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RECORD SET - An all-time attendance record of over 2.7 million visitors was set at Maine's State parks during 1983, generating income of over one million dollars for the first time. Attendance through October of 1983 was up at every type of public use recreation facility managed by the Bureau, except for historic sites where public use was down by just over one-half of one percent. The largest increase in use was 29 percent at the areas offering camping. Facilities offering hiking and picnicking also showed a large gain in popularity, recording an increase in public use of 24 percent over 1982.

CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY - The Maine Forest Service, in cooperation with the State Fire Marshall's Office, Maine Christmas Tree Growers Association and Cable TV, recently filmed a public service announcement on Christmas tree safety. Bob Umberger, Project Forester solicited a prime Christmas tree from Peter Soule of the A.L. Stewart Company for the announcement and filming was done at Sandra Crockett's home. Making their film debuts were Norm Rodrigue, Administrative Services, Norm's two children, Mark and Christie and Judy Tyler, Maine Forest Service. The message will show the proper way to care for your Christmas tree; making sure it doesn't dry out, checking the lights etc.

NEW DOC PROGRAM - Michael Cyr of Winterport was recently selected to direct Maine's new Forest Resource Assessment and Marketing Program. According to Commissioner Anderson, "The appointment moves us closer to achieving potential for natural resources development created when the 111th Legislature authorized natural resources financing and marketing programs with the Finance Authority of Maine and the related Forest Resource Assessment and Marketing Program in the DOC." The Program was designed to maximize benefits to Maine from information provided by the recently completed ten-year forest resurvey. the Program will explore wood export opportunities, increased use of currently under-used tree species, wood energy market potentials and value-added wood and paper processing. During the past 14 years, Michael has worked for Maine's largest non-industrial land management company, Seven Islands Land Management Company of Bangor as Director of Contract Harvesting. Earlier, he was the company's Utilization Forester, conducting research on the potential use of Maine spruce and fir wood chips by European mills. Welcome aboard Michael!

PERSONNEL - Alice Bickford recently transferred from the Land Use Regulation Commission to the Bureau of Public Lands, replacing Marie Plourd...Ken Spalding will be transferring to Planning & Program Services Division at the beginning of December. Ken will be Legislative Assistant to Annee Tara... Rita Brann will be returning to work for Public Lands on December 5 after a 6-month leave of absence.

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SPANWORM

- Hunters trekking through many northern Maine hardwood stands this fall may notice millions of small, tan moths known as the Bruce Spanworm. The moths are native insects commonly found throughout Maine. They will be more noticeable this year because they have reached unusually large numbers on about 350,000 acres of maple, beech and aspen type forest. The last recorded outbreak occurred between 1971 and 1973. The outbreaks normally last 2-3 years with little if any permanent injury to infested trees, according to Richard Dearborn, MFS Entomologist.

LANDSLIDES

- Woodrow Thompson, Physical Geologist of the Maine Geological Survey, says landslides similar to the recent Gorham slide are quite common in southern Maine and suggests that builders seek advice before beginning construction on or near steep clay banks. Although the causes of many landslides in Maine clay deposits have not been studied, geologists agree that the factors commonly involved are steep slopes, excessive soil moisture and soil temperature. Pending the availability of funding, the Maine Geological Survey hopes to conduct further study to determine which types of earth materials are most vulnerable to landslides, and to map old slides to help predict where slides are likely to occur in the future. Until then, builders of homes and larger structures in areas that appear prone to landslides should obtain advice from a consulting geologist or engineer.

BRIEFLY

- Steve Oliveri has finally shed the cast he has been carrying around since he broke his foot playing softball at the end of the summer. Now he can start getting it back in shape for next season...John Poisson, besides being sound technician and stage manager for Theatre UMF's production of "Playboy of the Western World", has also been drafted for a bit-part in the third act. Performance dates are December 8 - 11... Kenny and Vanessa Wing are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Ryan Matthew, born on October 31, weighing in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Kenny is a Ranger in Norridgewock.

CORRECTION

- Sentence 3 of the Affirmative Action Policy, which was included in the checks last pay period, should read: It shall be a violation of this policy to discriminate against any individual on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, handicap, or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era, unless a bona fide occupational qualification exists. Ellen Baum, DOC's Affirmative Action Officer, apologizes for having omitted the word sex.

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SPEAKERS

- Melanie Lanctot and Marc Loiselle presented information on the geologic aspects of radon in groundwater at a meeting of the UMO Cooperative Extension Service on November 10...Clifton Foster, Regional Forester in Gray, spoke on November 3 on the subject of forest management before a large audience at L. L. Bean... Woody Thompson discussed the Survey's new State geologic map at the fall meeting of the Geologic Society of Maine on November 10.

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SUPPORTED

- A public hearing was held 2 weeks ago by the legislative Sunset Review Committee to get public comments about the mandate and work of the Land Use Regulation Commission. The hearing was prompted by a report issued by the forest industry which criticized the Commission's performance over the past dozen years. Alec Giffen reports that the hearing went very well for LURC.