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The Weeks Act: The Needed Legislation for National Forests in the East

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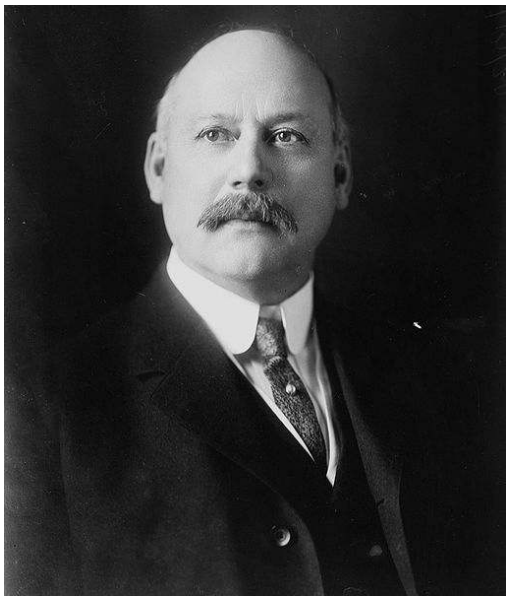
A hundred years ago, the White Mountain region was a different sight. Hundreds of photographs and articles depict a region of mountain sides stripped of trees from what was once virgin forest, streams choked with silt from eroding hillsides, and ash from forest fires falling on nearby towns. Factory owners relying on water power were bemoaning the flooding that occurred after heavy rains and the low flows during summer droughts. Hotel owners were hearing the complaints of the summer tourists who did not like the blackened slopes and streams choked with sawdust and silt. A growing realization between widely diverse interests was building for something to be done in both the White Mountains and the southern Appalachians.



With the rising interests and Congressional action taken at the turn of the 20th Century to set aside forest preserves and National Forests from the vast areas of public domain land in the West, the people of the East sought ways to create such Forests.

Following several unsuccessful presentations to Congress, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the Appalachian Mountain Club, and many other New England and eastern organizations took a prominent part in obtaining support of an act introduced by Congressman John W. Weeks of Massachusetts in 1909 which was finally passed by Congress and signed by President Taft on March 1, 1911. This has since been called the Weeks Law and authorized Federal purchase of forest lands at the head of navigable streams.

On March 27, 1911, the White Mountain area was tentatively approved by the National Forest Reservation Commission at its first regular meeting, pending a favorable report on the geological and hydrological relation between control of forest lands and protection of streams. A favorable report was received as a result of the US Geological Survey during the winter of 1911-1912, in the headwaters of the Pemigewasset River. This report by Forester Benton

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Awards

KAREN P. BENNETT
Integrity in Conservation Award

For over the last two years, Karen has served as the project manager for revisions to the original 1990 era publication "Good Forestry in the Granite State." As one letter of endorsement noted, "One would think developing a non regulatory voluntary guide to forestry would not stir up much controversy. After all, it is voluntary."

Karen became the focal point for which much of this controversy was directed, since she provided the majority of outreach and actively solicited feedback from stakeholders. The underlying fear and concern was that these voluntary practices would be misused or misinterpreted and made a regulatory requirement by towns and communities. She was stalwart throughout, committed equally to the people and the goal; to understanding the concerns of those who own, manage, use, and care about New Hampshire natural resources; and to the creation of a high quality tool that would advance sustainable forestry practices in meaningful ways. Karen's commitment and integrity throughout the process was admirable and bringing the project to its recent publication release in December 2010 is the final capstone of her ability to resolve the conflicts and satisfy all parties.

Since 1979, Karen has worked in UNH Cooperative Extension in a variety of roles, including Hillsborough and Merrimack County Forester and since 1996 as the Extension Specialist where her focus is on the management of private forestlands; providing education to landowners, land managers, conservation volunteers, and public decision makers, and an emphasis of professional development for foresters. For these program specialty areas, an endorsement noted that she has been a strong supporter of working forests and that her educational workshops are always informative and provided landowners and those in the industry with thoughtful and balanced information on all aspects of forest management.

Karen received a BS in Forest Management from UNH in 1979 and then a MS in Forestry from the same university in 1992. She is the author of an extensive listing of select publications including proceedings, handbooks, and educator guides; recognized by NESAF in awarding Karen the 2003 Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award. Karen is a Certified Forester (CF) and a 37 year SAF member.

JOHN A. O'BRIEN
Distinguished Service Award

John has been a recipient of many citations and awards throughout his 40-year career as a land manager, consulting forester, forest engineer, and volunteer leader; including the NESAF 2010 Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award, the 2007 SAF Presidential Field Forester Award, and in 1998 the Wes Meier Award - National Outstanding Tree Farm Inspector. John served as the forester for two NH Outstanding Tree Farms (1994 and 2004). His personal dedication and commitment to forest stewardship has set notably high standards for integrity, honest effort, and professionalism, and has inspired and motivated professional colleagues and clients alike. A well known and widely admired forester both in New Hampshire and Vermont, he has certainly enhanced the public image of our profession and makes a compelling case for long-term, multi-use forest management on land whether

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owned by institutions, public, or private or woodlands large or small.

In an endorsement letter, John was noted as being one of those individuals you can always go to for just one more thing. That one could be his long-term involvement with the NH Tree Farm program as an inspector and past chair, helping his local community of Orford reconstruct the local ball field where he serves as a Little League coach, or involvement with conservation groups in the Upper Connecticut Valley. John is very attentive to other ideas and is not judgmental or narrow minded in his approach to life or the practice of forestry.

His professional background began with an AS at the Thompson School of Applied Science in 1963, with a BS in Forest Management from UNH in 1966. Then a four year tour of active duty with the U.S. Army, which continued with a 28 year stint in the NH Air National Guard (Reserves) where John retired as a Commander/Lt. Colonel in 1990. After his active duty tour John returned to UNH and was awarded a MS degree in Forestry and Wildlife in 1973. John worked 10 years for Wagner Woodlands, and then in 1982 went into private consulting forestry DBA O'Brien Forestry Service. John has been a SAF member for 38 years. Today his business is responsible for forest resource management on 30,000 acres in NH and VT, where he provides a wide range of services.

PETE HOWLAND

James W. Toumey Outstanding Service Award

The Granite State Division of SAF is thankful and grateful for the representation that Pete Howland has provided in his long interaction with the NESAF Executive Committee. Since 2004, Pete has served a total of four consecutive 2-year terms as the state representative of NH. He serves well in this capacity, keeping the Granite State Division Executive Committee informed of regional issues, and then carrying their concerns up to the NESAF EC. The endorser continued to note, "Pete has been the one I can always rely on. His presence, his advice, and perspective have always been appreciated."

Pete has also provided yeoman of assistance to GSD when they served as the host for the NESAF Annual Meeting in 2006 and 2010, serving on the program committee, as a facilitator, or any other duties as assigned.

The other endorsement recognizes Pete's involvement as the NESAF Policy Chair and his careful shepherding and final acceptance of new position statements on climate change and high grading, hot topics that continue to this day to be contentious in terms of our professional response and action; and noted that "Drafting policy strategies requires someone of Pete's calming nature and thoughtful countenance." Pete has always gone the extra step in volunteering as a leader within NESAF, and this recognition is but a small reward for the large commitment and effort Pete has dedicated to

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and expended on behalf of NESAF.

Pete received a BS in Forestry from UNH in 1975 and began his forestry career with 6+ years as a Forester for the Kennett Corp. In 1981 he transitioned and started a longer term career with Saunders Brothers in Fryeburg, ME serving as Forester and Woodlands Manager. Since 2003, Pete has been a Procurement Forester for Cersosimo Lumber, acquiring 2 MMBF of logs per year, while supervising or contracting a variety of other logging services. Pete served as board member (2000 – 2010) and chair (2009 – 2010) of the Maine Hardwood Association; a 30+ year career in NH Fire protection, retiring as the Conway Deputy Chief; has 20+ years with the Ski Patrol at the Wildcat Ski Area, and is a 23 year SAF member.

As one endorsement quaintly noted, "During my tenure on the NESAF Executive Committee, Pete has been the "granite rock" that represents New Hampshire and its members.

CAROL L. REDELSHEIMER

Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award

A former professor at the University of Maine advocated that a "real" forester should practice in three venues during their career: forest industry, consulting forestry, and government. Effectively developing a broad and deep skill set; providing service to an array of groups with different interests, i.e. stockholders, clients, and the public. Carol probably has not intentionally followed this advice and career track, but her biographical sketch details her more than adequate coverage over her career.

It is her 4-year stint as Resource Manager for the Scientific Forest Management Area (SFMA) of Baxter State Park that Carol's skills as a practicing forester, facilitator, and communicator have shined. The overarching guidance in this grand experiment is found in this statement by Percival P. Baxter, "This area will be available for both recreation and for scientific forestry management and can be made to produce a continuing crop of timber to be harvested and sold as potatoes or any other product of the soil." Within the nearly 30,000 acres of the SFMA, Carol has practiced excellent forestry with oversight from a 14-member Advisory Committee, maintained FSC and Forest Guild Model Forest certification, while helping to administer park policies and regulations.

An endorsement also noted that Carol's service on the Maine Board of Licensure for Foresters and the SAF Certification Review Board allowed her to shape the direction and standards of the profession and also to understand the ethical dilemmas facing foresters. Carol sets very high ethical and performance standards for herself.

Another endorsement noted that in the last year, Carol made a bold move to leave her field responsibilities for the first time and begin to serve the forestry profession at the national level. She is now the Director of Science and Education for SAF, where she is transferring her wealth of field experiences and knowledge to issues that matter at the national level for the forestry profession.

Her professional background began with a BS degree in Forest Management from the University of Maine in 1983. Her work experience includes 17 years with forest industry; 9 years as a consulting forester with a wide range of clients; 4 years as Resource Manager of the Baxter Park SFMA; and since July 2010 the Director of Science and Education at SAF. Carol is a Certified Forester (CF) and a 28-year SAF member; her professional recognitions include NESAF Young Forester Award (1995), SAF Fellow (2008); and most recently the Univ. of Maine, School of Forest Resources Distinguished Alumna (2010).

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CHRISTOPHER F. MODISETTE

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award

Chris has a broad range of experience and skills gained from working in several positions in this region over the course of his career. His ability to work with people of different backgrounds and ages is especially valuable in explaining and promoting the continued relevance of forestry in Rhode Island and southern New England. In this largely urbanized state (RI) where conservation efforts are often focused on other ecosystems, Chris steps up and shows people the many ways in which forests and open space are connected to their lives and why they should care. His nominator noted that, "Chris is the de facto extension forester in a state without one."

A letter of endorsement noted that in his current role as the RI Resource Conservation and Development Coordinator and a community resident of Scituate, RI; Chris took the lead in instructing students in the local high school's Environmental Science class on how to develop a Tree Farm Stewardship Plan. His passion is contagious in the forest community and beyond, and this project alone educated so many people in our community. An outcome of this involvement for Chris was his selection as the Northern RI Conservation District's 2010 Educator of the Year.

Another endorsement noted Chris's work in the 1990's with the Southern New England Forest Consortium (SNEFCI) and specifically two programs; Family Legacy – which brought family estate planning to landowners through workshops and speakers; and the Cost of Community Study – which characterized the added value and reduced taxes that forestland and open space provide relative to new development.

Chris received a BS degree in Forestry from UNH. His work experience includes 15+ years with Providence Water (a public water utility), 10+ years as Executive Director for SNEFCI, and since 2005 he has served as the USDA NRCS RI Resource Conservation & Development Director. As a SAF member, Chris has had continuous involvement and leadership service within the RI Chapter, Yankee Division, and NESAF State Society. Chris is a Certified Forester (CF) and a 29 year SAF member. He is a former chair and still involved with the RI Tree Farm Committee.

"Honoring Chris with this award would be fitting tribute to his mentor, Hans T. Bergey. Chris has been a tireless promoter of good forestry throughout his career, which has led to a broader public appreciation for forest management here in RI."

BRAD W. SIMPKINS

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award

An endorsement stated it quite succinctly, "To achieve responsibility for a state's forestry agency before the age of 40 is no small thing. It shows courage. And while leadership of any organization is a challenge, the leadership of a state agency is all the more so because of the complications and contradictions of operating within a state's political system. Brad brings hard work, enthusiasm, and enjoyment in working with others to whatever task he takes on. He has a good sense of what's important, which is essential in leading an organization, is honest in his intentions, and is a pleasure to work with."

Brad came to NH in the 1990's and began a career as a Forest Ranger in the NH Division of Forests and Lands. This job is a combination of working with locals to prevent and fight wildfires and working with forest landowners enforcing harvesting regulations. The job requires an interesting combination of talents, sensitivity, and judgment. I have never seen a ranger more capable in all these areas than Brad. Early in our acquaintance I remember thinking, "How does he know how to do all of this so well?" I think the answer lay in just not his technical competence and his ability to communicate, but also in his leadership abilities. "Brad is likable, a listener, decisive, responsive,

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competent, intelligent, patient, fair, open, and honest----in short, Brad is a leader and also young.

Brad is a Penn State graduate, and before his current 12-year career in NH, his previous work experience includes time with the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, and the National Park System.

"Brad would be a leader anywhere he went. We (NH) are fortunate to have him in the profession of forestry. It gives me all the more confidence in our future."

WILLIAM B. LEAK

David M. Smith Award

Bill is the inaugural recipient of the "David M. Smith" Award. The nomination letter notes that throughout his 54-year career as a research forester with the USDA Forest Service, Bill has contributed more to the science of silviculture than anyone else in the Northeast. To date, he has published 167 scientific articles on a wide range of silvicultural subjects, becoming references for field foresters throughout New England and conducted over 170 workshops either in the field or classroom.

It is a good thing that Bill promoted the application of silviculture, since his nomination package required the conversion of several trees into paper in order to accommodate the multiple letters of endorsement and kudos.

"David Smith "Taught" me silviculture as a student. Bill Leak taught me silviculture as a practicing professional. I expect this is true of many other foresters." Bill, along with his colleague Mariko Yamasaki explored using silviculture to achieve wildlife habitat objectives. Bill taught us the importance of soil-site relations serving for the qualifying basis to "observe and analyze the patterns of stand development first…"

A now retired Forest Soil Scientist remarked about the 25 years of cooperation he and Bill shared in the application of northern hardwood silvicultural practices, how it was Bill's enduring effort to measure, analyze, and understand the nature and complexity of this ecosystem.

"His body of published work is astonishing in its volume, and it shines with the quiet wisdom of one who has spent countless hours thoughtfully observing the forest. Bill is characteristically unpretentious and approaches everything with simple decency."

"He is notably generous with his time, making hundreds of on-site visits and consultations with field foresters – any excuse to get out in the woods!"

"One of my mentors, and a delightful man to spend time in the woods with, his careful listening followed by questions led you to the answer you were looking for based on his experience. This interaction always provoked a sense of respect and awe from me and others."

Bill received a BS in 1953 and a MS in 1956 from the State University of New York. In 1992, NESAF presented Bill the Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award; elected him as a SAF Fellow in 1996; in 1998 he then received the NESAF Distinguished Service Award; and now in 2011, Bill becomes a SAF "Golden" member recognizing his 50 years of SAF membership. He is also the recipient of several merit and technology transfer awards within the USDA Forest Service and served as Associate Editor on silviculture for SAF's Northern Journal of Applied Forestry, and continues today to be an affiliate full professor in the Department of Natural Resources at UNH.

"Finally, there is no one more committed to quiet public service than Bill. I do not know anyone who shares the knowledge and wisdom he has accumulated over time as unconditionally or generously as Bill."

Winter Meeting

Landscape Scale Planning

Landscape-scale Conservation Planning in New England

David A. Orwig
Forest Ecologist, Harvard Forest

We are blessed to live in a region in which forests cover nearly 80% of the landscape. This is remarkable when you consider that these forests recovered from intensive cutting for a variety of forest products and extensive clearing for agriculture that left many areas with only 30 to 40% forest cover by the mid-1800s. Our current wealth of forests across New England however, faces a variety of threats that create challenges for foresters, land managers and owners of private woodlands. Modern threats include pests and pathogens, parcelization and rapid turnover of land ownership, and adverse forests practices, all under the backdrop of a changing climate. In addition, the biggest threat to our forests is the permanent loss of these lands to deforestation and development. For the first time since widespread agricultural abandonment in the mid-1800s, all six New England states are currently experiencing a decline in forest cover (Fig. 1). Although development pressure is greatest in Southern New England, considerable pressure exists in parts of Northern New England for vacation homes and remote lakefront or ocean front properties. Current estimates project that future development of private forests may reach up to 63% in some parts of the region by 2030, if development proceeds at the current rate. We clearly are at a turning point. History has provided New England a unique opportunity to determine the fate of its 33 million acres of forests and their balance with farmland and development. Now is the time to think broadly about large-scale planning efforts to protect the majority of our vital forest resources for future generations to enjoy.

Recently, a Harvard Forest report entitled *Wildlands and Woodlands: A vision for the New England Landscape*, outlined an unparalleled, long-term conservation effort to retain at least 70 percent of the region in forestland, permanently free from development. This bold vision, developed by 20 scientists across New England, would lead to a tripling in the amount of conserved land in New England while still leaving room for economic growth and development. It calls for conserving 90% of protected forests as working "**Woodlands**" that are voluntarily protected from development and managed for a dependable supply of local forest products, clean air and water, carbon sequestration, extensive, connected wildlife habitat and recreation areas, aesthetics, and other objectives. Meanwhile 10% of forestland would be conserved as "**Wildlands**" that are established by landowners

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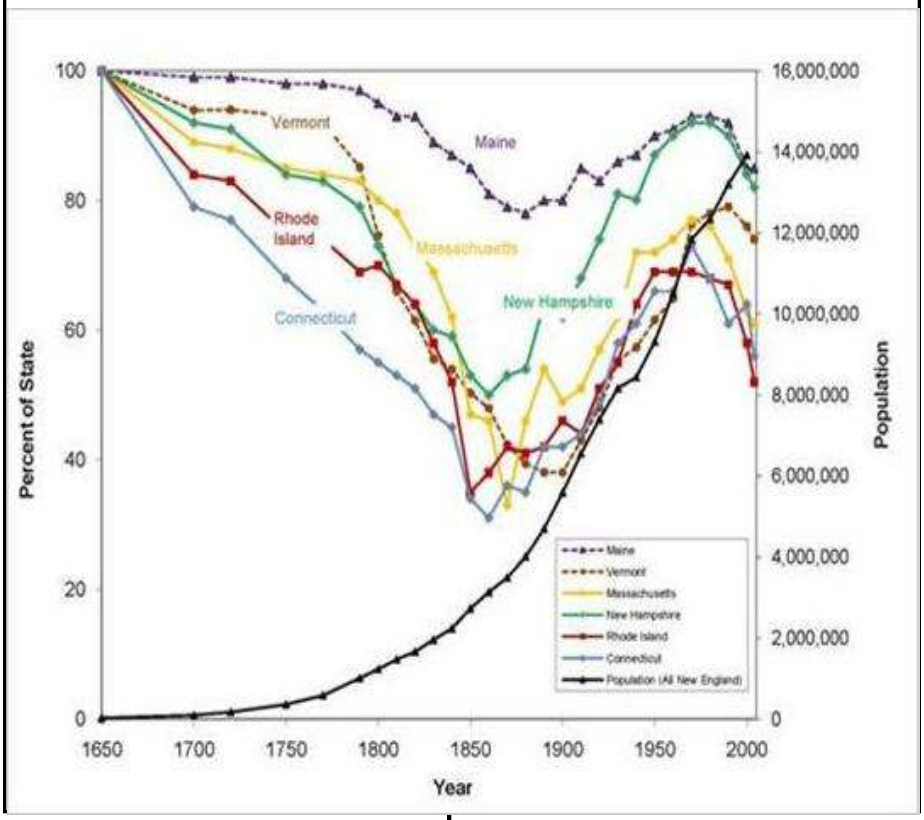
Figure 1. Historical changes in forest cover associated with land clearing, cutting, agriculture and eventual abandonment and reforestation in all New



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as large landscape reserves subject to minimal human impact and shaped by natural processes. Wildlands support complex, aging forests, store large quantities of carbon, provide rare habitats for a diverse array of plants and animals, and serve as unique scientific reference points to evaluate all types of Woodland management. The proportions of conserved land in these categories would vary across the region, depending on current conditions, development pressures, and conservation opportunities.

To achieve the Wildlands and Woodlands vision, a doubling in the rate of land protection is necessary over the next 50 years (Fig. 2). Is this scale and rate of conservation really possible across a landscape of millions of acres of forests and hundreds of thousands of intermingled ownerships? As one of the report's authors, I say the answer is unequivocally, yes- with a lot of hard work and innovative approaches! The vision's success relies on thousands of willing private individuals, organizations, and communities that depend on the land and are invested in shaping its future. Fortunately, a number of successful conservation initiatives and funding programs already exist in the region. Activities that can help foster large-scale conservation include: *regional partnerships* that enhance existing networks of conservation and forestry professionals and increase engagement with private landowners; *innovative finance tools* that expand incentives for private landowners; and *conservation strategies* that address parcelization, fragmentation, and sprawl. The full report offers examples of specific actions that landowners, non-governmental organizations, and local, state, and federal government can take to help make the Wildlands and Woodlands vision a reality.

One existing mechanism that is complementary to the Wildlands and Woodlands vision is the New England-New York Forestry Initiative (formerly the Keeping Forests as Forests initiative). All the New England states and New York are participating in this United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) initiative, the goals of which are to protect the region's forest land-base, ensure the sustainability of these lands, and help strengthen rural, forest-based economies. This initiative, led by each of the eight State Foresters, will be accomplished by landscape-scale planning efforts that emphasize connectivity among forest lands. The intent is to create partnerships across agencies and borders, spur job creation and maintenance by improving forest-based economies, and enlist additional financial support from private and philanthropic sectors. The initiative will begin by establishing a series of pilot projects across the NY-NE region, evaluating their effectiveness, and then extending their application across the region.

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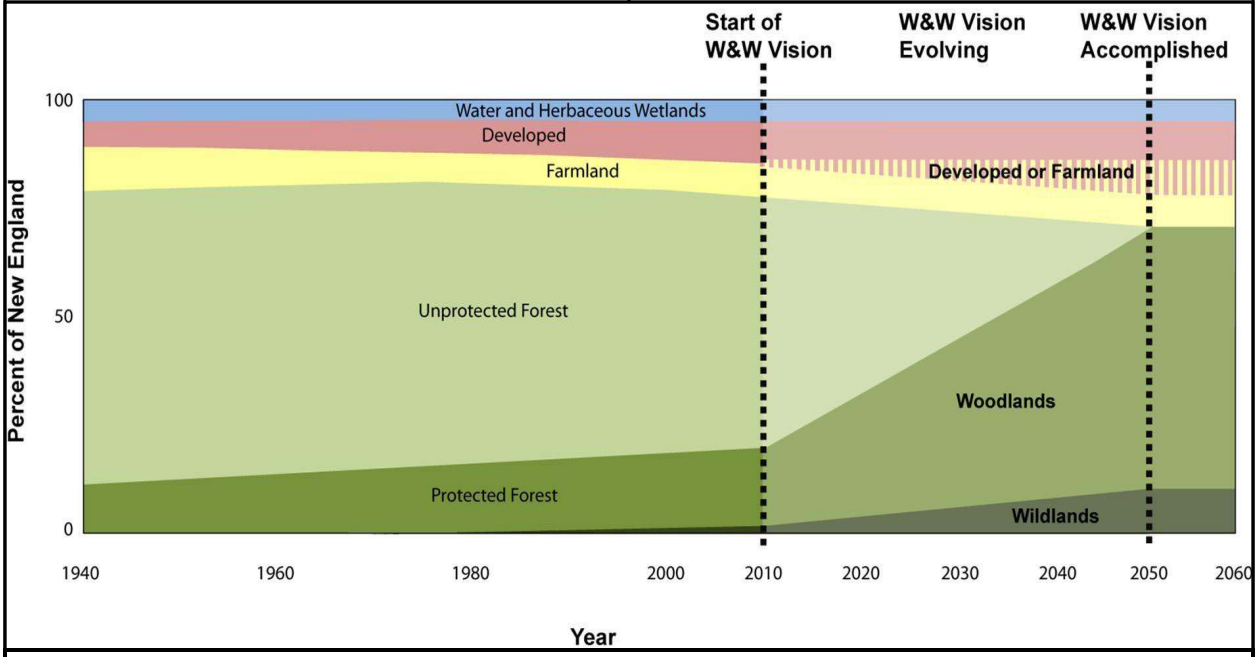

Figure 2. Projections for the implementation of Wildlands and Woodlands. Note: roughly a doubling in the rate of forest conservation over current levels is needed to achieve the vision within 50 years.

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A New England region that retains 70% of its forests is an attainable vision that resonates with the Northeast's history of bold conservation thinking. The Wildlands and Woodlands vision and the New England-New York Forestry Initiative are important examples of landscape-scale conservation efforts necessary for the protection of our natural infrastructure that is vitally important for a whole range of ecological, economic, and social benefits now and in the future.

To view the full Wildlands and Woodlands report: www.wildlandsandwoodlands.org

Forest Stewardship Project – A Landscape-Scale Approach to Forest Stewardship
Mike Huneke and Roger Monthey, US Forest Service, State and Private Forestry

The U.S. Forest Service, Northeastern Area (NA), has been working with State forestry agencies over the past two years to dramatically increase the impact and influence in the stewardship of privately owned forests in the 20-state region which comprises the NA. Mike Huneke, Forest Stewardship Program Manager for the U.S. Forest Service in Newtown Square, PA is currently the leader of this effort which has been dubbed the "Stewardship Project". The "Stewardship Project" is focused on "Keeping Forests as Forests" using landscape-scale planning and working to improve our connections with interested agencies, non-profit organizations and forest landowners to help achieve this goal. Some salient facts include: 1) by 2050 the population of the Northeast and Midwest states will increase roughly by 10% and urbanized area will more than double resulting in 10 million acres of privately-owned forestland being converted to other uses; 2) the capacity of state forestry agencies to respond to that pressure is not encouraging, with a growing demand for services at the same time that they have lost about 40% of their program delivery capacity across the region; 3) according to the National Woodland Owner Survey estimates as few as 4% of family woodland owners have a management plan, and only 14% consult a forester; and ownerships change hands every 26 years, adding up to a downward spiral of ownership sizes and an overall erosion and permanent loss of private forestland.

So what can we do about this? The NA formed a Stewardship Project steering committee to head up the effort. A variety of workgroups were formed included: Landscape-scale planning – developing guidance and recommendations on how successful implementation of landscape-scale stewardship might be achieved; Communications and Marketing – improving the effectiveness of our outreach with landowners and the public; Engaging Communities – developing tools and strategies to more successfully connect landowners and the communities in which they live; Measures and Metrics – developing more encompassing, impact-based measures for Stewardship accomplishments, beyond just the number of Stewardship Plans and the acreage of those plans; and Financial Viability – developing tools and policies to reduce costs, increase revenue and enhance the perceived value of sustainably managed privately owned forests. Fourteen of 20 NA states have provided technical assistance to the overall effort.

A major accomplishment of the Stewardship Project to this point is the development of the "Landscape Scale Stewardship Guidance Document" which was written by Lindberg Ekola of the State of Minnesota and Paul Wright, retired U.S. Forest Service, Chattanooga, TN with collaboration from several members of the Steering Committee. This document addresses the following questions: 1) Why landscape stewardship? ; 2) What is landscape stewardship?; 3) What are the elements of a landscape project? and 4) What are the results of landscape stewardship. Secondly, a brochure has been developed "Your Landscape Stewardship Project – A Quick-Start Guide" which outlines six steps for a successful landscape scale stewardship project. The guidance and brochure documents can be obtained from Mike Huneke at mhuneke@fs.fed.us , or by visiting www.landscapestewardship.org. Thirdly, In June 2010, eight "Stewardship Project" proposals were selected for over $800,000 of funding. These projects will give States direct experience in the "how tos" of successful landscape-scale planning. More information on these grants can also be obtained from Mike Huneke. Four of these projects are in New England states – Connecticut (1), Maine (2), and Vermont (1) and include: 1) University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension – "Private Forest Landowner Reactions to Community Engagement and Landscape-level Approaches to Forest Stewardship; 2) Maine Forest Service – "Development of New Partnerships to Support and Expand the Maine Forest Stewardship Program" and "Determining Effectiveness of Landscape-level Planning"; and 3) State of Vermont: Lamoille County Planning Commission – "Landscape-based Forest Stewardship Planning – A Regional Approach".

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The next step for the "Stewardship Project" is to provide landscape stewardship training workshops to the States in the Fall of 2011. Federal and State planning specialists and other educational and resource specialists will be conducting this regional training (Mid-Atlantic, Mid West, New England and NY).

Landscape-based Forest Stewardship Planning – A Regional Approach in Vermont
Ginger Anderson, Vermont Dept of Forests, Parks, and Recreation (VT DPR), and Bonnie Waninger, Lamoille County Planning Commission, Vermont

A consortium of 4 Vermont Regional Planning Commissions (RPCs) recently applied for and received a Forest Service "Stewardship Project" grant (awarded in 2010 to be completed by 2012) to develop a methodology for forest planning based on a landscape-scale analysis that will help "keep forests as forests" and to increase the scale and pace of sustainable management of private forest lands in Vermont. VT DPR is collaborating with the consortium, using GIS technology and a stakeholder engagement process to: 1) inventory and assess forest resources; 2) identify specific forest landscape types; and 3) produce strategies for each landscape type that will assist regions, municipalities, and forest landowners to identify priority forest landscapes and develop model forest plans. Large rural forest blocks, large and small lowland forest tracts, urban and community forests, and ecologically significant landscape types will form the basis for the analysis.

Thus far, three of the RPCs have digitized data on forest UVA parcels in their areas of responsibility and the fourth has partial data. Two RPCs have conducted informational meetings with stakeholders. All four RPCs have mapped forest resources and resource threats using data available through VT DPR and the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife (VT DFW). The original New England-generated threat data is being adapted to represent Vermont's rural nature. The consortium has identified five common maps that will serve as the basis for stakeholder identification of priority forest landscapes: UVA parcels; wildlife habitat/forest blocks; forest stewardship potential; local/regional values/issues; and forest stewardship threats. Stakeholder meetings in April, 2011 will focus on map analysis and value/issue identification. While RPC GIS staff focus on map creation and analysis, land use staff have begun researching best practice language for municipal and regional plans as well as tools and strategies that have been used effectively for local forest conservation. Tools developed from this grant will be available on-line for use by towns to address priority forest landscapes; and by consulting foresters to address these landscapes at the parcel level in plans and in applications for cost share programs. For further information on this grant please contact Ginger Anderson of VT DPR at Ginger.Anderson@state.vt.us.

Vermont has 11 RPCs that cover 251 towns in 14 counties. Each commission produces regional plans and assists the individual communities in the production of town plans. Among the services RPCs offer are access and maintenance of specific GIS data layers, and technical assistance for plan development.

In the 1990's the RPCs cooperated with the VT DPR and the University of Vermont Cooperative Extension in the outreach for the project "Planning for the Future Forest." This forest land evaluation and site assessment (FLESA) tool enabled municipalities to both outline forest values to citizens and implement evaluation of them directly to help inform planning. Some Vermont communities completed FLESA projects, but the scoring and updates were not embraced by many.

The VT DFW followed up in the early 2000's with a community planning handbook (Conserving Vermont's Natural Heritage – A Guide to Community-Based Planning for the Conservation of Vermont's Fish, Wildlife, and Biological Diversity). This planning tool focused on formulating community strategies with a strong wildlife habitat and biodiversity focus.

While these tools encouraged consideration of forest habitat in local and regional planning documents, they lacked format and/or model language useful for planners. Meanwhile, VT's RPCs recognized the impact that the State's property tax program, or UVA, was having on retention of forest and agricultural landscapes, but incorporating this into strategies and direction for planning was difficult. Digitizing UVA parcels will greatly assist landscape-scale planning for forests in Vermont.

IN MEMORIAM

Donald Carleton Black, 71, of Strafford, took his final walk on the forest access road Sunday morning, Dec. 19, 2010.

Born May 9, 1939, in Gardner, Mass., Don was the son of Lawrence O. Black and Esther M. (Lindsey) Black. A 1957 graduate of Athol High School, he attended Boston University and then earned a basketball scholarship for the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where his teammates and he played in the Yankee Conference, which was a first in the history of UMass basketball.

Don shared his love and knowledge to the countless people he educated and influenced as a forester in South Dakota and for nearly four decades in Strafford County, N.H., as a UNH Cooperative Extension Educator. Don received recognition and numerous awards and was instrumental starting the Back Yard Tree Farm Program.

Affectionately and reverently known as "Tall Pine," Don "logged" many hours on woodlots, rivers, and the gym throughout his life; illustrating the example that dedicated hard work reaped immeasurable benefits.

He loved being with family, his land, cutting wood with his friend, Scott Hodgdon, canoeing, chocolate, maple sugaring with the Shones and Augers, competitive cribbage, relaxing on his porch with his wife, and singing and playing guitar with his sons, Josh and Adam.

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MacKaye indicated that logging methods and forest fires common at that time were detrimental to the streams and water flow.

The Act also provided for cooperation in fire control between federal and state authorities. The fire season of 1910 greatly influenced this legislation because it raised havoc across the western United States, especially in the states of Idaho and Montana, where fires killed 85 people (72 of them firefighters), and burned more than 3 million acres.

East Slope Mt. Paugus, 1919- *Photo Courtesy of US. Forest Service*

The success of the Weeks Law and its contribution to the conservation of natural resources is enormous. Over 40 National Forests were created in the eastern Unite States. In addition to the nearly 800,000 acre White Mountain National Forest, such forests as the Green Mountain, Pisgah, Allegheny, George Washington, Ottawa and many others were created from these cut over and burned lands. These forests grew out of what was called “The Lands that Nobody Wanted”. Today they are valuable forests providing clean water, wildlife, recreation, forest products and a variety of other goods and services.

In 2011 we celebrate the Centennial of the Weeks Act and will take a retrospective look back at what it took to reach broad consensus on such an important issue, what the results were and how we foresee the next hundred years of the Weeks Act will unfold. The role of art, photography, writing and the spoken word will be highlighted in events that will occur in 2011. We hope you will join us.

www.weekslegacy.org/

DIVISION NEWS

Maine - Anthony Filauro

Use of BMP's in Maine
The Maine Forest Service has documented that use of BMP's on Maine's forestlands continues to reduce sedimentation and other water quality problems resulting from harvest operations, road construction and road maintenance. Data collected between 2005 and 2009 indicates that BMP's were employed on 84% of the harvest operations surveyed and incidents of sedimentation have been reduced to a frequency of 10% in 2009, down from a high of 17% in 2005. While improvement is needed, logging operations are moving in the right direction.

Findings are based on a random inspection of 2.5 to 3.0% of harvest operations that had notifications filed with the state. Seventy-seven harvest operations were inspected in 2009 and a total of 500 harvest operations were inspected during the five-year period (2005-2009). Each harvest operation can have as many as 200 observations that comprise the data summarized in the report. The full report can be viewed at www.maineforestservice.gov, in the "Featured Links" section of the webpage.

PLT
Project Learning Tree will host teacher's tours at Nicatous Lodge on Nicatous Lake, during July 12-15 and at Camp Wapati: Gateway to Baxter and "The County", during July 26-29. Foresters are encouraged to attend these tours to discuss forestry issues and interact with teachers interested in learning about Maine's forestlands and the natural environment. Information about the tours is available at www.mainetreefoundation.org or call 207-621-9872.

New State Forester
On March 14th, Doug Denico was appointed State Forester and Director of the Maine Forest Service. Doug brings a wealth of forestry knowledge to the position and many years of experience. He will be responsible for all aspects of forest management in the State of Maine, including protection programs (fire, insect and disease), forest inventory and other surveys, manpower needs, administration of state laws & regulations and oversight of the Baxter State Park Authority.

Maine's Newest Large Landowner
In 2011, John Malone became one of Maine's largest landowners, second only to J.D. Irving Company. Mr. Malone purchased lands in Hancock and Washington Counties in eastern Maine, in the Rangeley area in western Maine and in northern New Hampshire. Corporations that were affiliated with timber products and paper manufacturing previously managed these lands. Mr. Malone indicates an interest in managing the land as a working forest and has interest in retaining ownership of the land on a long-term basis.

Investment and speculation will continue to influence the real estate market for the foreseeable future. Forestlands will likely continue to change hands and the prospects for Maine's vast forestlands will remain uncertain.

Climate Change
An article in the January 5th issue of the Bangor Daily News indicates that 2010 was the second warmest year in Maine since records have been kept.

In the Northeast, 2010 was the fifth warmest year on record with an average temperature of 49.2 degrees. The highest average annual temperature in the northeast was 50 degrees and occurred in 1998. While extreme temperatures vary significantly across the region, trends indicate that average temperatures are increasing in the northeast region. The delay in startup of harvest operations this past winter might be more the norm in coming years. The assumption that winter operations can span a ten-week period, from January through mid March, might also be in jeopardy.

Arbor Week Celebration
The Maine Forest Service is making twenty grants available to schools, under Project Canopy, for the planting of trees on school property. The planting of trees is typically conducted during Arbor Week, May 16-20. There will also be a celebration of Arbor Day on May 16, at the Maine State Library in Augusta.

Grant applications for 2011 are due by 5 P.M. Friday, April 29 (the deadline is close). Grants up to a maximum of $1,000 each, are funded through corporate sponsors and the USDA's Urban and Community Forestry Program. Inquiries about the program and Project Canopy should be addressed to Jan Ames Santerre at 287-4987 or jan.santerre@maine.gov

Green Mountain—Bill Samal - No News

Granite State - Jon Nute

Mariko Yamasaki

Was awarded as the 2011 GSD/ SAF Forester of the Year. After receiving her BS and MS from the U. of Michigan, she began work with the US Forest Service in the Lake States. In 1985 she came to NH to work at the USFS Forest Experiment Station in Durham. Most of her time is spent at the Bartlett Experimental Forest in NH and the Massabesic Experimental Forest in Maine. In 2006, she coauthored the landmark publication "Technical Guide to Forest Wildlife Habitat Management in New England" as well as the "Landowners Guide to Wildlife Habitat", both heavily used by local foresters. Mariko is much sought after to speak on the wildlife aspect of forest management for tours and conferences. She integrates biology, species and habitat relationships, making it easily understandable for foresters to apply this knowledge with their clients. Mariko has almost single-handedly changed the practice of silviculture in New England to include wildlife habitat considerations. Foresters have recognized that most landowners have a high interest in both game and non-game wildlife on their properties, and most are willing to enhance wildlife habitat when conducting timber harvests. Mariko has done the research and published the prescriptions applicable for a wide variety of wildlife enhancements. We have all benefitted from her research, writings, tours, talks and personal contact over the years. Congratulations Mariko!

2011 GSD/SAF MEETING

Sunny weather provided good traveling and a full attendance at the February 11, 2011 GSD/SAF winter meeting held in Bartlett at the Attitash Grand Summit Conference Center. Acting State Forester Brad Simpkins provided an update on activities and stated that 23 timber sales were expected. Karen Bennett received an award from Brad for her work as the project manager bringing the revision of the Good Forestry in the Granite State guide to completion. A free download is available at www.goodforestry.org , or a 3 ring binder published copy is available for $25 at the same site. White Mountain National Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner is expecting budget reductions from the new congress. Timber sales are now 40-50 million board feet under contract with 11.5 million planned for 2011. A year long celebration is planned for the 100th anniversary of the Weeks Act, which established the WMNF. This is also the 100th anniversary of the NH Timberland Owners Assoc. Exec. Director Jasen Stock is planning a full agenda for their annual meeting May 20-22. NHTOA's Eric Johnson reported that the Timber Harvesting Council had 550 participants in their training classes in 2010. Esther Cowles is leaving her position after 14 years as director of NH Project Learning Tree. Board member Patrick Hackley gave her a plaque from GSD/SAF and also announced a special "outdoor class room" fund will be established in her honor. Jane Difley reported that SPNHF forester Steve Perron is now in the Peace Corps in Africa. George Frame has been promoted to Senior Director of Forestry. The "Black Mountain" 1,000 acre parcel on Mount Kearsarge has been protected with a fund raising effort of $1.2 million. She explained SPNHF opposition to the planned Northern Pass electric power project because of its disturbance of the forest environment along the right of way and impact on some of their protected properties.

A panel provided a review of the Biomass Crop Assistance Program (BCAP). Marilyn Ricker of the Farm Service Agency gave the details. Brad Simpkins said that a forest stewardship plan is needed for each harvest and the content is still in discussion. Jasen Stock reported there a 8 biomass burning plants in NH, consuming almost 2,000,000 tons of wood chips each year. Ed Witt and Hunter Carbee made a preliminary report on a survey of the state's 260 biomass chip producers and 8 plants, with a total $71.5 million impact.

At the business portion of the meeting, the following officers were elected. Chair, Tim Fleury; Vice Chair, Hunter Carbee; Treasurer, vacant; Secretary, Kerry Yankus; Tree Farmer, Brooks McCandlish; NESAF, Peter Howland and Education, Steve Roberge. A moment of silence was observed for the 3 members that had passed away in 2010: John Calhoun, Don Black and Peter Allen. Janice Mulherin was recognized for her 10 years as GSD secretary.

During the lunch, Joe Vaillancourt, Bill Leak, Larry Safford and Jim Hornbeck were recognized as 50 year members of SAF. Tree Farm supporter John O'Brien reported 144 out of 202 reinspections were completed in 2010. Charles Moreno did the most, with 15 and Dave Dallaire was

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next with 10. Three training classes were held for the inspectors. The 2011 Tree Farmer of the Year is the North Family Tree Farm in Canterbury, with the field day scheduled for Sept. 24. Outgoing Chair Wendy Scribner was awarded a plaque and the new chair, Andy Fast, was welcomed. Scholarships of $1,000 each were awarded to 3 students at UNH. At the Thompson school, Nicholas Haskell; at the 4 yr. school, James Airey and at the Graduate school, Gabriel Roxby; were the recipients.

Connecticut - Mel Harder

Winter Meeting.
Yankee Division held their annual winter meeting on March 25 at the Middlesex County Extension Center in Haddam CT. 60 foresters from CT, MA & RI attended the day long program, which focused on the emerald ash borer, an imminent threat to southern New England, and other invasive forest pests.
Nichole Carrier, USDA APHIS, traced infestation history from Michigan to the east. APHIS stands for *Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service*.
Victoria Smith, CT Agricultural Experiment Station, spoke on EAB identification, impacts, and how & where to report sitings. Eric Chamberlain, USDA APHIS, covered regulatory issues, quarantine, outreach & enforcement related to EAB. Larry Rousseau, CT DEP, introduced a public outreach publication for CT private landowners dealing with EAB. More information can be had at ***www.emeraldashborer.info*** & ***CAES.StateEntomologist@CT.gov***.

Tom Worthley, Uconn Extension, demonstrates an assembled sticky sided trap being used in CT's intensive emerald ash borer detection survey. 940 traps will be set and monitored throughout CT

The emerald ash borer was characterized as the most serious threat facing our forests today. So far, it attacks only Fraxinus. EAB has been found in NY just several miles from the CT border. The general consensus is that progressive movement east is inevitable. CT is currently undertaking an intense EAB detection survey involving fixed EAB capture traps and monitoring throughout the upcoming summer. Tom Worthley, UCONN Extension, is directing this effort, and is looking for suitable trap sites and volunteers. Suitable trap sites include stands of ash, clusters of several trees, and single large ash trees. Volunteers are needed to monitor traps, record & report findings. Training will be provided. 940 traps are to be placed throughout the state. You may contact Tom at thomas.worthley@uconn.edu.

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Bill Van Doren, Yankee chair, conducted the business meeting. Bill also chairs the 2012 NESAF Winter Meeting Planning Committee. The 2012 winter meeting is booked at the Amherst Conference Center in Amherst MA for the dates of April 3 - April 6. Most committee chairs have been filled, and planning for the meeting is on schedule. The Yankee treasurer's report noted the $1000.00 advance to Yankee by NESAF to help cover advance conference fees. Anyone wishing to contribute time can contact Bill at william_r_vandoren@yahoo.com.
Yankee Division needs to fill the vice chair seat. Bill Van Doren ascended to chair after serving as vice chair. John Clarke is now immediate past chair. Thomas Worthley has been secretary/treasurer, and volunteered to remain at that post. Anyone interested in the vice chair seat, or who wishes to nominate someone may contact Bill.

Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association (TIMPRO)
On Saturday March 5, 2010 the Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association held a workshop entitled: Forestry and Wetlands Law for Connecticut Forest Practitioners. Over 125 foresters and loggers attended the event held at E.R. Hinmans and Sons in Burlington, CT. E.R. Hinmans and Sons is a division of Supreme Industries. Staff from the Connecticut DEP Inland Water Resources

On March 5 over 125 foresters and loggers gathered at Hinman Lumber in Burlington CT for TIMPRO's annual meeting and day long workshop entitled *Forestry & Wetlands Law for Connecticut Forest Practioners*

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Division provided an overview of how the CT Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act impacts forestry operations in Connecticut. Attorney Janet Brooks spoke about case law and how the law is applied. Staff from the CT Division of Forestry provided a refresher on certification compliance, and the good, the bad and the ugly of wetlands forest practices. The CT Division of Forestry also introduced the latest initiative to incorporate CT forest products in the CT Department of Agriculture's CT Grown program. Certified Forester, Soil Scientist and wetlands agent Joseph Theroux gave an overview of how municipalities address forestry applications and provided suggestions on how applicants can best present a wetlands application. Certified Forester and President of the Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association introduced the Notification of Timber Harvest Form as a tool CT forest practitioners could use as part of a wetlands application. Eric Chamberlain, Plant Health Safeguarding Specialist with USDA APHIS went over Emerald ash borer and associated regulations. Following the full day program, the Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association sat down to a nice catered dinner and held their annual meeting. Joan Nichols highlighted accomplishments the Associations has made in the past year including raising over $12,000 since 2007 for the Log A Load for Kids Campaign which goes to the CT Children's Medical Center in Hartford, CT. She also went over the work the Association is doing in Hartford on legislation along with community outreach programs the Association is working on. The Association recognized Matt Fontaine as the youngest Certified Practitioner and offered a free membership. Anyone interested in joining the Association or learning more about the Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association may do so by visiting www.timproct.org.

Since the last NESAF quarterly, here are spring 2011 events we have done or are planning to do:

- Fuel From the Forest Symposium: Land Energy and Climate Implications of Woody Biomass, with speakers Bob Perschel, Ethan Davis, Chris Recchia, Charlie Niebling, Steven Hamburg, John Gunn, and William Keeton, January 2011
- Dinner with a Forester, Scott Landis, President of Greenwood, February 2011
- Grafting Workshop with Broken Arrow Nursery, March 2011
- Arbor Day Tree Planting, April 2010

Yale-Myers Christmas tree farm maintenance and planting trip, April 2010

Rhode Island - Paul Boisvert

Thomas D. Abbott Receives Yankee Division Society of American Foresters David M. Smith Outstanding Forester Award

The Yankee Division of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) bestowed their annual David M. Smith Outstanding Forester Award to Thomas D. Abbott of West Kingston, Rhode Island at their Annual Meeting held on February 23, 2011.

An SAF member since 1996, Abbott, who is the Stewardship Forester with the RIDEM Division of Forest Environment (RIDFE), is recognized for his steadfast work to promote stewardship, education and advocacy for the region's forest resources. Abbott began his work in land conservation as a forester for the State of Rhode Island in 1994 and held a number of positions within the RIDFE including Service Forester, Senior Forester, Principal Forester, and eventually became the Supervising Forester for Forest Stewardship. Tom has served with the Tree Farm committee in all of its offices. . Tom has been instrumental in helping to establish the Rhode Island Coverts Program in 2008 and continues to serve on the project's advisory committee. In addition, Tom has been RIDFE's the primary liaison to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service where he is a member of both their State Technical Committee as well as their Forestry & Wildlife Subcommittee. In this capacity he has strengthened the cooperation between these agencies which has resulted in coordinated interagency delivery of forestry-related conservation assistance to private landowners in order to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of Rhode Island's private working lands. .

RISAF members were involved in the update to the RI Tree Farm Program's Strategic Plan.

The purpose of this Plan is to provide a strategic direction for the Rhode Island Tree Farm Committee, to ensure that their resources are properly invested in our state and communities. A committee of Executive Committee Members, with assistance from Rhode Island SAF worked to develop this Plan. The Rhode Island counties served by this Plan include Providence, Washington, Kent and Bristol/Newport. The Plan was completed in September 2010.

RISAF sponsors International Year of the Forest Project

2011 has been declared the "International Year of the Forests by the United Nations to "make concerted efforts to raise awareness at all levels to strengthen the sustainable management, conser-

vation and sustainable development of all types of forests for the benefit of current and future generations."
Because of the emphasis of this declaration, the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Programs have also chosen forestry as our theme of emphasis for 2011.
The RISAF Chapter has agreed to be a co-sponsor in the year long project.
The Chapter held an Asian Longhorned Beetle Tour in Worcester, MA with USDA APHIS on Feb. 23, 201. The tour featured a review of recent infestations and control efforts for ALB in woodland settings.

Chapter members Marc Tremblay, Paul Boisvert and Chris Modisette assisted with an Estate Planning Workshop for Woodland Owners sponsored by the RI Forest Conservators Organization with RIFCO on Feb. 12, 2011
SAF members Rich Blodgett, Rob MacMillan, Christopher Reily, and Chris Modisette lead a forestry walk on the Providence Water forest in Scituate, RI on March 5, 2011. Approximately 60 people attended the walk that highlighted recent harvesting work being carried out by SAF member and 2010 Northeastern Loggers' Association Outstanding Logging Operator Robert Thurber.
Chapter Chair Chris Modisette along with a member from the RI Forest Conservators Organization and the RI Association of Conservation Districts met with John Kirby who is the new Dean of the College of Life Sciences (CELS) and Agriculture at the University of Rhode Island. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss forests and forestry in Rhode Island along with the role that the University could take in serving the forestry community. Dean Kirby indicated that CELS is undertaking an economic impact analysis of agriculture in Rhode Island and would welcome some information relating to Rhode Island's forest economy. Chris Modisette indicated that RISAF would be able to assist with the collection of data for use by the University. The Dean expects their report to be completed in 2011.

Massachusetts– Dana Hachigian-

New DCR Commissioner:
On January 12, 2011 EEA Secretary Richard K. Sullivan Jr. announced the placement of Edward M. Lambert Jr, director of The Urban Initiative at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and former Mayor of Fall River, as Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Recreation effective Monday, February 7. Ed Lambert's background and experience includes working in and teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses in public policy and public sector leadership, serving as director of a research center at the UMass Dartmouth campus, and serving as Mayor of Fall River from 1996 to 2007 where he significantly upgraded Fall River's bond rating among other accomplishments.
New DCR Director of Forest Stewardship named
Starting April 4, 2011, Peter Church, current Director of DCR's South Region in the Urban Parks systems will become the new Director of Forest Stewardship for DCR. In this newly created position Peter Church will oversee the agency's statewide forest conservation program and the implementation of a new strategic direction for the Bureau of Forestry and Fire Control. Peter's background after graduating from the School of Natural Resources at the University of Vermont includes working for the Appalachian Mountain Club, working as a park ranger and reservation supervisor with the former Metropolitan District Commission, and working as Director of Natural Resources for the Division of Water Supply Protection.
Forest planning continues on Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) state lands. The Forest Futures Visioning Process (FFVP) which effectively halted the sale of timber from state forests two years ago continues into the next phase where 308,000 acres will be placed into one of three zones: Working Woodlands, Parklands and Reserves. The FFVP and subsequent edicts from the administration have directed the DCR to place 60% of the land base into Parklands and Reserves and 40% into Woodlands. Internal work on the zoning will soon be complete and proposals of land allocation will be brought forward to public meetings. Final decisions are planned for this coming summer. While the process has continued, all timber sales under contract have been successfully completed. Revenue that contributed over 1 million dollars per year to the state treasury has dropped to zero.

Private Forest Landowners and their Legacies- "What will be the future for their lands?" Paul Catanzaro, Forest Resources Specialist at Umass-Amherst wishes to inform Mass. Foresters of the following outreach initiative:
Your Land, Your Legacy: Deciding the Future of Your Land
Over 50% of Massachusetts' family forests lands are owned by people 65 years of age or older. In

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the coming years, these woodland owners will need to make decisions about the future of their land. These decisions will have profound impacts on both their families and on our forested landscapes and the benefits they provide.

UMass Amherst, the North Quabbin Regional Landscape Partnership, and The Trustees of the Reservations' Highland Communities Initiative have been implementing an outreach initiative to help inform these decisions. This effort is being funded by the MA DCR Service Forestry Program.

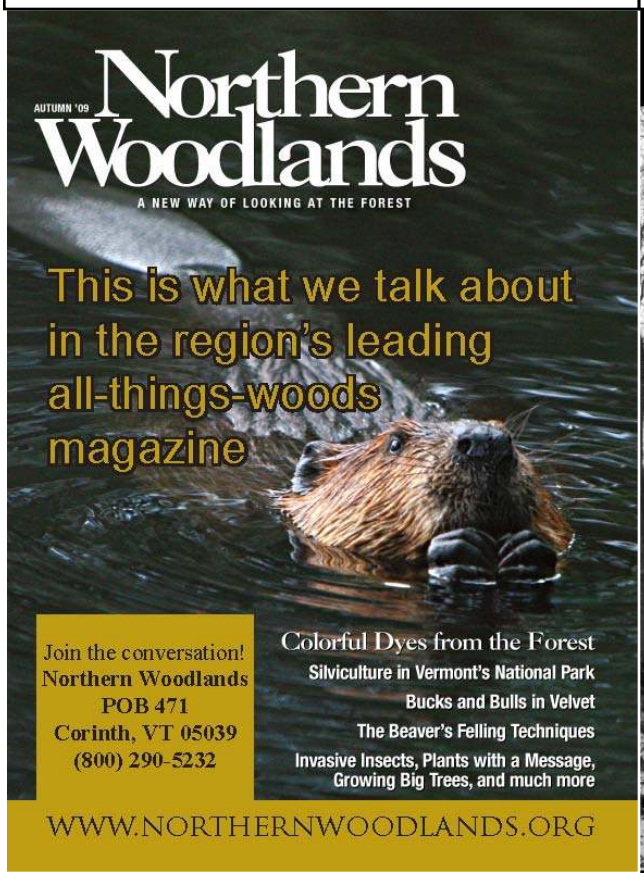
The foundation of this outreach effort is the partnership's new publication, "***Your Land, Your Legacy: Deciding the Future of Your Land***." To receive a free copy, e-mail jbuchanan@umext.umass.edu. In addition to a number of workshops being held across the state this year and next, Paul Catanzaro of UMass Amherst recently presented a webinar hosted by Cornell Cooperative Extension. To view the webinar, visit www.MassWoods.net.

Massachusetts Forestry Related Legislative Updates: A total of 42 forestry listed legislative bills have been filed in the Massachusetts House and Senate as of January 2011 although not all directly apply to foresters. Below is a short synopsis of the ones that are most relevant to Massachusetts Foresters as provided by Kent Lage, Director of Forestry Programs, Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.:

Massachusetts Foresters Volunteer Opportunities!

Massachusetts Foresters, Wood Producers and Forest Landowners expect to be invited back to run their own booth in the Massachusetts State Building at the Eastern States Exposition Fair this Fall. Receiving one million visitors, the Big E provides a great opportunity for Foresters to "educate the public" about what they do! All that is required is to donate 4 hours of your time. If you are interested and want more information or wish to sign up (it's never too early!) please contact either Tom Anderson (413) 923-8375 or Dana Hachigian (413) 537-1758.

Executive Committee. Immediately needed is someone to assume the position as "Acting Vice-Chair" as this seat was recently vacated. Also, candidates are needed to run for the position of "Chair" for 2012. Chris Pryor, current Chair, will be stepping down from this position at the end of 2011. Interested parties may contact Chris Pryor at New England Forestry Foundation at 978-952-6856.



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Message From NESAF Chair
Ed O'Leary

By the time you receive this issue of the News Quarterly, we will just have wrapped up what hopefully was another very successful and meaningful annual winter NESAF meeting. I want to acknowledge one more time all of our recent NESAF award recipients and those members whose 50 years of SAF membership were also recognized. Congratulations to all of you!

I attended the February 11 winter meeting of the Granite State Division, during which a resolution was passed which stated: "Be it resolved that the Granite State Society of American Foresters Executive Committee develop a position statement on the Northern Pass Project relative to the natural resource and cultural impacts of the Hydro-Quebec James Bay Project and any impacts, of the Northern Pass Project, including potential consequences to the viability of indigenous renewable energy producers in the North Eastern United States that they deem appropriate." I agreed that this issue was broader than just having an impact in New Hampshire, so a discussion by the NESAF Executive Committee began at the NESAF winter meeting at Lake Morey Resort in Vermont.

As I am writing this prior to our winter meeting, due to the upcoming press deadline, I can't convey how discussions took place during either the NESAF Executive Committee meeting or the NESAF Annual Business meeting. However, I can say that we still have not worked on a number of issues and details can be found in the forthcoming minutes of both those meetings. Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have secured a new NESAF Policy Chair, a position which has been vacant for far too long. I also want to publicly thank Peter Greeno again, who unfortunately must step down as our NESAF Membership Chair. Peter has done an incredibly remarkable job and he will be sorely missed and exceptionally difficult to replace. Among Peter's notable accomplishments which I would like to mention is spearheading the development of an outstanding membership drive brochure and taking a lead in

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Council Corner March
George F. Frame, CF, Fellow
District VI Council Representative

Another quarter gone and another marathon meeting in Bethesda! I am ever amazed at the work that goes into making SAF a successful organization. From the local Division and Chapter meetings to the multi-state society meetings to the Council and the National office there are thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, of hours invested every month in this organization. I'm talking dedication and important work being accomplished.

The big topics we discussed at the beginning of March included the strategic plan, the continuing efforts to find a way to increase membership, the continuing efforts to find more revenue, whether through dues or through other sources of income we have yet overlooked. Sometimes the discussion isn't very uplifting, sometimes it's down right depressing. Those of you who know me know I don't like that last part. I'd rather be laughing than crying.

One of the rather cool things the Strategic Planning subcommittee is doing is an effort based on Jim Collins' book "Good to Great". Mr. Collins lays out a process for focusing effort that moves a company or organization from being good to being great. Through reading, conference calls, emails, and face-to-face meetings the subcommittee has looked at SAF. The exercises include listing and understanding the brutal facts facing the organization and the environment within which we compete. We have talked about what SAF is really the best at in the world, and we have looked at the resources available to us and those needed by us as we try to survive in this down-turned economy. We have reached a few conclusions, and we are currently trying to make some sense of both the process and the findings. Everyone on the Council, from the President on down, has had their eyes opened a little wider because of the exercises we have gone through with a great SAF as the goal.

It turns out that providing service to its members; educational materials and opportunities to its mem-

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putting together the student conclave held last fall in Massachusetts. If you have not already done so, please read the article about this fantastic event in the most recent issue of the Forestry Source. In addition, NESAF's numbers are actually growing due to Peter's hard work and dedication to recruiting new members and convincing past members to renew their affiliation with SAF.

In closing, I wish to say that I am enjoying my time as Chair, and very much value the time I spend with all of the other NESAF Executive Committee members, as they are a great group of dedicated and passionate individuals who carry out a large amount of work on your behalf. When you have a chance, be sure to thank them for all that they do, especially your state's representative to NESAF. Until next time, please take care!

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bers; and political representation for the profession is what SAF does very well. But all this begs another very important question we will soon be discussing and that is; who does the SAF want as members? Do we allow the membership trend to continue until SAF is a small, well-served, but perhaps voiceless organization, or, do we reach out and expand the breadth of the organization but risk losing our identity as foresters? If you have thoughts on these questions please come and talk to me, or email or text or, write a letter, send a card, whatever it takes.

Tens of thousands of hours per month invested and still we have so much to talk about and so much to do and so many members yet to activate. If you provide your effort and thought to the organization and to the part you want it to play in your future, it will not only be time and effort well spent, it will be wisely invested and pay you and your professional family considerable dividends.

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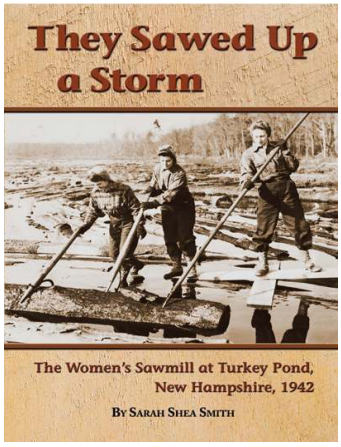
Hot off the presses, ***They Sawed Up a Storm*** captures a fascinating moment in New England's history that will engage anyone with an interest in weather disasters, the region's forests, timber salvage operations and women working in non-traditional jobs during World War II.

The author, UNH Cooperative Extension's Forest Industry Specialist Sarah Smith, describes her book this way:

"*They Sawed Up a Storm* is about an extraordinary group of women who operated a sawmill during World War II at Turkey Pond in Concord. The sawmill, one of two on the pond, was built to saw what remained of logs still floating in the water from the 1938 hurricane.

"The book begins with the hurricane and its path of destruction from Long Island to northern New England. As a result, The Northeast Timber Salvage Administration (a federal, Roosevelt-Era program) was established to recover the felled timber.



"Four years later, when the U.S. had entered WWII, the salvage program was still operating and struggled to find laborers. In 1942, copying other wartime industries that recruited women, the U.S. Forest Service built a sawmill and hired women to run it. Interviews, family stories, and historic photographs bring the women of Turkey Pond to life."

Jane Difley, President and Forester at the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire's Forests describes the book, "Sarah Smith put the historic women's sawmill at Turkey Pond into context—the devastating hurricane of 1938 and the U.S. entry into World War II. Her writing is straight forward, letting the original material and photographs tell the story. People who know Concord, foresters, historians, and others will appreciate what Smith has done in bringing this material together. It's a great read!"

For more information go to www.turkeypond.com or contact Sarah at 603-862-2647.

CFE Update– Andy Fast

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