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# BULLETIN

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## Commissioner's Column

Last week I visited Lamoine State Park and found Park Manager Leland Griffen and his staff busy preparing campsites, the boat launch and parking areas, mowing and hurrying to get ready for the new season. Despite the rain and bugs they are doing an excellent job keeping the park neat and clean.

Neat and clean. That is one of the outstanding features of Maine parks. It is one of the items—if not the most important item—the public expects and says they appreciate most. It's also a big job keeping the brush cut, grass clipped and public area in an orderly condition.

Friendly helpfulness. That is the other key item that impresses the public the most. It is also part of the proud DOC tradition and the public has come to appreciate that service they receive from DOC employees.

As the summer season gears up, I urge each of you to help our seasonal employees become part of DOC's pride in a neat and clean appearance—of both our facilities and our staff—and to adopt the tradition of friendly helpfulness. That is public service at its finest.

It appears the Legislature will pass major new forest legislation this session. The Department played a key role in assisting the Legislators and interest groups find common ground on an appropriate and forward looking Forest Practices Act. It is a credit to all that we were able to accomplish this without this major public policy issue becoming contentious and controversial. The legislation requires the Department to adopt rules for forest harvesting practices and regeneration over the next 18 months. We will report further on this at the end of the session when final actions have been taken.

Our Part I budget was approved by the Appropriations Committee as presented. Our Part II proposals were heard by the Appropriations Committee on May 22. While the budget situation is extremely tight as the state economy slows down, we are hopeful that we will receive additional new funding for DOC programs this year.

Again let me thank each of you for the wonderful job you are doing. I continue to be pleased and proud of the actions and reputation of the Department of Conservation among both other departments and the general public.  
Reminder

Next month you will receive *Forests, Parks and Lands* and not a *Bulletin*.

**Ed Meadows**

## Conservation Notebook

••• **Hazel Hill**, Eastern Region Secretary, has authored a draft of the Seboeis Unit Management Plan ••• The Bureau of Public Lands has negotiated with James River to deliver hardwood pulpwood to 3 chip plants ••• Thanks to **SERVE/Maine**, BPL now has backcountry rangers for the Seboeis and Donnell Pond Units for this season ••• The **BPL Silviculture Advisory Group** trip is scheduled for June 8 and 9. The group will be looking at smaller public lots in the Western Region ••• **Tom Charles** reports that the harvest operation at the Beatrice Baxter Forest in Topsham has been completed ••• The Public Meeting for the **Richardson Lake Unit** final draft management plan will be scheduled sometime in July. Contact **Pat Simard** at BPL to be advised of the date ••• **Steve Oliveri** recently helped with a Project Learning Tree program at the China Elementary School ••• MGS Resource Administrator **Mike Foley** has passed Maine's rigorous geologist certification exam, the seventh Survey staffer to become certified ••• The **Fire Control Division** has received and passed a Northeast Compact "min-inspection" for fire readiness and organization. All Fire Control Districts are currently undergoing annual in-depth internal fire readiness inspections for equipment distribution and fire plans, and overall readiness ••• **Fred Todd**, LURC'S Acting Director, presented a report on the Commission's Lakes Action Program and the new LURC field offices to the annual meeting of IF&W's Fisheries Biologists.

## St. John Meeting

The St. John River Advisory Committee held its annual inspection of the river's recreation facilities on May 22-24. The inspection and business meeting extended from Priestly Bridge to the Town of Allagash. DOC representatives included Del Ramey, BPL, Caroline Eliot, LURC and Craig Ten Broeck, BPR.

## BPL assists IF&W

Bureau of Public Lands foresters are assisting Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife biologists in developing a timber management program at the 6,000 acre Bud Leavitt management area in Charleston. According to Joe Wiley, they are planning on dealing with only 1,000 acres of the Unit at this time.

## Deer Isle Stewardship Conference

Steve Spencer made a brief presentation describing BPL's island management program to representatives of a number of conservation groups and agencies with island stewardship interests in the Deer Isle area. The conference was co-hosted by The Nature Conservancy and the Maine Coast Heritage Trust.



## Chinese Visitors

Bureau of Public Lands staff specialists made an international contact on May 16 with a brief presentation of the Bureau's management program and tour of the Duck Lake Unit for a group of visitors from the People's Republic of China. The delegation of graduate students and visiting scientists are studying multiple-use land management at UMO. BPL's Eastern Region hosted the event.

## Conservation Calendar

June

- 14 Squa Pan Unit Management plan Advisory Group(BPL) meeting -Presque Isle.

July

- 12 Telos Unit Advisory Group (BPL) - Ashland.  
19 Eagle Lake Unit final draft management plan public meeting (BPL) - Eagle Lake.

## GIS Conference

Bob Marvinney attended the 9th Annual ARC/INFO User Conference in Palm Springs, California the week of May 22, 1989. This conference is provided for Geographic Information System users of ARC/INFO software.

## Gravel Aquifer Program

The Geological Survey has commenced field work on this year's Significant Sand and Gravel Aquifer Mapping Program. The 1989 project area is located in the Rangeley-Stratton region of western Maine. Several college students including Governor's Intern Tammy Parker from Colby are working on the MGS studies of gravel and bedrock aquifers this summer.

## Fire Crews

Dick Morse and Leslie Wiles recently visited the National Guard Armory at Bradley Field in Hartford, Connecticut where Maine crews will be mobilized for out-of-state fire duty rather than Boston. Maine has listed one fully trained and equipped crew ready for out-of-state service and expects to list additional crews later.

## Training

Harry Doughty, Northern Regional Ranger, conducted a **Basic Incident Command System Course** on May 16. Participants included Eric Nosel, Scott Bates, John Knight, Rudolph Davis, Leslie Thornton, Arnold Martin, Sue Myers and Leslie Wiles.

Arnold Martin, Bill Hamilton, Peter Pelletier and Bill Williams attended a **Pump Mechanic Course** in New York on May 23-25.

Tim Hall will conduct the annual **BPR Life Guard Academy** at the YMCA Camp on Cobbossee Lake on June 14-15. Sixty-four BPR State Park lifeguards and five lifeguard supervisors will attend.

Three BPR employees will attend the **Interpretive Training Institute** in Brewster, Massachusetts in mid-June. John Scott, Janet Mangion, and Sami Gray will join interpretive staff from other New England states, the National Park Service and the Appalachian Mountain Club for the four day session.

### Reminder

All DOC employees may use State Parks (except Baxter) and Historic Sites without charge. Just show your DOC employee ID card at the gate. Have Fun!

## Satellite Field Office

LURC is testing a satellite field office program this summer. Over the Memorial Day weekend Gloria LeVassuer and David Allen held office hours in Millinocket and made site visits in the area. Similar weekend field offices are being planned for later this summer in the Grand Lake Stream, Albany, Chesuncook, and Rangeley areas. Times and places to be announced. These field offices provide an extra and convenient opportunity for people in these areas to get assistance with applications. Site visits may also be arranged.

## Tedford to attend Planners Conference

Hollis Tedford will be attending the Northeastern Forest Resource Planners Conference June 4 - 7 in Grand Rapids Michigan. State forestry planning personnel from 20 Northeastern states will attend. Contact Hollis at 289-4920 for more information.

## Photos Needed

MCC Spring and Summer projects are being documented by SERVE/Maine volunteer photographers. Mark Haskell of Camden recently shot scenes of MCC Corpsmembers installing new bridges at Camden Hills State Park, marking boundaries at the Frye Mt. Wildlife Area and maintaining trails at Lake St. George State Park. Slides of conservation projects and volunteers will be used for future MCC and SERVE/Maine public awareness and recruitment opportunities. With recruitment of volunteers in mind, Libbey Seigars requests that DOC personnel take action shots of volunteers they are supervising. If you need film supplied to you, please contact Libbey at 4945.

## Personnel News

### New Hires

Christine Palmer - Clerk Steno III - Geology  
Hartley La Duke - Director - Administrative Services

### Promotions

Gary Sweetser - Assistant Regional Ranger,  
Northern Region - Forestry

### Interns

Barbara Keenan, PLT, Forestry  
Robyn Carter, Management, Forestry  
Sharon Beck, Insect & Disease Mgt., Forestry  
Tammy Parker, Geology

## Information Please

We hope you find the information in the "Bulletin" and "A Report on Maine Forests Parks and Lands" useful and informative. We need you to help with story ideas and information, so please call:

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