begin her new role on a full time basis by mid October.

Within the DCR, Jim DiMaio has been appointed as the new State Forester.

Biomass Energy

Biomass energy has the potential improve markets for low-grade forest products. Under a recent solicitation offered by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, at least three woody biomass combined heat and power projects were submitted. All three would utilize either forest or sawmill waste as the feedstock to produce electricity and heat. If approved, all three will utilize advanced biomass technologies and would qualify for renewable energy credits as defined under Massachusetts regulations.

Mount Wachusett Community College

Mount Wachusett Community College has been selected by the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources under a US Department of Energy grant to coordinate the efforts for eleven northeast states in an effort to encourage the procurement of biobased products and fuels by state agencies and municipalities.

Massachusetts “Tree Sit” Fails

BOSTON (Reuters) - A pair of environmental activists climbed down on Tuesday from the trees in which they have been perched for several weeks after they failed in their bid to prevent logging on a central Massachusetts mountain. The activists, nicknamed Badger and Dandi, said it was with heavy hearts that they abandoned their "tree sit" protest after loggers
began clearing some 12 acres of forest on Mon­
day to make room for two new ski trails. "We
remain free to fight another day," the activists
said in a statement after they descended from
the branches of two northern red oaks. Al­
though rarely seen on the East Coast, tree sits
are a fairly common tactic of environmental
activists in Western states. One of the most
well-known tree sits was that of Julia "Butterfly" Hill, who spent two years atop a
giant California redwood in a lonely protest
against logging. Badger and Dandi had been
tree-sitting since early August on Wachusett
Mountain, 60 miles west of Boston, in a bid to
prevent the cutting of what they say is a rare
forest. But Wachusett Mountain Associates, the
company that leases the mountainside from the
state and is removing the trees to make room
for two new ski trails, has the backing of the
state's highest court and disputes the activists'
claims about old-growth forest. — (submitted by
Gary Salmon)

Quebec — Kim Lowell

Quebec—Meeting Mecca

As you read this, many of you will be recently
returned home after the World Forest Congress
in Quebec City. I trust that all who attended
spent an enjoyable and productive time catch­
ing up with old friends, learning about devel­
opments in the profession, gaining a global
perspective on forestry and natural resources,
and enjoying the European flavour of Quebec
City. Assuming that you did enjoy Quebec
City, don’t forget that the New England SAF
annual meeting will also be held in Quebec
City in March 23-26, 2004. For more informa­
tion visit the New England SAF Website:

Here’s to Yew’re Health!

An unexpected source of revenue from Que­
bec’s forest is being developed. It seems that
the branches of yew, a plant found in abun­
dance in Quebec's forests, contain chemicals
that are useful in combating certain forms of
cancer. This requires enormous quantities of
yew branches – 3000 kg are needed to produce
just 100 gms of paclitace, one of the anti-
cancerous agents sought. With the new interest
in yew, its harvest is being controlled since it is
also an important source of food for a number
of wildlife species including deer and moose.

White Pine Weevil in Norway Spruce

A recent study has shown that the effects of the
white pine weevil on Norway spruce in Que­
bec are minimal. For years it has been known
that the white pine weevil has little effect on
the long-term productivity of Norway spruce.
However, a number of wood producers have
been concerned that the effect on wood quality
was significant. In this study, 150 trees were
selected and tracked from harvest to final pro­
duction of boards. Effects of the white pine
weevil on the quality and quantity of wood
produced were minimal. Not only does this
mean that wood producers need not worry
about the presence of weevil in young stands,
but also that pre-commercial thinnings can be
conducted without fear of losing volume gains
to quality losses.

Exceptional Forest Ecosystems

Twenty-six forests in Quebec have been classi­
fied by the Ministry of Natural Resources as
"exceptional forest ecosystems." This designa­
tion is accorded to forests because of their bio­
logical diversity as well as their rarity or older
ages. In this areas, forest management and
mining activities will generally cease in order
to maintain their unique characteristics. Most
of these forests are located in the southern por­
tion of the province, and more than half are lo­
cated on private land.
NE SAF AFFAIRS

From the Chair—Tom O’Shea

I recently came back from a vacation in Montana, and aside from the immense views, spectacular mountains, bright blue skies, brisk mornings and warm, sunny afternoons, cold and clear rivers brimming with trout, and an abundance of wildlife, I was fascinated by the dry conifer forests and cottonwood-laden river valleys. While the rest of my comrades were content to sleep later into the morning, I could not help but awaken to shake off the cold with a hike in the nearby foothills and forest. With the eerie bugle of a distant elk just before the early morning sun rose over the mountainous landscape and the sweet song of the western meadowlark softened the air, I took time to observe and let the unfamiliarity of this new forest awaken the senses and inspire novel thoughts.

This is partly what a vacation is all about, a chance to relax and hopefully gain a new perspective on the world around you and the consequent re-alignment of priorities. And at the end of the day, I fell in love with Montana and its Rocky Mountain forests and gained a real interest and attachment to them. With the eerie bugle of a distant elk just before the early morning sun rose over the mountainous landscape and the sweet song of the western meadowlark softened the air, I took time to observe and let the unfamiliarity of this new forest awaken the senses and inspire novel thoughts.

As a member of the Society of American Foresters, you or I can call up a forester in Montana or any other state and learn more about their forests, their forestry practices, their issues and challenges, and their people. While this concept is probably no “news flash,” I think it is important to be mindful that we can gain perspective, awareness, and insights into the forests and the people that we locally interact with by sometimes reaching out beyond the forests of our own hometown or state.

Fortunately, we have the Society of American Foresters, a society that offers you the chance

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Councilor’s Report—John McNulty

SAF – A GROWTH MEDIUM
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This column will be my last as your Council representative; for this I am both blessed and filled with regret. I have to admit that composing pithy and thoughtful commentaries four times a year for both the NY and NE newsletters has been my most daunting task! As painful as it was, these periodic missives served to reinforce the honor and responsibility bestowed on me by the members of District VI.

I am blessed by the opportunity to serve my friends and colleagues for these past three years, blessed by the opportunity to meet and associate with some of the most committed, talented and genuinely nice foresters from around the nation, blessed for what I’ve learned from the discussions and debates had about the future and value of SAF; for the clarity brought to issues not so apparent or relevant to us in the northeast and blessed for the opportunity to grow in my profession.

If you have read my columns over these past three years, a common thread of these essays has been the value SAF brings to its members in terms of providing the means, opportunity and method to grow a career. SAF is about relationships, friendships, common problems and solutions. It is the common vehicle, where every member, regardless of position or perceived status, has access to all levels of the forestry profession – industrial, academic and government.

SAF is an equal opportunity growth medium! Always hungry for new volunteers, new ideas and the energy of youth, SAF provides the perfect growth opportunity for young professionals.

Reflecting on my three years as Council representative, the real value of SAF membership and active participation becomes crystal clear – SAF is the stepping stone for building a career.

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Exciting news! The poster session of the NE-SAF Winter meetings have long provided a means of communicating new and innovative findings to the forestry community in New England. With the generous assistance of the USDA Forest Service (Kudos to Mark Twery for making this all happen), the abstracts of the 84th Winter Meeting in Quebec City, Quebec will be published as a USDA Forest Service, Northeastern Research General Technical Report. This will make the findings available to foresters who were not able to attend the meeting, and those outside of the region. We especially encourage posters on the theme of this meeting - “Forestry across Borders.”

To make it all happen, and to ensure that the abstracts will be available at the 84th Winter Meeting, there has been a change in when abstracts are due. All abstracts must be submitted by January 7, 2004. There will be NO exceptions if you want your abstract to be published in the proceedings.

This new format will provide the opportunity for abstracts to be up to two pages in length and may allow for simple tables. All manuscripts will receive copy editing, review for uniform type and style, and converted from author prepared single column format to double column format by the Publications staff of the Northeastern Research Station. Authors will be solely responsible for the content, clarity, flow, and brevity of the manuscripts. To help expedite the publishing process, minimize typographical errors, and avoid inconsistent style, guidelines will be posted on the NESAF website (http://www.nesaf.org/) before the end of September. Alternatively, guidelines can be obtained by contacting me at Jeffrey. ward@po.state.ct.us. Hope to see you in Quebec City next spring.

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to reach out to new people and new forests. Here are a just a few simple ways, I believe, you can reach out in SAF during the next several months....

Vote for the future leadership of the national Society of American Foresters.

1. Vote for NE SAF officers.
2. Send your ideas, thoughts, articles and images to our News Quarterly Editor and let the rest of us in New England know what you are doing and what’s important to you as a forester.
3. Attend the National Convention, or contact/meet new foresters from another state.
4. Attend the 2004 annual New England SAF winter meeting in Quebec City.
5. Join an SAF working group and spend some time to share your experiences, knowledge, and insights with students and peers...and learn from them as well.
6. Go beyond the forestry profession and meet people from different disciplines and create a dialogue with them.

Councilor (Continued from page 11)

It provides the platform for many aspiring professionals upon which careers can blossom, relationships flourish and a lifelong network of colleagues built. After all, SAF is not some antiseptic organization based in Bethesda...SAF is you, and I and the forester yet to be.

As for my regrets? I regret that I couldn’t have served you better. No excuses. Time is a valuable commodity...family, job and SAF all demand their share. I will miss the trips to Bethesda, the big conference table and the invigorating discussions, the excellent state meetings and the energy of SAF volunteers. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. It has truly been a growth opportunity for me.
**Policy Committee—Tom O’Shea**

Jon Wood’s Commissioner’s appointment does not allow him to continue as NE SAF Policy Committee Chair. We are seeking a volunteer to assume the position, which offers a great opportunity for someone interested in forest policy in New England and a chance to actively bring NESAF and its members into New England forest policy issues.

This position is responsible for overseeing, coordinating, and engaging the policy committee in the following objectives:

a) Advising the NESAF Executive Committee on state society forest policy matters, in adherence to and guided by the Society by-laws and forest policy process.

b) Informing and engaging the state society’s membership in policy matters.

Activities:

1) Recommend the development, review, adoption, and use of NESAF state society policy positions. These positions shall be in accordance with Forest Policies and not be in conflict with existing national positions.
2) Review Division/Chapter positions as needed and recommend updates and changes.
3) Screen, select, and articulate forest policy issues for state society/division/chapter position taking and makes recommendations thereon to the NESAF Executive Committee.
4) Review Society forest policy positions and make recommendations to the NESAF Executive Committee.
5) Other activities as the NESAF Executive Committee may direct.

The Policy Committee Chair shall be appointed by the NESAF Chair. Preference will be based on policy experience, training, interest, and the ability to commit the required time for meeting the responsibilities of the position. Those interested should contact NESAF Chair, Tom O’Shea.

**Executive Committee Notes**

Selected notes of interest from recent Executive Committee meetings:

- Mileage reimbursement is now available to Committee members upon application and until the $1,200 budget item is depleted.
- About one third of the attendees as the Burlington annual meeting were walk-ins. NESAF and GMD split $6,000 in profit from that meeting.
- The EC renewed the administrative agreement with Lindsey Santaniello.
- The EC approved an expenditure of $2,750 for a professional website assessment and reconfiguration for www.nesaf.org to assist the new volunteer site manager.
- EC members registered concern about professional presentation and accuracy of facts on the News Quarterly opinion page. “Ed.” will monitor future submittals for these qualities.
- Jon Woods can no longer serve as Policy Committee chair and the EC is seeking a volunteer to replace him. Several policy issues requiring attention were discussed:
  - Massachusetts credentialing
  - Ecological Reserves
  - Biodiversity
  - Low grade markets
  - Global Transition and NE Forest Industry
  - Certification
- UVM seeks to retain a student SAF chapter, despite lack of accreditation...will require petition by 15 SAF members.

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Intro to Arc View 3.X, 8/4-8/7/03, UNH, Durham, NH
Roads, Trails, Water Crossings & Forestry, 8/23/03, Lyme, NH
Silvicultural Workshop, 9/17 & 18/03, Bartlett, NH
New England Invasive Plant Summit, 9/19 & 20/03, Framingham, MA
Buying Standing Timber & Marketing Your Logs, 9/25 & 26/03, Gardner, MA
Measuring Forest Biodiversity for Forest Sustainability, 10/2/03, Orono, ME
Bio-physical Monitoring Training Course, 9/29-10/3/03, Craftsbury, VT
Stream Protection and Logging BMPs in RI, 10/9/03, Location TBD
Managing White Pine in the New Millenium, 10/9 & 10/10/03, Hillsborough, NH
Basic Logger Rescue, Southern NE Logger Ed Program, 10/16/03, Location TBD
Professional Chainsaw Operation, 10/17/03, Petersham, MA
Global Positions Systems, 10/21/03, Brooklyn, CT
NEAWFM Conference, 10/23 & 24/03, New Haven, CT
Mechanical Harvesting Training Session, 10/24/03, Peterborough, NH
Business Topics for the Forest Products Industry, 11/5/03, Athol, MA
Stewardship of Small Woodlots in Urbanizing Areas, 11/5-11/03, Portsmouth, NH
GIS in Fisheries & Wildlife (WFCON 592G), 9/02-12/02, Amherst, MA

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