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H A P P Y N E W Y E A R

As 1983 draws to a close, I would like to thank all of you for making 1983 a very successful year. DOC employees played major roles in:

- 1) The Rivers Study and subsequent laws.
- 2) The Finance Authority of Maine and the Natural Resource Finance and Marketing Authority.
- 3) A tremendously successful Fire Control year.
- 4) An all-time record for the number of visitors at our State parks and record income (over 1 million) to the General Fund from park admissions.
- 5) The completion of the Spruce-Fir Supply/Demand Study.
- 6) A very successful Spruce Budworm Program with no major incidents and significant cost reductions.
- 7) The initiation of an entirely new program--the Forestry Marketing and Assessment Program (with a \$225,000 budget) to assess wood supplies and develop market opportunities.
- 8) The completion and publication of an extensive inventory of the peat resources of our State.
- 9) The rewriting of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the Unorganized Territories.
- 10) The Maine Conservation Corps Program became a reality after being recommended for funding by Governor Brennan and approved by the Legislature. Our first projects will begin on March 1, 1984.

I could go on, but I just wanted to make the point that together we can all be proud of our accomplishments during 1983. None of us spend enough time reflecting on our accomplishments because we always have new problems, new challenges, new opportunities and don't have time to spend basking in our successes.

Let's all take a few quiet minutes sometime before January 1, 1984 to reflect on all those things we've accomplished in 1983 and set our personal sights on those things we want to accomplish in 1984.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to thank each and every employee of the Department of Conservation for their continued support during a very successful 1983.

I would also encourage any employee who has suggestions on how to make 1984 even more successful to write to me and let me know what you think.

Have a great '84!

Dick Anderson
Commissioner

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RFP - The Department's consolidated Request for Proposals to purchase hardware and software for word/data processing has been released by the State Contract Review Committee. Norm Rodrigue sent the RFP to several major computer vendors last week and ads are running in several newspapers seeking bids. The RFP is the culmination of a year's work by the Automation Team created by Commissioner Anderson in 1982. The bid opening date is January 20, 1984. The successful bidder will install a minimum of six data/word processing stations in the Department. Long-range plans include expanding this equipment to major field offices.

BUDWORM CONFERENCE - The Eastern Spruce Budworm Research Conference is scheduled for January 10 - 11, 1984 at the University of Maine at Orono. The general theme of the conference will be the issue of the spruce-fir wood supply and the impact of a supply shortfall on the economy of the region. Other related topics devoted to special interest groups will be presented on the second day of the conference. Some of the speakers include: Dave Field, UMO; Henry Magnuson, Paper Industry Information Office; D. McFarland, New Brunswick Dept. of Natural Resources; B. Blum, U.S. Forest Service; Tom Rumpf, Steve Oliveri, Henry Trial and Don Moen from the Maine Forest Service. The evening program will include a cash bar, buffet dinner and entertainment by Sandy Ives, folklorist and Maine logging historian. For information, contact Steve Oliveri at 289-2791.

PERSONNEL - Roberta Lavallee has transferred to Inland Fisheries and Wildlife from the Maine Forest Service...Judy Brown, formerly with LURC, was hired as a Clerk Typist III for the Fire Control Division, MFS. Good luck Judy!...Linda Gosselin has been hired as a Clerk Typist II for LURC. Linda comes to us from Workers' Comp...Paula LaFrance started working for Administrative Services, Payroll Division last week. Paula formerly worked for the Department of Transportation... WELCOME ABOARD!..Priscilla Daiute is working temporarily for LURC, assisting them with the clerical workload...WELCOME BACK, PRISCILLA!

H.O.M.E. SEMINAR - Gail Tunstead has put together a woodlot management seminar at the request of the H.O.M.E. Learning Center in Orland. (H.O.M.E. stands for Homemakers Organized for More Employment). The seminar is scheduled for January 9 and 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the H.O.M.E. Learning Center in Orland. Forestry personnel participating in the seminar include Jim Ecker who will be speaking on Safety; Chuck Hulsey, Wildlife and Recreation; Peter Lammert, Utilization, Merle Ring, Timber Stand Improvement Economics; Bob Umberger, Taxes and Gail Tunstead, General Management. The seminar is open to the general public with reservations limited to 30 people.

"RECYCLE DAY" - Just a reminder to everyone that although December 30 is "Recycle Day" at the Department of Conservation, all bureaus will be open to the public and in full operation.