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PHOTO CONTEST - Winners of this past summer's State Parks, Historic Sites, and Public Reserved Lands photo contest were: Ken Thomas of Ludlow, Massachusetts was awarded 1st place prize (\$100.00 gift certificate from L. L. Bean) for his color slide of a bull moose at Lily Bay State Park; Jeanne Munn Bracken of Littleton, Massachusetts won the 2nd place prize of a \$75.00 gift certificate from L. L. Bean for her slide of a foggy marsh with a boat taken at Roque Bluffs State Park; and John Dennison of Freeport, Maine took 3rd place with a picture of a canoe at sunrise on Allagash Lake, AWW. He received a \$50.00 certificate from L. L. Bean. Judges for the contest were Dan Bell, Sheila McDonald and John Poisson.

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HEAD START PARTY - The annual State Employees' Christmas Party will be held today starting at 10:00 in the State House Hall of Flags. The Department of Conservation's contribution to the party totaled \$89.11 (\$5.11 over last year). Public Lands contributed \$6.65; Parks gave \$20.15; Geology, \$6.65; Bolton Hill sent in \$6.66; Forestry collected \$17.00; Administrative Services, \$22.00 and LURC gave \$10.00. The party is coordinated by Community Services and they invite everyone to join them at the party to see the joy and happiness of the children made possible by our contributions.

REMINDER - The Division of Administrative Services reminds DOC NEWS readers that bills and invoices should be submitted in triplicate (original and 2 copies). This will reduce copying time and expense and also shorten bill processing time.

MANAGER AWARD - Bill Elliot, Manager at Peaks Kenny State Park, has received an outstanding supervisors award for his participation in the Summer Youth Employment Training Program. The award was given by the Training and Development Corporation. Bill is currently working at Steinaker Lake State Park in Utah as Park Ranger. He hasn't decided at this point whether he will be staying in Utah to work year-round or returning to Maine to work in his seasonal position at Peaks Kenny.

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PERSONNEL - Jo-Ann Choate has transferred to Community Services. She will be missed by all her friends here at DOC, but is wished the best of luck in her new position...Patricia Walls, previously employed with the Motor Vehicles Division, has been hired as a Clerk Typist II for the Administrative Services Division...Bill Cody has begun work with Administrative Services as an Accountant I. Bill worked for the Department of Transportation, Motor Transport Service before joining DOC... Jeff Flewelling is working in the Waterways Division as a Laborer I. He previously worked as a construction equipment operator...WELCOME ABOARD BILL, PATRICIA AND JEFF!...Tim Hall has been selected as Park Manager of Rangeley Lake State Park. Tim was previously Park Manager I at Peacock Beach State Park... Charles Noble is the new Park Manager at Ferry Beach. He was Park Ranger at Sebago Lake State Park before being hired at Ferry Beach...CONGRATULATIONS TO TIM AND CHARLES!

PUBLIC LANDS SPEAKERS - The Bureau of Public Lands is being well-represented by its employees. Rob Gardiner, Director, will be speaking at the Western Maine Forest Forum in Lewiston on the 19th and at the Eastern Maine Forest Forum in Bangor on December 10...Nancy Malesky presented a slide show and talk on the Bigelow Preserve and Flagstaff Lake to the Wilton Lions Club on November 12.

HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT - Since the Christmas holiday falls on a Tuesday this year, Governor Brennan has given State employees Monday, the day before, off. Any employee required to work that day will receive their regular pay plus compensatory time off comparable to the hours worked that day to be taken at some other mutually convenient time. Employees working a compressed work week should revert back to a regular work week. (Please refer to DOC IPLS #82-016). All State offices will be open for business on Monday, December 31. MAY YOU ALL HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!

READING RAINBOW - Several employees of the Maine Forest Service were given high praise in a recent letter to Governor Brennan from the producer of THE READING RAINBOW, a program that explores the importance of forest conservation and prevention of forest fires. The State of Maine was chosen as the location for the show because of the professionalism and dedication shown by Ken Stratton and his staff, including Jan Selser, Maynard Thornton, Otis Gray, John Knight, Randy Billings, Gail Tunstead, Gary Morse, and Ellis Sprague. The Governor was commended on the quality of his staff at the Maine Forest Service, saying that they are truly ambassadors for the State.

BLAINE HOUSE CONFERENCE - Over 250 people participated in the second Blaine House Conference on Forestry last Thursday and Friday. The enthusiastic group was undaunted by the worst snowstorm thus far this season. One visitor arrived in Augusta during the storm after driving from Missouri to attend the conference. Participants heard from several notable speakers who focused on plans for the future including a spring conference on Canadian imports and exports, announced by Governor Brennan. Legislative proposals for a mid-cycle spruce-fir survey and a tax incentives and education program designed to encourage aggressive management of overstocked spruce-fir stands were among commitments made by Commissioner Anderson. Proceedings from the conference will be made available later this spring.