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- L. L. BEAN - ORDERS - Andrea Erskine has now returned to full-time work and has assumed her duties for the Information & Education Section, as well as her role as the authorized processor of L. L. Bean orders. It is extremely fitting to use Andrea's return as an excuse to review the L. L. Bean discount ordering policy. L. L. Bean offers the 33 1/3 discount to full-time, permanent DOC employees only. (Children and spouse are not eligible). There are a few exceptions to the discount. For a list of these exceptions, write to Andrea. As most people know, there is a \$1.00 fee for processing all orders. This is a small price to pay for such a good discount. The fee is designed to cover the cost of the stamp and processing, but most importantly, to reimburse the one person who is recognized by L. L. Bean and agrees to process the orders on personal time. Orders cannot be processed on State time; they should be placed in the basket by Andrea's desk with any questions written down and attached. They will be checked at the end of the day and mailed the next. The orders must be checked and stamped by Andrea before they are sent to L. L. Bean. This is the only way they have of knowing that you work for DOC. There is also a \$2.50 charge assessed by L. L. Bean to cover their costs for shipping and handling. This is to be included in the check or money order. Orders cannot be paid with VISA or Mastercard. The correct procedure for making out an L. L. Bean order is to total up the price, take one-third off, add 5% sales tax and then the \$2.50. The \$1.00 is separate.
- MS BIKE - TOUR - Steve Oliveri expresses his thanks to the many DOC employees who pledged their support for him in the recent MS Bike Tour. Steve completed the 100-mile course and raised \$135.00 for the Maine Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Good work, Steve!
- UNITED - WAY - The 1984 United Way Campaign will get underway today with a coffee hosted by Parks & Recreation at 9:00 a.m. on the 1st floor of the Harlow Building. Representatives for each Bureau are Doug Cotnoir & Marie Plourd - Admin. Services; Jill Parks for LURC; Judy Tyler, Forestry; Lorna DeAmaral and Vicky Gregory in Parks; Alice Bickford in Public Lands and Carole Ricker in Geology. Last year, DOC raised \$3,536 which is a lot, but this year's goal is to top that. Bureau totals for last year were: Admin. Services - \$837.00; Parks - \$422.00; Public Lands - \$261.00; Forestry - \$503.00; LURC - \$507.00, and Maine Geological Survey - \$1,006.00. Let's all dig deep and beat last year's total.
- AMERICAN - PULPWOOD - ASSOCIATION - The 1984 Fall meeting of the American Pulpwood Assn, Inc., Northeastern Technical Division is scheduled for October 9-11 at Sugarloaf, USA. The program includes a field trip to tour Sugarloaf, Stratton Lumber and A&A Brochu's logging operation on Scott Paper Company lands.

AMERICAN...  
PULPWOOD  
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A Technical Review the following day will cover the topics of Backcountry Recreationists and the Timber Industry: How the Twain Can Meet; Managing the Recreational Users in a Commercial Forest--North Maine Woods; Recreation Management on National Forests; Vacation Among the Stumps; and The "New" Appalachian Trail in Maine: Impacts on Forest Management. Anyone interested in attending should contact Robert L. Meyer at the American Pulpwood Association Inc., 133 State Street, Augusta, Maine. The registration fee is \$10.00 and spouses are complimentary.

LURC  
STAFF  
MEETING

Land Use Regulation Commission staff and Commission members held a two-day meeting at Deboullie Township recently to conduct a general review of LURC's functions over the past year, and to familiarize LURC with the resources for which they are responsible. Their agenda included a visit to the Bald Mountain Mining Site and a canoe excursion across the lakes to view the scenery, rare plants, ice caves, old growth timber, etc. Del Ramey and Vern Labbe from the Bureau of Public Lands attended the meeting and gave a presentation. Commissioner Anderson, Annee Tara and Norm Rodrigue also attended.

PERSONNEL - Maureen Doyon has been promoted to an Accountant I for Administrative Services, replacing Donna Bilodeau. Congratulations Maureen... Brenda Bailey joined the staff of Administrative Services on Monday, October 1 as the new receptionist. Welcome aboard Brenda!

DENTAL  
PLAN - Any DOC employee who did not receive the new dental insurance application form should contact Debbie Everett. If you have any questions, call Debbie or Charlene Dutremble at 289-2211.

RETRO  
UPDATE - WHEN TO EXPECT THE FIRST CHECK? The first check, which represents a lump-sum payment, will be issued the third or fourth week of October. WHAT TO EXPECT? In general, anyone employed by the State on the signing of the agreement, or who retired or was laid off after July 1, 1983, will receive a lump-sum payment of 3½% or \$400.00, whichever is greater for the period July 1, 1983 to February 29, 1984. Retro for permanent seasonal employees, employees on leave, or part-time employees will be figured according to actual hours worked. Overtime, retirement, and non-standard pay are excluded from all retro formulations. Employees hired after July 1, 1983 and still employed as of September 3, 1984 will have their retro pro-rated. The next issue of DOC NEWS will contain more information on remaining salary increase schedules and retro checks. Copies of "the changes in the MSEA agreement" will be available soon at all DOC regional offices. If you still have questions about the first "retro check" please contact Jo-Ann Choate or Charlene Dutremble.

MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDAR - Dr. Ivan Kolenka, a Czechoslovakian Professor & Chairman of the Department of Forestry Economics at the Univ. of Zvolen will speak at a brown-bag lunch on Friday, October 12 at noon. Check with Judy Andrews for the specific Augusta location. An international agreement between several European countries to lessen the impacts of acid deposition in Czechoslovakia will be discussed along with a description of the forest condition.