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UNITED WAY

- DOC employees were very generous to this year's United Way Campaign. All 6 bureaus topped the amount that was collected last year to give the DOC a total of \$391.50 over the \$4,200 goal that was set by Commissioner Anderson. Administrative Services collected \$210.00 over their goal of \$798.00; Geology topped their goal of \$441.00 by \$740.00; Parks and Recreation met their goal of \$714.00; Public Lands collected \$139.00 over their \$357.00 goal; Land Use Regulation Commission came up with \$111.00 over the \$420.00 goal. Forestry was the only bureau unable to meet their goal. Individual goal amounts for the Bureaus were set by increasing last year's amount by 27%. Debbie Ross, DOC's campaign coordinator, and all the Bureau representatives should be pleased with their efforts.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

- Commissioner Anderson and Joe Kelley, Geology, accompanied Governor Brennan to the dedication of the Wells Estuarine Sanctuary on Monday, October 29...Herb Hartman spoke this week to the Bangor/Brewer Kiwanis Club on outdoor recreation... Ellen Baum spoke on wood energy at the New England Environmental Education Association on October 27...Walter Gooley and Jack Dirkman, Forest Management Division, both spoke at the annual Maine Association of Conservation Commission's meeting held recently on the subject of interacting with conservation agencies.

WINTER HIRING

- Commissioner Anderson is urging DOC supervisors to consider DOC employees who are laid-off for the winter in filling any vacancies they may have. Many of the people laid-off are willing to work the winter season to supplement their incomes. Please check with the Personnel Unit to determine if there are any laid-off employees in the area of employment.

PERSONNEL

- Personnel changes taking place within DOC include: Jo-Ann Choate will be transferring from Payroll to Bookkeeping and Don Norman is replacing Jo-Ann...Ron Burke has left DOC to work for the Department of Education; Lucinda Russell, who worked for DOC before promoting to Education, will be returning to DOC as an Accountant II...Hollis Tedford begins work as a Planning and Research Associate II for the Bureau of Public Lands on November 5. Hollis has been the Time & Tide RC&D Forester in Waldoboro...Cindy Bastey has been hired by the Bureau of Parks and Recreation as a Planning and Research Assistant.

UNBALLOON - Allagash Ranger Jon Metcalf has received a letter of thanks
VOYAGEUR from Frederic Carrier of Drummondville, Quebec for returning
(A TRAVELING his balloon which was released on August 30 as part of a
BALLOON) school project. According to Nicole Lemaire, Frederic's
teacher, Jon was the only person to find and respond to
messages sent aloft by 471 students. Jon sent a map
showing the location where he found the balloon. The story
and photo was published in the local newspaper.

TRAINING SESSIONS Stephen Spencer and Lew Allen, LURC Enforcement Division,
held a training session recently at the request of and
for Scott Paper Company. The morning classroom session was
held in Bingham where Lew and Steve reviewed the Land Use
Regulation Commission, its background, objectives, protective
zones and examples of violations. The afternoon session
consisted of a field review of various sites within Bald
Mtn. and Mayfield Townships. The session was attended by 19
Scott employees and contractors and was quite successful
according to Lew.

PROJECT - Thirty-five teachers at Oak Hill High School in Wales
LEARNING will participate in a Project Learning Tree teacher's
TREE workshop. The teachers will receive fifteen hours of
instruction in forestry, biology and ecology. The workshop
is being conducted by a MFS-coordinated team.

BITS - In November, WCBB, our local Public Broadcasting Station,
AND will be re-broadcasting a series of 12 half-hour programs
BYTES entitled "BITS AND BYTES" as part of an overall training
program called the "Academy on Computers". Central
Computer Services has suggested that anyone who has
questions about computing or feels uncomfortable with
computers and may not have time to attend the lengthy
courses, tune in to the programs. CCS reviewed the course
last spring and found the series enjoyable as it presented
fairly complex materials in unique and novel ways and made
them understandable. The first program is scheduled
for November 4. Anyone interested in finding out more
about the programs or the "Academy on Computers" should
contact Ellie Shimko at WCBB, 783-9101.

BIGELOW - Bureau of Public Lands Director Rob Gardiner and field
TOUR staff hosted the Audubon Society and the American Forest
Institute recently during a tour of the Bigelow Preserve.
Discussion centered on the unique character of the
Preserve and the challenge to balance a variety of user
interests and resource requirements within the general
context of visual resource management.

MGS NEWS Martin Hamborg, Director of the Geological Survey of
Norway's Quaternary Geology Division is visiting the
Maine Geological Survey to observe geologic mapping
and publication procedures... Andy Tolman and Joe Kelley
will be giving presentations at the First Regional
Coastal Engineering Conference being held at the Samoset
Resort from October 30 to November 1.