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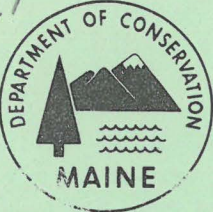
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TREE
FARM
DEDICATION

- The recent Blaine House Conference was the scene of two Tree Farm dedications. Scott Paper Company became members of the program for their excellent forestry work and the Farmington Ski Club which operates the 135-acre Titcomb Ski Area in West Farmington also became members. Walt Gooley, Bureau of Forestry, and Ski Club Director, received the award on behalf of the club. He said it is quite a feat to selectively cut a woodlot which has seven miles of cross country ski trails on it. The project was a joint effort with the I.P. Co., Landowner Assistance Program.

EMPLOYEE
PHOTO
CONTEST

- A color slide of sunrise at Black Pond, T15 R9 (Public Reserved Land) taken by Steve Spencer of the Land Use Regulation Commission, has been selected as the winner of the 1984 DOC Employees Photo Contest which was held last summer. Steve's prize will be a weekend at the Bureau of Public Land's camp at Duck Lake. Congratulations Steve!

REMINDER
FROM
BOOKKEEPING

- Please remember that whenever gas is purchased for a State vehicle on a credit card, the receipt of the purchase should be submitted to Administrative Services as soon as possible, preferably on a daily basis so that they might be able to keep up with the filing. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

PERSONNEL

- Melissa Winchenbach has returned to DOC after a short stay with Accounts & Control. She will be working with Franklin Sargent as an Account Clerk I, replacing Don Norman. Welcome back Melissa...Art Blood, who retired as Park Manager of Lake St. George recently, is working for the Snowmobile Division as a Heavy Equipment Operator at Fyre Mountain...this must be a hard place to stay away from...Debbie Kimball has been hired as a Clerk Typist II for Administrative Services. She previously worked for the Motor Vehicle Division. Welcome aboard Debbie...Raymond Lamont and David Ouellette have both been hired as Heavy Equipment Operators for the Snowmobile Division; Raymond in Evans Notch and David at Mt. Blue...Millard Eugley is working as an Auto Mechanic while on layoff from his summer seasonal position at Camden Hills...Howard Clary also joined the Department recently as an Account Clerk II in Bookkeeping...Craig Neil joined Geology as a Geology Technician last week...Welcome aboard to Howard and Craig...Mark Dawson has been promoted from a Planning & Research Associate I to a P&R Associate II with the Land Use Regulation Commission...

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PERSONNEL - Lewis Allen has been promoted to Forest Fire Planning and Training Coordinator for the Maine Forest Service effective January 15. Lew has worked for the Land Use Regulation Commission for the past 10 years, the last 5 as Enforcement and Education Coordinator. Forestry will host a coffee in Lew's honor on Tuesday, January 15 at 9:30. Everyone is invited to attend.

THEFT
REPORTS - Over the holidays there were several reports of personal items disappearing from the Harlow Building. Please take EXTRA CARE with valuables. They should not be left, unlocked, overnight or on weekends and shouldn't be left unattended if it can be avoided.

WHOLE
TREE
CHIPPING - Commissioner Anderson has named a seven-member task force to recommend state actions to assure that whole tree biomass harvests are conducted according to sound forest management practices. The responsibility for the implementation of effective policies that will assure that biomass harvesting operations follow sound management principles is jointly shared by the biomass user and the DOC. It will be the responsibility of this Task Force, over the next three months, to develop recommendations to Commissioner Anderson relative to actions that should be taken by State Government to assure, to the greatest extent practical, that sound forest management principles are adhered to in biomass harvesting. The Commissioner announced his plans to appoint the panel during the 2nd Blaine House Conference indicating that their recommendations would "shape the role of the DOC's Maine Forest Service in this vital partnership with private industry."

WINTER
WONDERLAND - Looking for something different to do during the winter months? Guided winter nature walks will be offered at Wolf Neck Woods State Park beginning Saturday, 1/19, led by Park Naturalist Pamela Truesdale. Topics covered on the walks may include winter ecology, identification of trees and shrubs, animal tracks, birds, evergreen plants, fungi and more. The walks are free of charge and all that is required is that you dress warm; you will be outdoors approximately 1½ - 2 hours. Explore Maine's winter environment and see how plants and animals adapt to survive the cold.

LAND
EXCHANGE - The Bureau of Public Lands exchanged deeds with Great Northern Paper Company and Baskahegan Lands, Inc., on December 28. These transactions, which involved the exchange of 72,768 acres of land, yielded a net increase to the Public Reserved Lands System of 10,748 acres. In another transaction, the Bureau closed a sale with MMH Associates for 320 acres of Public Reserved Lands in T24 MD.

SWIM
TEAM - Alan and Bob Johnston of Forestry and Geology respectively, just returned from the College Coaches Swim Forum at the Swimming Hall of Fame in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. They coached the Colby College Swim teams and also participated in a one-mile ocean swim (in 73° water!).