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BLAINE
HOUSE
CONFERENCE

- Next month's Blaine House Conference on Forestry will feature Louis J. D'Amore, a Canadian futurist, who will describe his vision of global resources and issues in the year 2020 during a dinner speech December 6 at the Augusta Civic Center. D'Amore is known for his research in social aspects of future events in North America. His speech will underscore the central theme of the Conference of planning for the future, according to Commissioner Anderson. Other preparations for the Conference are nearly complete. Each of the five task groups (government, commercial, education, non-fiber uses, and wood harvesting and transportation) have completed more than 1 month of collaborative discussions of their visions of Maine's future forest and their roles in attaining that future. A spokesperson from each group will be selected by the group members and speak on the second day of the conference. The two-day conference begins at 9:00 a.m. on December 6.

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TRIP

- The Land Use Regulation Commission Forestry Issues Committee and members of the Commission and staff will visit the Nashwaak Experimental Forest in New Brunswick this week. The Nashwaak Forest is the site of a continuing research effort by University of New Brunswick faculty and graduate students to determine the effects of timber harvest on adjacent surface water streams. This research is particularly valuable to Maine because of similar soil and forest conditions in the State's spruce-fir forest.

THANKS

- Sandra Cleaves, Parks and Recreation in Presque Isle, would like to thank everyone for the flowers and cards she received after having surgery a couple of weeks ago. Sandra is now home recuperating and hopes to be back to work soon. Get well soon, Sandra!

PERSONNEL

- Two people joined the Department of Conservation this week. Ben Townsend, who previously worked at Baxter State Park as a Campground Ranger, has joined the Land Use Regulation Commission staff as an Environmental Services Specialist II and Bruce Lincoln has been hired in an Acting Capacity status as a Right-of-Way Appraiser II for the Real Property Management Division. Bruce previously worked for the Bureau of Public Lands as a Para-Legal Assistant.

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TRAVELERS

- Tom Cieslinski returned recently from Florida where he visited Sea World, Magic Kingdom, and Epcot Center with his family and relatives. Tom heartily recommends Space Mountain in the Magic Kingdom for those thrill seekers among us, and the German restaurant at Epcot...

TRAVELERS - Tim Hall recently returned from a conference in Jensen Beach, Florida on Marine Safety as a Part of the Emergency Medical System. Tim is the Lifeguard Coordinator for the Bureau of Parks and recreation. After the Conference, Tim admitted spending some time with his wife Irene and a "certain mouse friend" in Orlando.

SPEAKER - Martin Hamborg, Director of Mapping for the Norwegian Geologic Survey, will speak on Norwegian geology on Thursday, November 29 at 11:30 in Classroom One, Marquart Building, Augusta Mental Health Institute. Mr. Hamborg's visit to Maine is being coordinated by the Maine Geological Survey and the Institute of Quaternary Studies at the University of Maine at Orono.

RECREATION - Cornville, Holden, Richmond and Southwest Harbor will share \$4,098 from the State's Municipal Recreation Fund according to Herb Hartman, Director of Parks and Recreation. The grants are for soccer/softball field improvements in Richmond, \$2,000; playing field improvements (drainage) in Cornville, \$1,000; a handicapped access ramp to a recreation center in Holden, \$1,000 and recreational access improvements to allow use of a school for community recreation activities in Southwest Harbor, \$350. The Fund was established in 1971 to aid communities with local recreation projects. The last appropriation to the fund was in 1979 and these awards will exhaust the Fund's balance.

INTERNATIONAL - "Geology", an international publication of the Geological Society of America, has published an article on crustal warping in coastal Maine. The article's authors are from the Maine Geological Survey, UMO, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, and the U.S. Geological Survey. Walter Anderson, Joseph Kelley, and Woodrow Thompson contributed.

ATTEAN - The Bureau of Public Lands has entered into a lease agreement with Brad Holden, owner of Attean Lake Resorts in Jackman, to maintain a public boat launch site on Attean Pond. According to Rob Gardiner, BPL's Director, the purpose of the lease is to ensure that the site at Attean Lake is maintained and kept clean for recreationists visiting the area. The Bureau's lease with Holden represents "an outstanding opportunity for State and private cooperation in a public spirited enterprise," stated Gardiner. The Attean boat launch site is the beginning and end of the Moose River Bow Trip, a popular 3-day canoe trip. As a condition of the lease, the public will no longer be charged to park at the site. The Attean Pond boat landing is on the northeast shore of Attean Lake, and is part of a 960-acre Public Lot within the State's 400,000-acre Public Reserved Lands System.

HOUSEWARMING - Art and Alberta Blood were given a surprise housewarming party at their new home on Lake St. George on Sunday, November 18. Art recently retired as the Park Manager at Lake St. George State Park. Approximately 50 DOC employees (including several retired employees) attended and presented Art and Alberta with an electric welder and gift certificate as well as a check.