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SOFTBALL - There will be a softball game with Department of Human Services Central on May 22 and a game with DEP on May 29. These home games start at 5:30 p.m. on AMHI field #2.

ALLAGASH
WILDERNESS
WATERWAY - Waterway Rangers reported (via Mary Rheinbolt) the following information during the week of May 11:

"Water levels throughout the Waterway are seasonably high. Traveling is generally good with some exceptions including:

Allagash Stream outlet into Chamberlain Lake is impassable to upstream travel; urge caution to anyone attempting downstream passage as well.

There is a hazardous ice jam at Allagash Falls on the main river. Travelers are urged to leave the Waterway via Michaud Farm rather than attempting to re-enter the river after carry around the Falls. The Waterway is generally clear of ice with the last lake to clear, Allagash, opening on May 8.

Travelers are cautioned to be prepared for cold nights. Canoeists and others are urged to wear approved personal flotation devices at all times due to extremely low and hazardous water temperatures."

APPEAL - The loss of at least 10 structures including four homes due to escaped outdoor fires prompted a recent public appeal from MFS Director, Ken Stratton to use extra caution while doing spring burning. Fires resulting from debris burning are occurring at twice last year's rate so far this spring.

SPEAKER - Commissioner Anderson will speak to the Western Maine Forest Forum on Monday evening, May 21 at Steckino's Restaurant in Lewiston. The Commissioner will discuss the history, current events and future plans of the Maine Forest Service.

DEAN
TO
VISIT - Yale School of Forestry Dean John Gordon will visit in Maine this week. Lloyd Irland, former DOC Forest Insect Manager and Ken Stratton will meet with Dean Gordon during his visit.

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FORESTRY
ISSUES
COMMITTEE

- Members of the Committee and Land Use Regulation Commission staff will conduct a field trip to the Narraguagus River on May 18. The group will examine established zones along the waterway. Jym St. Pierre is coordinating the trip.

ROAD
SEMINAR

- The Land Use Regulation Commission and St. Regis Paper Company will jointly sponsor a Road Building Field Seminar tomorrow, May 17. The program includes a bus trip through Hancock and Washington counties where the St. Regis road construction program will be reviewed. Robert Cope, St. Regis Regional Timberland Manager, Alec Giffen, Commission Director and Greg Brown, UMO College of Forestry will speak during the day.

Following a dinner in Bangor, Drs. Steven Norton and Ivan Fernandez will speak on 'Acid Rain -- In Maine and Lessons from Europe.' About 80 people are expected to attend.

BIRD
WALKS

- Steve and Kris Oliveri were recently featured in a Page One Kennebec Journal photo story about their bird walks at the Arboretum.

NOTES FROM
PERSONNEL

- Lori Quimby, UMO sophomore from Farmingdale will be employed by Personnel during the summer; Ken Meyer has been promoted to Park Manager I at Pemaquid.

PROCLAMATIONS

- Governor Brennan has proclaimed May 20 - 26 as Arbor Week in Maine. The Maine Forest Service is arranging tree planting ceremonies in several locations throughout the State in observance of the annual event.

The Governor has also proclaimed June 9 and 10 as "Meet Me At The Park Day." During these two days, a wide range of educational and recreational events will be conducted at Department managed parks and historic sites. We will include a list in the May 30 issue of DOC News.

BERNIE'S
BACK

- Former BPL Director Bernie Schruender visited the Augusta office last week. Bernie, who now works for the USFS in Wisconsin, was back to attend his son's Winthrop High School graduation.

GEOLOGY
FIELD
STUDY

- Carolyn Lepage participated in an intensive 3-day field study with geologists from the U.S. and Washington State Geological Surveys, as well as private sector to compare geologic settings and harvesting techniques and effects of selected peat deposits in Washington State with those of Maine peat resources. This was followed by 2 days of meetings in Denver to discuss peat research topics as well as proposed peat studies in Maine.

Melanie Lanctot was interviewed for PBS IV's MacNeil-Lehrer Report on the subject of radon in Maine's ground water.

PARK
PLANNERS
CONFERENCE

- Tom Cielinski recently returned from Atlanta, Ga. where he attended a Park Planners Conference (and scored 46,100 on the Hotel Pac Man).