



Maine Forest Service
Ice Storm Newsletter
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**FOREST STEWARDSHIP ASSISTANCE
APPLICATIONS COMING IN AT RECORD
RATES**

The Maine Forest Service has received more than 800 applications for the Forest Stewardship Assistance management planning cost-share program. The daily mail usually contains at least 20, and we are still receiving requests for application forms. There have been 728 applications approved so far, with the following breakdown:

New Plans	442 applications	63,973 acres
Updates	150 applications	19,779 acres
Assessments	136 applications	15,644 acres

These approvals have committed more than \$969,800 dollars in cost-share funds. Funding is still available for management planning, so do not hesitate to recommend it to your clients.

**THE LANDOWNER AND THE MAINE TREE
GROWTH TAX LAW**

The Maine Forest Service and the Maine Bureau of Revenue Services (formerly known as Taxation) recently sent a letter to all small landowners enrolled in the Maine Tree Growth Tax Program reminding them that they need a forest management and harvest plan by April 1, 1999. Expect to get some calls from new clients asking about your services in getting a plan done. Woodlot Assessments completed under the Forest Stewardship Assistance cost-share program meet the requirements for the Maine Tree Growth Tax Law.

**STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM
INFORMATION AVAILABLE**

The Maine Forest Service has available an information sheet on the various practices available to landowners for the Stewardship Incentive Program. If you would like extra copies for your clients, please call Kathy Nitschke at the Maine Forest Service at (207) 287-1073.

Remember that **project outlines** are required for all SIP practices and should be forwarded to the local Maine Forest Service District Forester as soon as possible.

To date, more than \$150,000 has been committed for various ice storm damage mitigation practices through the SIP program.

**AERIAL PHOTOS AVAILABLE AT
REDUCED RATES! (finally)**

James W. Sewall Company is ready to accept orders for the Maine Forest Service's ice storm aerial photos at reduced rates to eligible persons. Consultants trained in the ice storm program and landowners who have signed up for cost-share assistance are eligible for the reduced rate. This will be offered through the Sewall Company through October 15, at which time the Maine Bureau of Purchases will review the contract with Sewall for continuing to use them as a sole source. If you have questions on the photos, contact Lynn Smith at James W. Sewall Co. at (207) 827-4456.

**MAINE FOREST SERVICE HIRES 2 NEW
DISTRICT FORESTERS**

The Maine Forest Service has hired two new district foresters to cover Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. They are:

Gordon Moore - Penobscot County
Maine Forest Service
P.O. Box 259
Lee, ME 04455
(207) 738-2635

Tim Post - Piscataquis County
Maine Forest Service
P.O. Box 1107
Greenville, ME 04441
(207) 695-3721 ext. 24

NEW CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FORM

There is a new "Claim for Payment" form for use in the Forest Stewardship Assistance Program. It lists the type of plan (new, update, assessment) and some new accounting numbers for the Maine Forest Service. Old forms will be accepted, but please encourage your clients to use the new forms. Thanks.