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First-ever NESAF / NY Student Conclave a success!

Student Conclave attendees tour the Quabbin Reservoir with Forester Randy Stone - By Emma Schultz

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On the weekend of October 15th to 17th, forestry students from across the Northeast gathered in Petersham, Massachusetts, to meet and discuss the state of their SAF student chapters. Students from the University of Massachusetts – Amherst planned the event, with attendees traveling from Paul Smith's College, the University of Maine, and the University of Connecticut. This landmark New England SAF-sponsored venture was organized with the assistance of Peter Greeno, and featured the following notable forestry professionals in their element: Ron Lemin, Randy Stone, Dave Kittredge, Glen Motzkin, John O'Keefe and Clarisse Hart.

This was a truly grassroots event that developed out of a student brainstorming session held at the 2010 NESAF winter meeting in Nashua, NH. As UMass SAF Student Chapter Chair Bruce Danek explained:

The first NESAF and NY student conclave in 2010 brought together students from all over the region to learn and experience forestry in a way particular to Massachusetts. Students received valuable insight and made many connections both personally and professionally throughout the event. This event builds a sense of community amongst students and brings together the forestry community around the region. The conclave now doubles the amount of time students are able to interact each year [other opportunity: NESAF Annual Winter Meeting]. Best of all, students are able to learn and have fun meeting their future co-workers.

Peter Greeno explains SAF's origins to students from around the region

This year's Student Conclave

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Special points of interest:

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- A word from the President of SAF

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Or contact Peter Greeno, our membership chair if there are any issues or questions.

Commemorating 100th Anniversary of Weeks Act

WASHINGTON – November 29, 2010 a resolution authored by U.S. Senators Judd Gregg (R-NH) and Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Weeks Act (S. Res. 679) was approved by the U.S. Senate. In addition to celebrating the law's centennial anniversary, the bipartisan resolution provides deserving recognition to the law's author, John Weeks, a Massachusetts Congressman born in Lancaster, New Hampshire. It also recognizes that the acquisition of the first 7,000 acres of White Mountain National Forest was made possible using the authorities provided by the Weeks Act. Lastly, the resolution acknowledges the work and cooperation of local conservation groups, businesses, industrialists, and the tourism industry to ensure passage of the original law, and encourages further collaboration and continued support for the White Mountain National Forest

Look for more on the Weeks Act throughout the Centennial.

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Quarterly Theme - Dr. James Harding, Theme Editor

Our Society of American Foresters

Introduction: Kicking off 2011 with a theme about… well, ourselves seemed like a good choice. What better way to begin a new year and new decade with a little self-reflection? This issue's theme is about our Society of American Foresters—what it means to be a member, how we can and do participate in national-level policy making, and how the national office can serve the membership. My day job involves teaching budding natural resource management professionals at a small school in Vermont. Every day with these young people I'm reminded of how important professional associations are—both formal (such as through SAF) and informal through the people we meet. While I hope that my lectures and interactions with my students provide a valuable foundation for their education and career trajectories, it is my suspicion that the student membership in SAF (which I require in one of my classes) will be the most valuable dividend these students reap over the years.

Our first article comes from none other than our new SAF President, Roger Dziengeleski. President Dziengeleski describes what he believes to be the roles of SAF and how we should position ourselves in a changing world. We should consider this an opportunity to discuss, as a group, our own future. Erica Rhode is our Policy Director at the national office. She spends much time on Capitol Hill working with legislators and members of the administration to communicate important information on forestry and natural resources management. Issues related to biomass and climate change continue to be one of the most critical intersections of federal government decision-making and forest management. Finally, Kelsey Delaney and Louise Murgia from the national office remind us of the many different services available to members. Our professional organization is a source of identity, but it is also a working body whose function is chiefly to serve its membership. To this end, understanding the many opportunities facilitated through the national office is important for all members to take advantage of. In closing my last introduction as Forest Science Coordinator, I encourage all members to seek out opportunities to become engaged with our professional society, the personal benefits I've received over the past four years have been great, but of deeper value have been those collective contributions made to NESAF and the Society at large. Service to one's profession provides a continuous reminder of the shared endeavor we've all chosen.

A Conversation About SAF Roles (and Change)
Roger Dziengeleski
SAF President

There are many ways to look at the society, but VMV -– Vision, Mission and Values – is always my starting point.

The statements below the words are the essence of SAF roles for both the local and national societies, but I have to say, I often wonder if we are achieving the lofty principles we aspire to; and whether the VMV wording might be clouded or contradictory.

The vision statement, for example, states that: "The Society of American Foresters is the organization that represents forestry professionals, providing leadership to enable all members of the profession (note that we do not say just SAF members) to achieve **excellence** (my emphasis added) in sustainable forestry and natural resource management." It is clear that our most important role is to provide leadership and to help the entire profession to achieve excellence. Have we done this, as societies and as individual members?

SAF national and local societies together have developed programs for the CF credential that require a high level of continuing education. The societies also have sponsored annual meetings and conventions that share some of the most current knowledge regarding sustainability and natural resource management with professionals from across the nation. Published meeting proceedings provide additional access to state-of-the-art information to all forestry professionals wherever they live. Member participation in SAF working groups and special item task forces, such as the climate

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change task force, bring perspective and thought to some of society's most perplexing natural resource issues and crystallize the science that applies to them.

These are just a few of the activities that seem to fit the role spelled out in our vision, to "enable" professionals to achieve excellence in sustainable forestry. We can and should be proud of these programs and the many others that help forestry professionals.

We can all also point to examples of excellent sustainable forestry and natural resource management done by SAF members (as well as non SAF professionals). It is interesting that we have no metrics to measure these excellent examples or their frequency within the society or the landscape, however. As Forestry professionals we measure growth above drain, forest acres, diversity, acidity, land conversion, accretion, mortality, yield, certified acres, land conversion acres and many other natural resource metrics. Some of these metrics are lumped together to measure sustainability, but sustainability is not necessarily excellence.

You can see now where this is all; excuse the pun, "leading". A vision is supposed to be grand and bold, setting goals that require commitment and effort to achieve. Our vision currently carries with it a contradiction. In my view, "leadership" implies action and accountability. It is hands-on and measured in quantifiable results. "Enable" is hands-off and passive, an easy way out of any real commitment.

My suggestion: Let's delete the word "enable" from our vision statement. Working toward excellence in sustainable forestry and natural resource management across the profession and the forest landscape may be challenging or even improbable to achieve; but isn't that a bolder and more representative of what a vision should be than just "enabling" excellence and then hoping (…hope is not a strategy) it will happen?

We must challenge ourselves to reexamine all the words in the VMV statements and evaluate whether they are leading us to an excellence in management or excellent but not often used practices. Language is important and a single word, as shown in the above paragraphs, can have an immense impact on how we look at SAF role(s). There are indicators that this is the time to re-evaluate all of our statements to see if they fit the needs of forestry professionals. Membership decline, forestry school enrollment decline and decreasing government funding for forestry staffs are merely a few of them. Remember that VMV are living documents that should change over time.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. I have not expressed these thoughts outside this group. I may choose to share them with NY SAF as well for their feedback, but will not discuss them elsewhere until I hear your thoughts and reactions.

SAF Policy Wrap-up for 2010

By Erica Rhoad, SAF Director of Forest Policy

The past year has been a busy one for forest policy on the federal level. Between climate and energy legislation, federal forestland management, EPA climate regulations, and numerous other issues, SAF has been busy developing and communicating its positions to decision makers in Washington, DC. SAF tries to be as proactive as possible on forest policy issues. For example, in 2008 SAF published its Task Force report on domestic managed forest and how they could help mitigate climate change. This report included a great deal of information that was valuable to policy makers while they developed climate and energy policy. As political winds shifted, however, the focus of Washington also shifted. When this happens, SAF must react and can't necessary be proactive. The Administration and Congress set the agenda (which is sometimes based on the mood of the public and sometimes not) and SAF does the best it can to continue informing policy makers of the science and positions we take on important forestry issues. In DC, SAF is a small fish in a very large sea of issues, money and lobbyists, but we make the best of this situation by working closely with other professional societies, conservation groups, landowner groups and trade associations when it makes sense.

Summarizing all of SAF's policy efforts in one article would be virtually impossible, so I'll focus on

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an issue that may interest NESAF members. The question of biomass energy's 'carbon neutrality' changed the dynamic of the debate on renewable energy this year. NESAF members are all too familiar with this after witnessing the debate in Massachusetts. SAF joined Yankee SAF in commenting on the draft Massachusetts biomass regulations on October 21, 2010. Normally we leave local issues to local chapters. As is true with almost all forestry, the foresters in a particular area know local forestry issues much better than the national office. But because Massachusetts's draft biomass regulations would've negatively impacted foresters and forests and the Yankee Division welcomed our participation, SAF got involved. We realized that the regulations, if not corrected, could be used by other states and the Yankee Division welcomed additional support.

This debate also took place in Washington DC as the EPA started its rulemaking process to regulate GHGs. Contrary to previous policy, the EPA decided that CO2 from biomass energy would be treated the same as CO2 from fossil fuels. On January 2, 2011 this regulation (known as the 'Tailoring Rule') will go into effect. SAF has been working with senators and representatives to urge EPA to 'stay' the biomass portion of the Rule until EPA thoroughly reviews the science on biogenic emissions. At press time, however, SAF had no indication that this would happen. SAF has also responded with a new task force that will look at the issue of carbon neutrality, biomass sustainability, climate and many other related issues while updating the 2008 task force report (see "Letting Science Guide Climate, Energy Policy" in the September *Forestry Source* at http://www.nxtbook.com/nxtbooks/saf/forestrysource_201009/index.php#/6). The Task Force is already writing chapters and the report will be completed by the end of March, 2011. In conjunction, a new national position statement on biomass energy will also be completed and include the new information from the report. As the EPA continues to move forward regulating GHGs, SAF will continue to work on this issue as it's of monumental importance to forestry and foresters. Sustainable biomass energy must be part of our country's renewable portfolio.

Whether in Congress, the Administration or the occasional state issue, SAF will continue to work on these important policy issues. SAF members can stay up to date via *The Forestry Source* and the weekly Policy Update —an update posted on SAF's website and emailed to members interested in policy (if you'd like to receive the Policy Update, please email me at rhoade@safnet.org or you can access it online at http://www.eforester.org/fp/policy_update.cfm). Members can also stay in touch by visiting our policy page at http://www.eforester.org/fp/policy.cfm and SAF's position statements and congressional testimony/agency comments are posted at http://www.eforester.org/fp/positionstatements.cfm.

Your National Office—We're Here To Help

Where do I get mailing labels?
How do I get membership applications?
How do I order membership pins?
How do I get certificates?
What is the Foresters' Fund deadline?

Yikes….Where do I go for help?

This is a small example of the questions SAF receives from our state society, division, and chapter leaders every day. As a local leader, who do you contact about when such questions arise or to get assistance with the daily challenges that come with leadership? There is a point of contact for all SAF units. Actually there are two! Plus, a treasure of resources is available on the SAF website under the "Local Units" section.

What resources are available and where do you find them? The SAF website is a great starting point for all SAF leaders.

The "Local Units" page on the SAF website is a great place to find information on the organizational structure of SAF and general governance of state societies, divisions and chapters. We highly recommend that new leaders take some time to read this information to become familiarized with SAF. You'll also find some resources that you didn't know about.

Anniversary Membership Pins – Want to celebrate membership? These pins are a great idea and are available in designs of 10-years, 20-years up to 50

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years. It's a great way to thank members in your unit.

Name Badges – Want to have formal name badges for local leaders SAF units can order name badges from the SAF National Office. You can find the order form online.

Insurance – Need a certificate of insurance or have questions about general liability coverage? A summary of the SAF general liability coverage is online with contact information for our insurance agent.

Presentations – Giving a talk to a student chapter or employers about the benefits of SAF membership? Just download a presentation from our website and customize it to fit your unit's activities.

Banners – Participating in an outreach program? SAF units can order vinyl banners with the SAF icon logo and unit name and choose one of four different formats. Order forms are available online with example of the different formats.

Foresters' Fund – Is your SAF unit interested in applying for a Foresters' Fund Grant? SAF units can submit applications for 3 different deadlines each year; February 15th, June 15th and September 15th. You will find all the background information, criteria and forms at the Local Units webpage. Interested in reading about projects that other state, division and chapters have completed? Visit the SAF 'Success Stories' page to read about the successes that many SAF units taken part in.

Policy – Interested in reading about the current happenings in Congress and how the SAF national office is assist with and strengthen current and future forestry legislation? The "Local Units" webpage links you directly to the SAF policy page where our weekly policy update is posted as well as our national and state policy position statements, past SAF testimony's, and comments on many forestry issues.

Membership - Looking to retain current members and to recruit new members? Membership is very important to our organization; there would be no SAF without our members! For that reason we have dedicated several sections on our Local Units webpage with items to help strengthen our membership. From our Membership Recruitment and Retention Plan to ideas on how to boost membership recruitment, these items include many great ideas on how to build, support and improve SAF.

We encourage our leaders and other members to utilize these resources, and if there are other items/topics not posted that you think would benefit the Society, just let the national office know. We are very interested in hearing your thoughts and ideas, and don't hesitate to call or email us!

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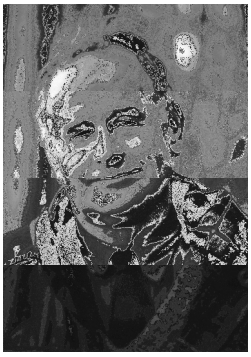
IN MEMORIAM

Ernest B. "Bart" Harvey III, 68, died October 30. Harvey earned the B.S. and M.S. degrees in forestry at the University of Maine, which in 1992 conferred on him its distinguished alumnus award. For his service in Vietnam with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers he received the Bronze Star. Harvey was employed by Great Northern Paper Co. in Millinocket, Maine for over 30 years. During his tenure at Great Northern, as Director of Forest Management, and later as Woodlands Manager, he pioneered and successfully established the use of mechanical harvesting systems for conducting efficient and effective harvests of extensive stands of densely stocked spruce-fir. These achievements were carried out during a pressing time of need for salvage cuts and silvicultural innovations in response to a severe outbreak of spruce budworm. His foresight and persuasiveness resulted in the implementation of a high yield silviculture program that incorporated establishment of spruce plantations, conifer release programs for the plantations as well as natural stands, and precommercial thinning of overstocked stands of young growth. After the Bowater takeover of Great Northern he was assigned to be Raw Material Procurement Manager with responsibility for securing large volumes of recycled paper as raw material for the same mills for which he previously had produced large volumes of spruce-fir pulpwood. In the mid 1970's Harvey was instrumental in helping to establish the Cooperative Forestry Research Unit (CFRU) at the University of Maine and served as one of the first chairs of the Unit's advisory committee. CFRU was a unique collaboration of Maine-based forest industry corporations providing funding for research by university scientists; a research program that continues to this day. In retirement he was appointed to Maine's Land Use Regulation Commission which he chaired through the revision of the state's Comprehensive Land Use Management Plan and the Plum Creek Moosehead Lake Project which created one of the largest working forest conservation easements in the nation. Throughout his career he effectively fostered the careers of numerous young foresters and promoted their participation in SAF. Harvey joined SAF in 1964 and served actively in the Maine Division and New England SAF. In 2003 Bart Harvey received the NE SAF Distinguished Service Award.



John C. Calhoun, Jr.,84, died suddenly on November 3rd at his residence at Rivermead Retirement Community in Peterborough, NH. The son of John C. and Cecelia (Machado) Calhoun, he was born in Springfield, MA in 1926, graduated from the Hotchkiss School in 1944. He attended Yale University where he was a member of Scroll & Key and a four year member of the varsity hockey team, graduating in 1948. He returned to Yale, receiving a Masters Degree in Forestry and Conservation in 1952.

He began his career with the St. Regis Paper Company as a manager in their Northern Woodlands Division based in the heart of the Great North Woods in West Stewardstown, NH. In 1955 he moved south to Gilsum where he settled his young and growing family. He lived here until moving to Peterborough in 2005.

For more than 40 years he was the principal of Calhoun Forestry, a forestry consulting practice advising clients across New England. A passionate and early advocate of sustainable forestry practices. He held a lifelong belief that sustainably managed forests support diverse local economies, offer an economic basis for open space protection and provide the resources needed for contemporary lifestyles.

In 1974 he founded Forest Fuels, Inc., and the company built and operated several large scale wood energy plants across New England and elsewhere in the US until declining oil prices removed the company's competitive advantage in the mid-1980s.

In the 1980s he served as a trustee of the Audubon Society of New Hampshire. Previously he was a board member of the Cheshire County Soil Conservation District. For over 50 years he was a member of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, a member of the N.H. Timberland Owners Association and the New Hampshire Chapter of the Society of American Foresters.

Calhoun is survived by his wife, Helen Livingston whom he married in 1999, and by his five children, his step brother, and his step sister, as well as eight grandchildren.

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attendees agreed with Danek's sentiments.

Jacob Hicks, UMaine SAF Student Chapter Chair, confided that "interaction with other chapters was invaluable, and knowing how we all fit into the bigger picture makes the extra involvement worth the effort." In addition, Hicks found the Conclave to be the

Carly Belliva (UMass, left) and Kelsey Troy (UMaine) discuss issues concerning student SAF chapters

perfect setting for effective discussion on leadership and organizational issues at chapter and regional levels.

Greg Clarke, University of Connecticut, enjoyed "learning about the local history and the current management activities and research being conducted at the Quabbin Watershed, the Montague Sand Plain and the Harvard Forest." He also appreciated "the opportunity to learn from, share ideas and meet different people from different areas of our Northeast Region who share common interests to responsibly manage forest, water and wildlife resources."

Taylor Lucey, a UMass student who attended the Conclave out of curiosity, "had a wonderful experience in the NY/NE Student Conclave." Although she is not a forestry major, she "really enjoyed meeting with other environmentally concerned students and hearing their thoughts on the future of forest management." She "hopes for the success of future NESAF events like this one and that the Student Conclave becomes a tradition."

Kelsey Troy, Immediate Past Chair of the UMaine SAF Student Chapter, enjoyed seeing Massachusetts' unique forest aspects, such as fire management on the Montague Sand Plain. She found the Conclave's relaxed setting as being beneficial for students to "talk to a peer group about why they are in forestry, what they have done in the program and what they plan to do with that degree. It's refreshing to hear about being unsure about where to go [after graduation] but still being sure that you want to be a part of something (like SAF)." Troy also believes that "these conclaves should grow in number of schools represented because this is something particularly beneficial – that would be worth joining SAF for."

And as for next year? So far, the 2nd Annual NE-SAF / NY Student Conclave is shaping up to be held at Paul Smith's College in the Adirondacks of New York. Jeremiah Burch (UMaine) is "looking forward to being more involved with SAF next year, having the Conclave at Paul Smith's, and hoping we'll see a few more schools in attendance." Marin George, a student at Paul Smith's, enjoyed this year's conclave, and described her thoughts as follows:

I had a great time attending the NESAF conclave. As a first year student in forestry I gained some insight as to how great the opportunities are within the field. It was quite apparent that a lot of time and effort were put into the planning of the conclave and for this I am appreciative of the weekend overall.

SAF is an organization that benefits greatly from events like this, so I would like to see them occur more often. I feel like after the weekend in Petersham, I learned much more about the organization and was able to bring much of the obtained information back to Paul Smiths.

We have begun our brainstorming process for next year's conclave. Nothing is set in stone but we were thinking that perhaps the topic for next year's conclave could focus on forest succession in the Adirondacks, from old fields to old growths. We will continue to work on ideas and keep in touch with everyone.

As George suggests, stay tuned for more information on next year's Student Conclave. As a participant in this year's event, I sincerely hope that forthcoming students can maintain the level of enthusiasm generated in Massachusetts this fall, as it was an empowering experience. Finally, I urge those in contact with students to heartily recommend this event in the future; it was, hands down, my favorite weekend of the year.

Fellow students: Make sure to join us March 31st to April 1st, 2011, as we continue to get to know each other – and discuss issues pertinent to our respective chapters – at the NESAF Annual Winter Meeting in Fairlee, Vermont.

DIVISION NEWS

Maine - Anthony Filauro

Stewardship Award
In October, Prentiss & Carlisle Company, established in1924 and located in Bangor, Maine received the Austin Wilkins Stewardship Award for the exemplary forest management practiced on the one million acres they manage in the State of Maine. David Carlisle, chairman of P & C, acknowledged that credit for the award is due to the forestry staff and the clients they serve. Congratulations are extended to Prentiss & Carlisle Co. and their staff for receiving this award and for their stewardship of the forestlands they manage.

Maine Forest Service Silviculture Report
Over the past five years harvested acreage in the State of Maine has declined from a high of 531,883 acres in 2005 to a low of 394,100 acres in 2009, a reduction of almost 26%. The most significant declines occurred in '08 and '09 and were a reflection of the U.S. economy.

Vegetation control using herbicides increased in 2009 to 10,893 acres, over 8,747 acres in 2008. However, TSI work (pre-commercial thinning of juvenile stands) decreased from 8947 acres in 2008 to 3,886 acres in 2009, a reduction of almost 57%. Management of the juvenile forest indicates long-term goals of forestland owners. Hopefully the funding of silvicultural programs will increase as the economy improves, giving hopeful signs of a promising future for Maine's forestlands.

Fall Meeting of MESAF
MESAF's fall meeting, held October 19, 2010 at the University of Maine, focused on a theme of "The New CCC: Conservation, Challenges and Collaboration". The theme emphasized the cooperative efforts of many stakeholders that is needed to maintain Maine's forestlands, in face of the many and diverse demands placed upon this limited resource. Speakers: Jerry Bley with Creative Conservation LLC spoke on "Keeping Maine's Forests"; Stacy Lemieux with the USFS spoke on the efforts that were needed to develop a management plan for the "White Mountain National Forest"; Spencer Meyer spoke on research efforts of the "Cooperative Forestry Research Unit", and Patrick Sirois spoke about sustainable forestry under the program of "Forest Certification". During the afternoon session, the membership was divided into several groups to discuss different forestry/conservations topics in the context of the information gleaned from the morning's presentations. Each group presented a summary of their deliberations to the membership in attendance at the meeting, followed by a wrap-up and review of what was learned from the day's program.

At the business meeting, several individuals were recognized for their years of membership and service in MESAF: **60 years** – Stephen Orach; **50 years** – Gene S. Bergoffen, David B. Clement, Walter R. Gooley Jr, Allan Gordon, Benjamin F. Hoffman Jr; **40 years** – Sidney E. Balch, Michael F. Coffman; **30 years** – Gary D. Bahlkow, Susan G. Conard, Herbert R. Dickey lll, Gregory E. Foster, James R. Runyan, John R. Sutton, Alan S. White.

Changing Times
A recent article in the Bangor Daily News indicates that only 2% of Maine's workforce is employed in a natural resource based industry, which includes agriculture, forestry, fishing and mining. This represents a considerable reduction from the higher levels of employment that were reported in the 1970's for this sector of the economy. Since the year 2000, the state's labor force in the natural resources sector has been reduced by more than 8 percent. It's possible these figures will continue to slide in coming years due to global markets, coupled with employment reductions caused by increased regulation of the fishing industry.

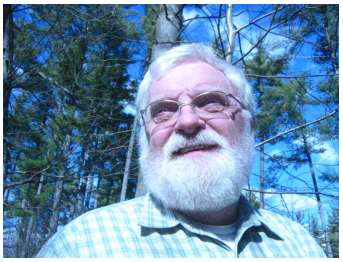
Rhode Island - Paul Boisvert—No News

Granite State - Jon Nute

Stoddard Retires, Prusik Steps Up
After 20 years, Sam Stoddard has retired as the UNH Cooperative Extension forester in Coos County. After a lengthy search, attracting 32 applicants, Brendan Prusik started in the position on December 6. Brendan has an Associate's degree in Forest technology from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Wanakena, NY, followed by a Bachelor's degree in Forest Biology and Resource Management from SUNY in Syracuse. Most of his career has been as a senior forester with Champion International in northern NH, but he also has worked for the USDA Forest Service in NY, for a consulting forestry business in PA and for a commercial wood flooring business, also in NY.

Don Winsor Honored
At the 17th annual national Tree Farm convention held in July in Burlington, VT, Don Winsor was named the Northeast Regional Tree Farm Inspector of the year. He had been honored earlier by the NH Tree Farm as the 2010 NH Outstanding Tree Farm Inspector. Don lives in Rumney and is the procurement forester for Henniker Hardwood Products, Inc. Besides reliably completing his many reinspections each year, Don is an enthusiastic supporter of PLT, hosting student field trips both at the HHP mill in Henniker as well as their 400 acre forest in Rumney. He has also lead student trips to harvest sites at the White Mountain National Forest as part of PLT's "Forests for Every Classroom" to demonstrate the role of management in maintaining a forest landscape. Don relaxes by working in his family 129 acre Tree Farm in Plymouth.

George Frame Appointed Senior Director of Forestry at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests



The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests announced the appointment of George Frame of Bristol, NH, as Senior Director of Forestry. This is a new position responsible for the stewardship of the Forest Society's 167 fee-owned forest reservations. Forest Society lands are managed for multiple uses, including sustainable forest management, public recreation, protection of wildlife habitat and unique natural environments, conservation of water quality and supply, flood storage and other forest-related enterprises.

Granite State Division Society of American Foresters Winter Meeting will be held Friday February 11, 2011 8am to 3:30pm
Attitash Grand Summit Hotel & Conference Center, Route 302, Bartlett NH
NH Licensed Forester - 5.0 CEUs
SAF Category 1 - 4.5 CFEs

Registration Deadline February 4, 2011,
visit www.nhwoods.org for more info.
Any questions about the day, please contact:
Steve Roberge,
603.352.4550, steven.roberge@unh.edu

Green Mountain

New Commissioner of Forests Parks and Recreation

Chittenden County Forester Michael Snyder has recently been appointed as the new Commissioner of the Department of Forest Parks and Recreation by Govenor elect Peter Shumlin.
Michael Snyder has been a County Forester since 1997 and is a frequent lecturer at UVM's Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources. Michael Snyder also is a writer for *Northern Woodlands* Magazine.

Massachussetts– Randall Stone-

DCR News: Since the completion of the Forest Futures Visioning Process (FFVP) last April, DCR has developed a framework for designation of DCR State and Urban Parks property as Reserves, Parklands, and Woodlands and developed a draft set of selection criteria and management guidelines. Public workshops were held across the state in November and December to solicit public input on the draft selection criteria for each of the three landscape designations to be used in the process.

The Governor's Office recently announced the ap-

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pointment of second term cabinet secretaries. DCR Commissioner Rick Sullivan will take over as Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, replacing Ian Bowles who served for the last four years.

Volunteer Opportunity: Public help needed for cottontail survey. Beginning this winter, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW) will be conducting a statewide survey of cottontail rabbits to assess the distribution and population of New England cottontails (Sylvilagus transitionalis), the only cottontail rabbit species native to the northeastern United States, and rarely seen. Two kinds of cottontail rabbits are found in Massachusetts, the common non-native Eastern cottontail (Sylvilagus floridanus) and the New England cottontail. Division biologists are asking for the help of hunters, highway department workers, animal control officers, and other interested citizens across the state to provide DFW with cottontail carcasses or intact cottontail skulls for the survey. – from *MassWildlife News*

Connecticut - Mel Harder

The following is reported by Phil Caspar (chair) & Jason Nerenberg (sec/treas)
CT SAF has seated new officers. Deborah Spalding will ascend to chair after a year serving as vice-chair. Vice-chair will be filled by Mike Bartlett of Hull Forest Products. Secretary/treasurer position will be filled by Yale Forestry student Alex Barrett.

The Connecticut chapter held its annual summer meeting at the Pomfret School in Pomfret, CT in August. The discussion was framed around the Massachusetts Commonwealth Forest Heritage Plan. We heard from Charlie Thompson, Tom Worthley, Bill Labich, Chris Pryor, and Chris Martin, all great speakers. One of the conclusions of the meeting was that other organizations that care about forests should be viewed as potential allies. Foresters should get involved with other such organizations to share ideas.

The CT Chapter was a sponsor of this year's Connecticut Forest Conservation & Research Forum, held in West Hartford in November. Many members participated.

An annual winter meeting is being planned, and CT leadership has put out a call for suggestions as to topic/theme.

Yale Student Chapter
Received from Shelby Semmes, Yale Student Chapter chair.
Events for Year End 2010, Yale Student Chapter
Yale University, School of Forestry and Environmental Studies
Spring 2010:
- Wildland Firefighter Training- Current students and career wildland firefighting professionals Matt Carroll (MF'10) and Jason Lawhon (MF '11) organized and taught a weekend course that offered participants two certifications: S-130 Firefighter Training and S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior
- Dinner with a Forester: Bob Perschel- SAF sponsored dinner with the Forest Guild's Northeast Director discussing biomass harvesting and retention
- Spring prescribed burn at Yale Myers Forest- SAF students assisted the School Forest Manager in a prescribed burn of a small part of Yale Myers Forest. The purpose of the burn was to maintain early successional habitat within the French Division of the Myers Forest.
- SAF tree planting with Urban Resources Initiative Greenskills on Arbor Day

Fall 2010
- Yale SAF chapter held a retreat at Yale-Myers Forest: A dozen students and SAF members spent the night at the forest, clearing brush and cutting fireline in anticipation of a restoration burn of our Christmas Tree field for spring 2011
- **The chapter sent 12 students to the annual SAF conference held in Albuquerque, New Mexico.** *T*Jason Brown (MF '11, MDiv '11) and Gina Lopez (MF '11) submitted posters on the respective topics of Federal Employment Among Native Americans in Natural Resources agencies and Trends in Catholic Women's Ownership of Forestland
- Dinner with a Forester: Christopher Riley, Forest Supervisor for Providence Water, who discussed his career at the intersection of forestry and watershed management
- Hardwood Propagation workshop with Adam Wheeler, propagation and Plant Development Manager at Broken Arrow Nurseries.
- SAF tree planting with Urban Resources Initiative Greenskills Program in New Haven CT
- Christmas Tree Sale- This year the chapter

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hopes to sell 40+ Christmas trees, student made wreaths & ilex boughs to students, faculty and community members as part of our annual fund-raising events (event forthcoming).

Yankee Division
Mel Harder, CT rep., is acting liaison between NE-SAF E.C. and Yankee Division. Yankee Division is host for the 2012 NESAF winter meeting, which will be held at the UMASS Conference Center.

The following information was received from Bill VanDoren, chair of the 2012 winter meeting planning committee.

NESAF 2012 Annual Meeting - Yankee Division Planning Update
Committees: The only vacancies left at this point are Quiz bowl: Tim Hawley has offered to moderate; he will be looking for help.
Poster session: This position is usually filled by the Forest Science Coordinator. J.P. Barsky at the CT Experiment Station had indicated willingness to help with the posters at the 2012 meeting, but is not the FSC. I cc'd some of the NESAF leadership to see if would be an issue if the FSC did not do the posters…I think it's a relatively minor issue, but just want to check before its finalized.
Tours & Program Guide: Once Jeff Ward starts off the Program Committee meetings I'll ask that committee to select people to fill those vacancies.

Co-hosting: The 2012 meeting will tentatively be co-hosted with the Northeastern Forest Pest Council.
Conference deposit: Tom Worthley, YDIV Secretary/Treasurer, received a check from NESAF for $1,000 as seed money to help with our $3,000 deposit to UMass Conference Services. Dana Hachigian was helpful in getting the check issued. Tom Worthley indicated that he's keeping track of the expenses and receipts

The Book Shelf Books for our readers from our readers

Have you been trying to entice your children and grandchildren to become passionate about the woods? Have you wanted to find a way to get them away from the television and other media technology? According to Michigan University, our mission is a tough one. Kids ages 3-5 spend 32 hours/week while 6-11 year olds spend 28 hours/week watching television. Here is a new book by SAF member, Lynn Levine, whose mission is to inspire children to go to the woods. You might know of her from her previous books, *Working with Your Woodland: A Landowner's Guide,* and *Mammal Tracks and Scat: Life-Size Tracking Guide.* Her new book is called *Snow Secrets* and is about Sarah and Jasmine, both sixth graders, who venture into the woods with Tess, an Abenaki woman, and learn the art of tracking. Mysteries await them at every turn. When they return home, they learn that Boots, Sarah's cat, is missing. On their own, the girls use their recently acquired skills to search for Boots.

Lynn was born in Brooklyn and moved to Vermont in 1974. Four years later, having received her master's degree in forestry from the University of Massachusetts, Lynn became the first female consulting forester in New England. Throughout her career, she has been passionate about protecting the integrity of the forest. Lynn has inspired young people and adults to connect with the woods. She has taken thousands of people into the forest to share her love of nature, and to spur others to feel the same. She has found that teaching tracking is one powerful way to spark and enhance that bond.

Kim Royar, wildlife biologist for the State of Vermont, endorsed the book when she wrote**: "**Getting children, especially young girls, excited about wildlife and spending time in the out-of-doors, is one of the great challenges of this generation. *Snow Secrets* opens the door to the wonders of nature and the everyday secrets available to those willing to spend a little time in the woods. The growing capability and confidence shown by the girls in this book will inspire other young people to get outside. Lynn's knowledge and love of wildlife, tracking, and nature are evident throughout the book."
Sue Morse, director of Keeping Track, concurred when she wrote: "This is a book for young people who yearn for a deeper relationship with the forest. Sarah, the protagonist, is drawn into the mystery and wonder of nature, and the tracks lead her to a new awareness, not only about the wild world around her, but about herself as well."
For more information about the book, you can go to her website heartwoodpress.com.

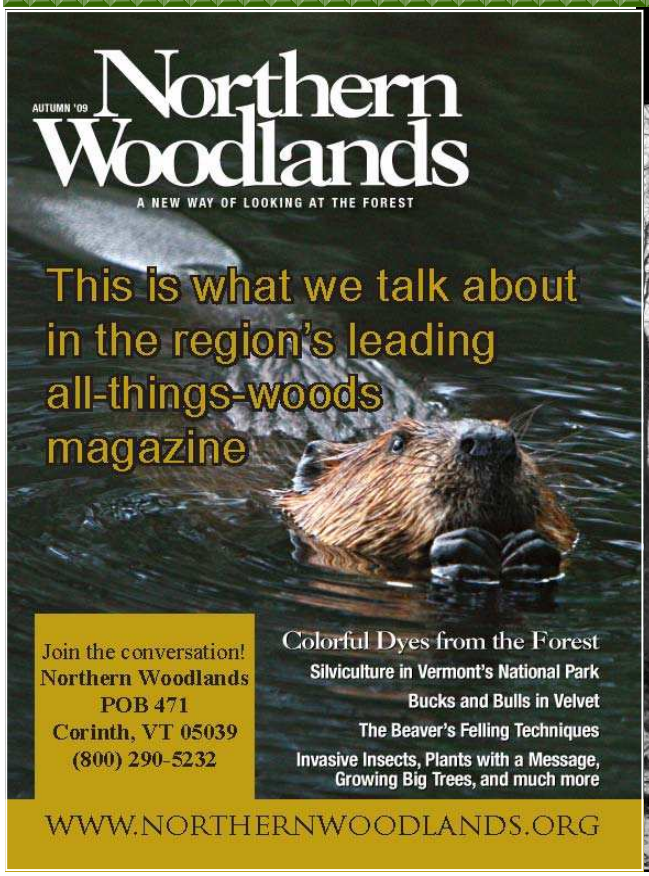
NESAF Winter Meeting 2011
CALL FOR Posters and Papers

The New England Society of American Foresters is announcing a call for papers for the 91st Winter Meeting to be held March 30 – April 1, 2011, at Lake Morey Resort in Fairlee, VT. The papers will be presented during the new Lightning Round session and Posters will be presented during the Poster Session. Papers can be submitted as Oral (with a poster) or as a stand-alone poster. The idea of the lightning round is to provide a forum for anyone with new research results or other relevant information to present to NESAF.

Oral presentations will run for a total of 10 minutes including any questions, and the timekeeper will be strict. Anyone giving a lightning round oral presentation may also prepare an accompanying poster to display during the poster session. Posters may also be offered as stand-alone presentations. Submissions will be evaluated based on their scientific merit and relevance to the fields of forestry and natural resources. This call for papers is open to all attendees wishing to present new developments in all disciplines related to forestry and natural resources.

Submission Guidlines

1. Send electronic copy of 200 word abstract in MS Word Format by February 15th 2011.
2. Use lead author's name as document file name (e.g., Smith.doc).
3. Put "NESAF 2011 Abstract" in the Subject Line of the email message.
4. In the body of the message…
   Include preference for 1) Oral + Poster or 2) Poster Presentation.
   Write out Title of Presentation.
   Give full contact information of Lead Author.
5. Send to Dr. Jim Harding at the following address: hardingj@greenmtn.edu and to Dr. Mark Twery at mtwery@fs.fed.us.



Membership Report

Welcome to the new year! We had a great year in 2010 and I'm looking forward to another here in New England; some things just don't get old.

The membership drive is still underway, shifting from formers and potentials to inactives and those who haven't renewed. We've had the great fortune of having Jake Hicks, Emma Schultz, Eli Shank, and Ella Silver help me with phone calls to former and potential members. One out of three people we spoke with wanted to rejoin. We have many more calls to make but couldn't be happier with the welcoming response.

Thanks to all of you for making this such a great organization. If you ever want to get more involved or to see positive changes, please contact me. We have a variety of opportunities for varying levels of involvement from short-term to sustaining efforts; all of which will make a substantial impact.

Peter L. Greeno, Membership Chair
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NESAF Welcomes New Members

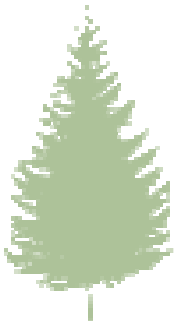
The following members joined, reinstated, or transferred into NESAF between September 1, and December 1, 2010. Please take a moment to welcome them to our professional organization!

Green Mountain Division
Kelsy Allan
Scott J. Chernoff
Alex T. Cumings
Sarah M. Dengler
Jeffrey L. Drew
Christopher R. Esposito
Matt Eule
Kaitlin S. Finn
Emily Hawkins
Dougal W. Hitchen
Marjorie Jarvis
David M. Jorrey
Tori Knoss
Tyler R. Lawson
John Loffredo
Joshua P. Mathews
Laura R. McRee
Annika Quinn Metcalf
Amanda Posey
Brendan P. Rosa
Anna D. Saco
Elaina G. Scorpio
Jennifer Seredejko
Hannah L. Spencer
Ashley E. Staron
Benjamin Prescott Sweet
Cody B. Tedford
Nina M. Huffer
Dennis W. Candelora
David Logan Mausel

Granite State Division
Mark J. Ducey
Michael Jensen
Daniel Maynard (UNH)
Sean Thomas Ross

Maine Division
Michael A. Duddy
Sandra Walczyk (UMaine)
Mark McLellan (UMaine)
Daniel D. Tesini
Leah Marie Phillips (UMaine)
John M. Kelly
Collin A. Calhoun
Robert Alan Thorndike II
Robert A. Giffen
Jeremiah R. Burch (UMaine)
Colton S. Burgess (UMaine)
Kourtney K. Collum (UMaine)
Amos D. Dean (UMaine)
Casey A Elmer (UMaine)
Cody R. LaChance (UMaine)
Luke Longstreeth (UMaine)
Eric A. Mauricette (UMaine)
Emily P. Meacham (UMaine)
Richard D. Nickerson (UMaine)
Garin M. Peck (UMaine)
Kristin A. Peet (UMaine)
Eleanor A. Silver (UMaine)

Yankee Division
Alex L. Barrett (Yale)
Erin D. Clark (Yale)
Jason Clark (Yale)
Gregg J. Cassidy (CT)
Edward Paul Haynes (UMass)
Evan F. Ray (Yale)
Lori Summers (Yale)
Kayanna Warren (Yale)
Daniel K. Mayer (MA)
Amber Tulloch (UMass)



NE SAF AFFAIRS

Chair Report- Ed O'Leary

As you are probably all aware, I was elected Vice Chair of NESAF back in 2008, and am now stepping up to the position of Chair for the next two years. I have served on the NESAF Executive Committee for the past six years, having been the Green Mountain Division's Representative for two, 2-year terms prior to becoming Vice Chair, so I feel that I have been part of this great organization for a long time. I just reviewed the first columns for the News Quarterly, written by my three predecessors, Ken Laustsen, George Frame and Ron Lemin, upon their becoming NESAF Chair, to see what words of wisdom I might try to impart. I have learned a lot having worked with these folks and I believe that I am up to this new challenge.

As I write this, on the winter solstice, I am recalling my recent wonderful summer vacation earlier this month to Uruguay, which begins its summer tomorrow. During the school year 1996-97, my family and I had the honor of hosting an exchange student from Uruguay. Though Nicolas has been back to visit us five times since then, we had never met his family nor seen his beautiful country, so this was the year to do it. The reason I mention this, is that though Uruguay is over 5500 miles from home, it was quite similar in that most of the country is rural with a low population, with almost 87% used for agriculture, including forestry. Uruguay is smaller than the state of Oregon, while more than 9 million acres of the country have been identified as suitable for forestry, and have been proven to be able to produce fast growth, short rotation, high quality plantation crops, with among the fastest growth in the world. The government has declared forestry to be of national interest, has established "Forestry Priority Areas" and has initiated a program of credits and fiscal incentives to promote plant action projects. Species which have been approved for planting include 3 species of eucalyptus (globules, grandis and sligna) 3 species of pine (P. pinaster, a pine native to the Mediterranean area, P. elliottii, aka slash pine; and P. taeda, aka loblolly) and 3 hybrid poplar/willow species. These

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District 6 Council Report
George Frame, CF

The SAF Council met in Bethesda Maryland over the weekend of December 4. I had never been to the SAF headquarters in the Pinchot building at 5400 Grosvenor Lane. As it turns out my Shuttle driver hadn't either but luckily his GPS took us right to the spot with only two small transgressions. He was emphatic that he couldn't do his job without this new technology. There was too much data out there, too many addresses and too many streets to memorize. I'm sure there is a story in there somewhere that relates to modern foresters but I need to leave that for another time. Back to Council!

Most Council meetings are whirlwind affairs starting with a session Friday afternoon, going all day Saturday and ending with a morning session on Sunday. The agenda was 2 pages long and the supporting information took an additional 259 pages. I'm really glad I bought that laptop a few years ago and that someone created pdf files. I like supporting wood-using industry but carrying all that paper around would be a misery.

One of the big highlights of the meeting was a decision of the Council to rest for awhile before any action to raise dues. It was felt by the majority that more information was needed about the impacts of a raise on membership, on services and on recruitment.

We spent time discussing the committee proposed changes to the Strategic Plan. This was followed up with a discussion of what was needed to increase the member awareness of the goals and actions of the plan to the chapter level. HSD spent considerable time working on this issue during their meeting in Albuquerque and the results of that time were shared with the Council and will be incorporated into the final document.

Convention was a very large success for SAF with attendance nearly 1500. Hawaii provides some good incentives for attendance next year so I hope everyone starts saving for it early. The overall

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species are being used for pulp and paper production, while the pines have a demand and acceptance for lumber and veneer production. Though I shouldn't be surprised, I simply wasn't expecting an education in Uruguayan forestry during my vacation, but I found the experience fascinating and informative.

Finally, with all of the talk currently taking place in New England with regard to biomass, it was interesting to learn of the similarities in a small country in the Southern Hemisphere. The lesson here is that forestry takes place almost everywhere.

I would like to quickly comment on the recent House of Society Delegates meeting, which took place prior to the 2010 National SAF Convention in Albuquerque, which both Ron Lemin and I attended on your behalf. During that session, we participated in a Strategic Planning exercise, and were asked to identify activities undertaken by our respective State Societies that would nest under one of the five Strategic Goals. You all should be proud of how many relevant and valuable initiatives NESAF has undertaken or is currently involved with, which are assisting National SAF implement its Strategic Plan.

I look forward to the next two years as your Chair. I strongly encourage you to contact me, or any member of the NESAF Executive Committee, if there is something you want us to do, we are doing something you don't approve of, or you would like to offer suggestions as to activities we should initiate which will make us a more recognizable organization by the general public. We can only do our job as your elected representatives if we know what is on your mind. Please communicate with us! As always, there is never an overabundance of volunteers, so if you would like to help make NESAF even better, just let us know that you would like to contribute.

I will be looking forward to seeing you at the 2011 Winter NESAF Meeting in Vermont in March!

NEWS QUARTERLY Publication Calendar

Issue	Submission Deadline	Publication Date
January	December 22	January 15
April	March 22	April 15
June	May 22	June 15
October	September 22	October 15

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budget picture is better than last year but still not in the black. The National office has done some extraordinary things to cut expenses but membership is still declining.

It is hoped that some of the steps taken that affect the services received by the membership like receiving access to all the Journals offered by SAF as part of your membership will turn this around. The new database, which was previewed at the meeting, should help members navigate the National website more easily with less logging in and quicker response time.

SAF policy Director Erica Rhodes presented a newly re-written Policy Guidebook that spells out the process for policy action within the organization. This is one of the areas where National SAF staff does yeoman work for the membership. More and more as forest-related issues intensify SAF is looked to for the well thought through science by Congress, Federal Departments and Legislative Committees. Whether successful or not this effort is highly regarded at the National level and is bearing fruit down to the local level as well. Yankee Division's and Mass Chapter's recent Department of Energy response is one example of local and National SAF working together to craft a well designed and meaningful document stating our case.

If you ever have any questions or issues to bring forward please contact me at gframe@forestsociety.org or call 603-224-9945.

Society of American Foresters

Winter Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 30., 2011

8:00 – 5:00 **NESAF Registration – Lobby**

GENERAL SESSION

Terrace Ballroom

10:00 Welcome – Ed O'Leary, Chair NESAF
Sam Schneski, Chair GMSAF

10:30 First Keynote Address
Topic: "Making Decisions on Climate Change Policy"
Speaker: Mark Borsuk, Dartmouth College

11:20 Second Keynote Address
Topic: "Irregular Shelterwood as an Approach for Rehabilitative Silviculture"
Speaker: Patricia Raymond, Quebec Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife

12:00 – 2:00 **Buffet Lunch and NESAF Business Meeting**

2:00 – 2:15 **Break and Exhibits/Posters – Morey Room**

2:15 - 3:45 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS A**

Technical Session 1: Rehabilitation Silviculture – Terrace Ballroom
Moderator: John Brissette, USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station
Ralph Nyland, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
Jean-Martin Lussier, Canadian Forest Service
Laura Kenefic, USDA Forest Service, Northern Research Station

Technical Session 2: Urban Forestry from 30,000 feet – Lakeside Room
Moderator: John Parry, USDA Forest Service, NA, Durham, NH
New Tools in Remote Sensing to Manage the Urban Forest
Jarlath O'Neil-Dunne, University of Vermont: Urban Tree Canopy Analysis -
Dave Schneider, City of Rutland, and **Nancy McGuire**, NRCS: Case Studies – Rutland, VT
William Frament, USDA Forest Service: Use of Sketch Mapping to Plan Urban Tree Planting and Management

Technical Session 3: Field Investigations- A Growing Trend in Environmental Education – Waterlot Room
Moderator: Karen Bennett, N.H. Extension Forester, UNH Cooperative Extension
Susan Cox, Conservation Education Coordinator, NA State and Private Forestry: Overview of Field Investigations and the How Foresters Can Help
Esther Cowles, Executive Director, N.H. Project Learning Tree: A Prescription for Changing Teacher Practice
Pat Maloney, Coordinator, Maine Project Learning Tree & **Ken Laustsen**, Biometrician, Maine Forest Service: Forest Inventory Growth Project (FIG)- A Field Application for High School Students

Technical Session 4: Innovations in Non-Timber Forest Inventory and Assessment - Theater
Moderator: Spencer Meyer, Center for Research on Sustainable Forests, University of Maine
Patrick Graham, International Wind Energy Lead, James W. Sewall Company: Wind Project Siting and Development on Forest Land
Dave Fuller, Coop Extension, Univ. of Maine: Forest Mensuration for Non-Timber Products
Jim Smith, Research Plant Physiologist, US Forest Service: Getting There From Here: Ways of Measuring Forest Carbon Stocks

3:45 – 4:00 **Break and Exhibits/Posters – Morey Room**

4:00 – 5:30 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS B**

Technical Session 5: National Forest Silviculture in New England – Terrace Ballroom
Moderator: Chris Casey, USDA Forest Service, Middlebury, VT
Chris Casey: Silviculture and Stewardship-an Integrated Resource Approach for the

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Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests

Nancy Burt: Soil Disturbance Monitoring on the Green Mountain NF

Technical Session 6: Community Forestry Initiatives – Lakeside Room

Moderator: David Kittredge, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Kristen Hoffmann, Forestland Steward, Forest Society of Maine: Amherst Mountains Community Forest.

Carl Wallman (landowner, Harmont Hill Farm) and **Jim Oehler**, NH Fish and Game: Northwood Area Land Management Collaborative,

Technical Session 7: Floodplain Forest Restoration– Waterlot Room

Moderator: Dan Kilborn, Vermont Land Trust, St. Johnsbury, VT

Mike Kline, VT State Rivers Program Manager: An Introduction to Fluvial Geomorphology.

Roy Schiff, Water Resource Scientist and Engineer, Milone & MacBroom, Inc.: Floodplain Functions and Restoration.

Liz Thompson, Director of Conservation Science, Vermont Land Trust: Floodplain Communities in New England.

Technical Session 8: GIS Data Acquisition and Integration – Theater

Moderator: Wilfred Mercier, Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, University of Maine

Lin Neifert, Vermont Liaison, US Geological Survey: National Datasets

Jake Metzler, Forestland Stewardship Manager, Forest Society of Maine: Integrating GIS Data from Private and Public Sources for Forest Conservation

Brad Agius, GIS Analyst and Ecologist, Tetra Tech, Inc.: Spatial Data Essentials for Natural Resource Assessment

5:30 – 6:30 Theater: Student Quiz Bowl
Morey Room: Woodcraft and Technology Demos / Posters and Exhibits
Steamboat Lounge Ice Breaker

6:00 – 8:00 Pizza for Students After the Quiz Bowl – sponsored Pizza for STUDENTS

6:00 – 8:00 Dinner Cash Buffet in the dining room or on your own

7:30 – 9:30 Entertainment: Steamboat Lounge – Cold Country Bluegrass

Thursday, March 31, 2011

7:00 – 5:00 Registration – Lobby

7:00 – 8:30 Continental Breakfast – Morey Room

7:30 – 8:30 Working Group Meetings – locations TBA
Student Meeting – Waterlot Room

GENERAL SESSION
Terrace Ballroom

8:30 – 10:00 Panel Discussion: Maintaining Connectivity , Sustaining Ecosystems
Justina Ray, Two Countries One Forest
David Foster, Harvard Forest

10:00 – 10:30 Break / Exhibits / Posters - Morey Room

10:30 – 12:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS C

Technical Session 9: Staying Connected: cross-boundary management: – Edgewater Room

Moderator: Nancy Patch, Vermont Department of Forests & Parks

Phil Huffmann, The Nature Conservancy VT: four state/bi-national perspective

Dirk Bryant, Adirondack Nature Conservancy: modeling and land protection

Corrie Miller, Staying Connected Initiative: community engagement

Technical Session 10: What do you mean, Soils are Green? – Lakeside Room

Moderator: Sam Schneski, Vermont Department of Forests & Parks

Thomas Villars, USDA NRCS: From Stamford to Fort Kent - an overview of New England soils at the speed of sound!

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Scott Bailey, U. S. Forest Service, Northern Research Station: Understanding soil processes that influence tree distribution, growth and health.

Don Ross, University of Vermont: The carbon beneath your footprints: how much and how stable is the carbon in **Vermont's** forest soils.

Technical Session 11: Deer Mismanagement: **– Theater**

Moderator: Bill Kropelin, Burlington Electric Department

Erhard Frost, Forest Guild: Deer impacts on hardwood regeneration and herd "management"

Shawn Haskell, Wildlife Biologist, VT Dept of Fish and Wildlife deer management goals

Joe Nelson, Upland Forestry: dealing with deer in locations with limited hunting pressure

Technical Session 12: Climate Change topics: **– Waterlot Room**

Moderator: Mary Beth Dewey, Green Mountain National Forest

Patricia Butler, Northern Institute of Applied Carbon Science: Climate Change Response Framework for the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CNNF)

John Gunn, Manomet Center: Biomass Sustainability and Carbon Policy

Matthew Smith, Finite Carbon: Forest Carbon Opportunities and Markets

12:00 – 2:00 **NESAF Awards Luncheon – Terrace Ballroom**

2:00 – 3:30 **CONCURRENT SESSIONS D**

Technical Session 13: Silviculture for Biodiversity – Theater

Moderator: Mike Snyder, Vermont Department of Forests & Parks

Si Balch, New England Forestry Fdn: ProSilva – A European approach to sustainable forestry

Andy Whitman, Manomet Center: Bird diversity and silviculture

Trish Hanson, Vermont Forests & Parks: Managing forests with insect diversity in mind

Technical Session 14: Woodland Partnerships – case studies – Lakeside Room

Moderator: Nancy Patch, Vermont Department of Forests & Parks

Ben Machin, Orange County Headwaters (VT)

Jay Rasku, North Quabbin Partnership (MA)

Amanda Mahaffey, Kennebec Woodland Partnership (ME)

Technical Session 15: Invasive Species updates – Edgewater Room

Moderator: Mary Beth Dewey, USDA Forest Service, GMNF, Rutland, VT

Kimberly Wallin, University of Vermont and US Forest Service: "An overview of invasive species problems in forests and why foresters should care"

Kevin Dodds, USDA Forest Service, NA, Durham, NH: Asian Longhorned Beetle

Nate Siegert, USDA Forest Service, NA, Durham, NH: Emerald Ash Borer

Tom Lautzenheiser, Massachusetts Audubon: Hardy Kiwi and other invasive plant problems

Technical Session 16: Offered Presentations: *Lightning Round* – Waterlot Room

Moderator: Mark Twery, USDA Forest Service, NRS, Burlington, VT

8 speakers, 10 minutes each – NEW APPROACH – Come see who has breaking news!

3:30 – 5:00 **Poster Session With Authors present/ View Exhibits – Morey Room**

5:00 – 6:00 **Wildlife Tracking Workshop** - Garden Room

Who is in the woods with you? Join forester/tracker Lynn Levine, co-author of *Working with Your Woodland: A Landowner's Guide*; *Mammal Tracks and Scat: Life-Size Tracking Guide*; and, now, *Snow Secrets*, to hone your tracking skills. This in-depth session will include studying about the movement patterns of mammals, their

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track patterns, their scat, and other signs. Come and share your own tricks of the trade.

5:30 – 7:30 **Alumni Socials**

6:00 – 8:30 **Dinner** **Cash Buffet in the dining room or on your own**

8:00 – until **Traditional music jam session** – Steamboat Lounge – bring your instrument(s)

Friday, April 1, 2011

7:00 – 8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast

FIELD TRIPS and WORKSHOPS

8:30 – 12:00 Field trips will convene in meeting rooms for 20 to 40 minutes for indoor presentations, then organize carpools and proceed to field sites. **BYO: hardhat and safety equipment.**

Field Trip 1: Silvicultural Options for Managing Invasives: the experiences of Dave Paganelli, Orange County Forester

Field Trip 2: Tour of the Ryegate Power Plant (Peter Condaxis)
(Organizer: Bill Kropelin)

Field Trip 3: Wood-fired boilers in schools (Paul Frederick)
(Organizer: Sam Schneski)
Note: This is an encore from a popular tour from 2007. This time we will visit Hanover High School and tour their wood-fired heating plant.

Field Trip 4: Assessing Habitat Conditions and Options for integrating Timber and Forest Bird Habitat Management
(Mike Snyder) We will visit a nearby forested site and assess the habitat conditions (Steve Hagenbuch) and discuss possible management options.

Field Trip 5: Furniture Manufacturing in the Connecticut Valley
(Organizer: Sam Schneski) We plan to visit Copeland Furniture in Bradford, VT. They are an award winning company that has a very compelling green story (http://www.copelandfurniture.com/greenfurniture.php).

Field Trip 6: **Silviculture on the Green Mountain National Forest**
(Organizer: Chris Casey) "Join Foresters, Soil and Wildlife Specialists in a visit the South Road and Apple Orchard Stewardship timber sales on the Manchester District of the Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forests. We will look at and discuss various activities including oak, pine, aspen management, soil monitoring and conversions of plantations to wildlife openings. See and hear how our planning and collaboration with local town government and the National Wild Turkey federation has led to successful stewardship of public lands in Vermont."

Nominate Your FELLOW Colleague!

Nominations are due by March 1st

Information about the current process for Fellow nominations can be found on the National SAF website http://www.safnet.org/about/fellows.cfm or through http://www.nesaf.org/
Electronic nominations are encouraged, although not required.

Forward all nominations to the District Fellows Committee Chair by March 1.
Please submit the nomination to:

Peter Smallidge
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116 Fernow Hall
Ithaca, NY 14853-3001
pjs23@cornell.edu
607-592-3640

Friday, April 1, 2011, continued

WORKSHOPS

8:30 – 12:00

Workshop 1: **Outdoor Recreation 'Cruising' for Natural Resources Professionals**
Dr. John Daigle, University of Maine.

If you work with a town, land trust, or other conservation organization managing their land, do you know how to estimate recreational use or visitation? Practicing foresters know all about cruising to estimate timber volume, value, and extent, but how do you estimate how many people visit a forest? This is increasingly important for towns and organizations, since they need to be able to explain the importance of the land, justify an acquisition, and maybe attempt to acquire more. Estimates of public visitation and use can be important in making the case to acquire and manage forest.

This workshop covers easy to-do recreation assessments that a forester, land trust conservation specialist, or others could do as part of their management. This workshop won't go into the details of a rigorous scientific recreation assessment, but will describe how could someone without much background and a low budget can improve their recreation management by knowing how to count visitors and assess impacts.

Workshop 2: **Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP)**
The Good, the bad and the ugly. Led by Bill Samal

Robert Paquin, Vermont State Executive Director, USDA Farm Service Agency. Bob will provide an overview of BCAP from its inception to date and what future it may have.

Heath Bunnell is owner of H.B. Logging. Heath owns three chippers, sells his products to multiple markets and participated in the BCAP program. He will give a loggers perspective on the program.

Charles Levesque, President of Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC. Charlie will cover his experiences in assisting loggers and biomass users work with BCAP as well as any unintended consequences of the program

Travis Cork, is a consulting forester in South Carolina. He is a student of Austrian Economics and the authors Mises and Hayek. Travis will express his opinions on programs like BCAP, and their unintended consequences.

Workshop 3: **Desktop GIS for Foresters in 2011**
Friday GIS Workshop (Half Day Demonstration Workshop):

When was the last time you updated your GIS knowledge? GIS systems, and their uses for foresters are constantly evolving. Even someone who uses GIS on a weekly or daily basis can find it hard to keep up with all the new developments. If you have a basic knowledge of GIS but find yourself wondering what the latest software is like, or if there might be a better way of accomplishing certain GIS tasks, than this is the GIS workshop for you.

Geared towards foresters who are intermediate users of GIS, this workshop will cover topics such as:

- Data Storage Techniques
- Imagery Use Options
- Queries and Data Tables
- Map Creation
- Data Import and Export
- Data Processing Tools

This will be a demonstration workshop, with ArcGIS 10.0 being the primary platform. Subjects will be covered using a mixture of lectures and live demonstrations. Participants are welcome to bring personal laptops with their own accessible licenses to GIS software to use to follow along with the demonstrations. The sample data used in the demonstrations will be provided. It is also perfectly acceptable to simply listen to the lectures, or to watch while a friend follows along on their computer.

This workshop is organized by Lance Case of Huber Resources and Wilfred Mercier of The Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, The University of Maine.

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Friday –check workshop/field trip choice below—no lunch		$35.00	
Additional awards luncheon ticket		$25.00	
Late fee—(all registrations received after March 12)		$25.00	
TOTAL (enclose check payable to NESAF, or complete credit card information below)			

Awards luncheon menu choice (circle one): London broil Fillet of cod Butternut squash ravioli

Friday choice: Field trip 1 ___ 2___ 3___ 4____ 5____ 6_____ Workshop 1_____ 2____ 3_____

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CFE Update– Andy Fast

NESAF 91st Winter Meeting – 3/30/11-4/1/11, Fairlee, VT	13.0 / I
Herbaceous Perennials – 12/10/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / II
Tree Risk Identification and Management – 12/10/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Understanding Pesticides – 12/10/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Pruning Trees and Shrubs / Introduction to CODIT – 12/8/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Landscape Weed Management – 12/8/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / II
USDA - NRCS Technical Service Provider (TSP) Training – 12/8/10, Bangor, ME	7.5 / I
USDA - NRCS Technical Service Provider (TSP) Training – 12/7/10, Bangor, ME	7.5 / I
Horticulture Calculations – 12/3/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / II
Cabling, Guying, and Lightning Systems – 12/3/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Construction Injury to Trees – 12/1/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Arboriculture Certification and Arboriculture Safety – 12/1/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Plant Selection - Part 2 – 11/22/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Tree and Shrub Disease Management Strategies – 11/22/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Plant Selection - Part 1 – 11/18/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Principles of Weed Science – 11/18/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / II
Adapting to Climate Change in Northern New England: Developing Landscape Solutions for the Natural Resources Community – 11/16/10, Freeport, ME	5.5 / I
Tree and Shrub Insect and Mite Problems – 11/15/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Tree and Shrub Disease – 11/15/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
11th Annual Meeting of MA/RI Chapter of the American Chestnut Foundation – 11/14/10, Sturbridge, MA	2.5 / I
Tree and Shrub Insect Management – 11/10/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Nutrient Management for Woody Plants – 11/10/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Soil Basics – 11/8/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Basic Entomology – 11/8/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Upland Invasive Species Identification and Control Workshop – 11/5/10, Ashland, ME	2.0 / I
Developing Effective Strategies to Reach Small Woodlot Owners – 11/5/10, Auburn, ME	4.5 / II
Science, Myth, and the Future of Forestry in New England – 11/4/10, Campton, NH	3.0 / I
Woody Ornamentals: Cultural Practices and Problems – 11/3/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
Basic Plant Pathology, 11/3/10, Milford, MA	2.0 / I
14th Annual NEMO Meeting – 11/2/10, Stockbridge, MA	4.0 / I
14th Annual NEMO Meeting – 11/1/10, Stockbridge, MA	4.0 / I
Basic Principles of IPM and PHC – 11/1/10, Milford, MA	1.5 / II
Plant Form and Function – 11/1/10, Milford, MA	4.5 / I
Forest Planning Workshop – 10/22/10, Bolton Valley, VT	5.5 / I
Forging Relations - The New CCC: Conservation, Challenges and Collaboration – 10/19/10, Orono, ME	4.5 / I
Yale Forest Forum: The Effect of Federal, State and Local Taxes on Family Forest Owners – 10/15/10, New Haven, CT	3.0 / I
Floodplain Forests: Form, Function, and Future (restoration) – 10/15/10, Enosburg Falls, VT	4.0 / I
Yale Forest Forum: The Effect of Federal, State and Local Taxes on Family Forest Owners – 10/14/10, New Haven, CT	3.5 / I
Maine's Bioenergy Marketplace: What You Need to Know – 10/7/10, Orono, ME	7.5 / I
RISI North American Forest Products Conference – 10/6/10 – 10/8/10, Boston, MA	15.0 / I
Scouting for Pests and Problems of Woody Ornamentals – 9/30/10, Worchester, MA	2.0 / I
Return of the American Elm to the Community Forest – 9/24/10, Woodstock, VT	5.0 / I
Managing Growth, Diversification, and Change in Forest Resource Management in Southern Maine – 9/23/10, Baldwin, ME	5.0 / I
Science, Myth, and the Future of Forestry in New England – 9/23/10, Keene, NH	4.0 / I

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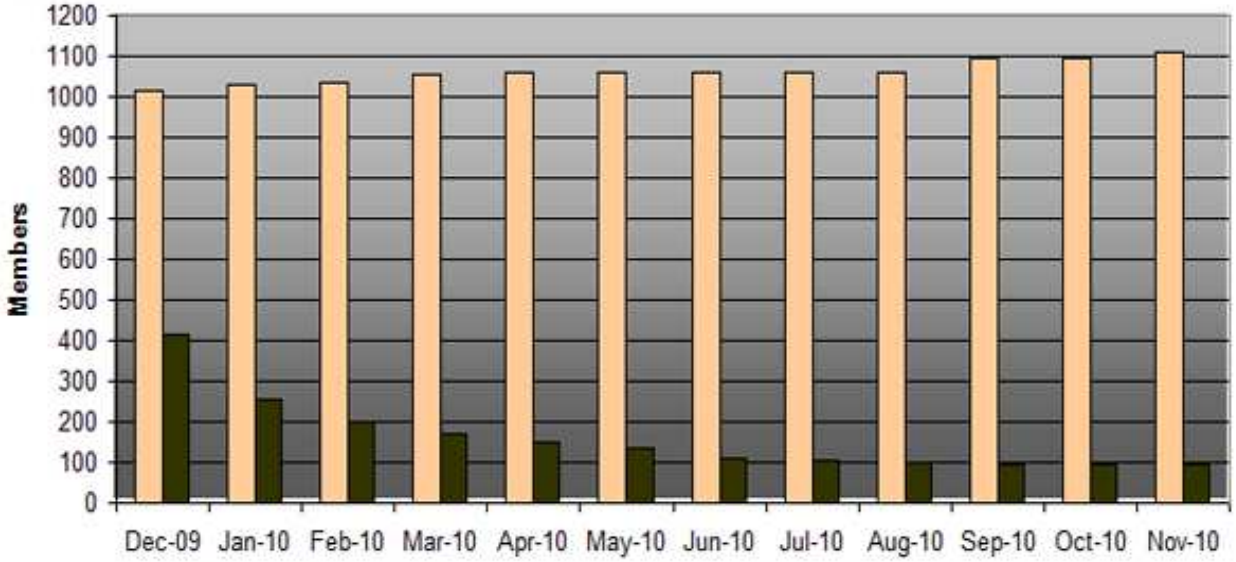

SUMMARY	Avg-09	YTD-09	YTD-10	Goal
Membership	**1002**	**1006**	**1112**	**> 1000**
Gain	124	111	74	
Loss	111	108	14	
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