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# DOC NEWS

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## NEWS RELEASES

- The Department of Conservation issued 146 news releases in 1984; 25 for Parks; 62 for Forestry; 13 for LURC; 6 for Geology; 17 for Public Lands; 9 for the Commissioner's Office and 14 for the Maine Conservation Corps. If you are interested in reading news releases issued on behalf of your bureau, check with your director's secretary who receives them. All releases are also kept in the Public Information & Education Section. Requests for news releases should be channeled through supervisors to Marshall Wiebe at 289-2211.

## BIOMASS FIELD TRIP

- Commissioner Anderson and Ken Stratton led a biomass field trip last week for the presidents of 5 major Maine banks. The trip included a helicopter flight over Cumberland County, southern Oxford County, and northern York County where several biomass-harvested forest stands were viewed. The trip was very beneficial and provided these key financial people an opportunity to better understand and appreciate the tremendous potential benefits that can result from the use of low quality, diseased, and dead trees to produce energy.

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## REORGANIZATION

- As many of you know, the Division of Administrative Services was reorganized last year. There were several changes in assignments, reclassifications and new organizational relationships. A major component of the reorganization which was never implemented was the transfer of Payroll from the Business Division to the Personnel Division. Since this is the alleged "slow" time of year for Administrative Services, now is an appropriate time for the change to take place. The effective date of the transfer was February 4. Will Harris, Personnel, will be supervising Don Norman and Marie Plourd, Payroll, who will physically remain where they are.

## COMPUTER NEWS

- Personnel from the 4 Fire Control regional offices have been meeting in Old Town for additional training on their computers. Dick Arbour has been teaching beginning operations as well as R BASE 4000 and DATABASE software packages we are now using for record keeping. These courses will be held once a month through this spring.

## PERSONNEL

- Fay Boynton accepted a promotion to work for the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Fay began her duties at F&W on February 28 after 8 highly dedicated years of service for DOC. A luncheon was held at Hazel Green's for Fay with many of her friends and fellow workers attending...Another valued employee, Charlie Atwater, has also taken a job elsewhere. Charlie began working for Human Services on Monday after almost 13 years with DOC. Charlie was treated to lunch at Tina's Italian Restaurant. (We think he's gone for good this time)...Best of luck to Charlie and Fay in their new positions!

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FOREST  
MANAGEMENT  
AREA

- In accordance with the agreement between the Maine Forest Service and the Baxter Park Authority, Dennis Brennan began work on January 14 in the Scientific Forest Management Area (SFMA) as full-time forester. The Maine Forest Service will manage the SFMA for the Authority, which, in turn, will fund the Forester I position.

SPEAKERS

- Walter Anderson, State Geologist, gave a talk on the Maine Geological Survey's programs at Boston University last week...Woody Thompson gave two lectures on the geology of Maine as part of Bowdoin College's popular new course entitled "The Maine Woods".

PARKS  
REPORTS  
AVAILABLE

- Joe Hardy's report on public access, campsite, and shoreline protection needs on 26 Maine rivers has been completed and delivered to the Bureau of Parks and Recreation. Hardy was hired last spring to do the report as part of the continuing implementation of the Maine Rivers Study. Distribution of this report will be limited, but the Bureau is preparing a summary of Joe's more important findings, along with the recommendation that a DOC Rivers Coordinator and DOC Rivers Grant Program be established, for general distribution. See Herb Hartman or Tom Cieslinski if you would like a copy...Also available from the Bureau of Parks and Recreation is an 8-page tabloid containing information about new public and private recreation programs and facilities, recreation priorities, issues and planning. Prepared under the direction of Tom Cieslinski of the Planning Division, the report discusses such current issues as rivers protection, the need for new day-use facilities, and the on-going State tourism study...The Snowmobile Division's trail map has become a very popular item with snowmobilers throughout the state and is in great demand. Bud Leavitt and several other outdoor writers were impressed with the map and recommended that anyone interested in snowmobiling obtain a copy.

FINAL

- This is another reminder that Social Security numbers MUST be included on your expense account vouchers. Up until now, Bookkeeping personnel have been calling employees to get their number if it was not included...no more Mr. Nice Guy...from now on they will be returned which means they will take a lot longer to process. If you're in a hurry to get your money, don't forget those numbers!!!

SICK  
LEAVE

- Al Wagner, BPR, is home recovering from a gall bladder operation. Al expects to be back in the work force in approximately 4 weeks.

EXHIBIT

- The Management & Utilization Division, MFS, prepared and manned an exhibit at the Agricultural Trades Show held recently at the Augusta Civic Center. Jack Dirkman prepared the exhibit which was very well-received and resulted in a lot of requests for information. Chuck Hulsey obtained a video tape of a 1930 movie strip of logging in the Down-east which was a real attraction.