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LUNCH SEMINAR

BROWN BAG - At noon on Monday, March 11 in the DEP Board Room, Chuck Hulsey will be on hand to show the 1930 logging film "From Stump to Ship". The vintage footage depicting logging, river driving, sawmilling, and shipping in Washington County is narrated just as it was written and filmed by Frank Ames of Machias. Mr. Ames was a local logging magnate who, to the benefit of a growing number of people, chronicled what he felt was the end of an era. Since March 11 is a long ways off, I'll put in a reminder in DOC NEWS the week before. The film was shown as part of an exhibit at the recent Agricultural Trades Show put together by Jack Dirkman, Management & Utilization Division, and was a real attraction.

SEAT -BELTS REQUIRED

Governor Brennan issued an Executive Order effective February 1, which requires that all state employees and their passengers wear a seat belt while they are traveling in state-owned vehicles or when traveling on official business for the state in privately-owned vehicles. National statistics demonstrate that one out of every five deaths occuring on the job are motor vehicle related. Because of that and the fact that the chances of avoiding moderate or critical injuries in a crash improve 31% of a lap belt is worn and by at least 57% when a lap/shoulder belt is worn, it is therefore in the employees' best interest to follow this policy.

OVERHEAD -TEAM MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Fire Control Division would like to give all DOC employees the chance to participate on the fire overhead teams. Many DOC employees from all bureaus are presently on these teams and contribute valuable knowledge and expertise to the operation. If you are interested in being assigned to one of the teams or would like more information, contact David Wight, Regional Ranger, P.O. Box 1107, Greenville, ME 04441, or Judy Brown at the Fire Control Office in the Harlow Building.

& VARIOUS OTHER TRAVELS

VACATIONS - Rob Gardiner and his family are spending a well-deserved vacation at the Mardi Gras...Paul Simpson is vacationing at St. Thomas for one week. Under the various other travels category, Doug Tyler has spent the last two weeks in the Allagash working on the new AWW Headquarters. Dick Coffin also spent a week up there...Marc Loiselle travelled to Albuquerque, New Mexico to attend a D.O.E. High-Level Nuclear Waste Transportation Workshop on February 5 & 6... Walter Anderson, Woody Thompson, Andy Tolman, Dick Arbour and Jim Rea all travelled to Connecticut to visit the Natural Resources Center there and exchange information on development of a computerized resource data base...

- BUDWORM Moderate to severe spruce budworm populations are anticipated on 1.5 million acres in Maine this year, only half of the 1984 acreage. Budworm populations peaked in 1976 when 7.5 million acres were infested. Current plans call for spraying 400,000 acres in 1985. Over 80% of the land will be sprayed with Bt.
- PERSONNEL James Ecker and Tom Whitworth have both been called back to work from layoff status. They are both working with the Bureau of Public Lands. Welcome back! ..Frank Appleby is the new Park Manager at Fort Edgecomb. Frank transferred from Fort George.
- SITE The Bureau of Parks and Recreation, Community Recreation

 DEVELOPMENT

 WORKSHOP

 March 1 at the Augusta Civic Center. The workshop is designed to aid designers, builders, and owners of public and private facilities by focusing on new site design guidelines and by holding several presentations on site selection, design, construction, and maintenance, according to John Picher, Division Director.
 - PUBLIC The Bureau of Public Lands conducted the first meeting of the Public Reserved Lands Planning Committee--a seven-member group impaneled to assist the Bureau with formulation of long-term planning policy for the PRL System. The group is comprised of individuals from industry, education, and private non-profit resource organizations and should fairly represent the various public interests concerned with management of these lands.
 - BRIEFLY Gary Donovan gave a slide show and talk on public lands to the Oakland Lion's Club on February 14...Michael Gallagher has been nominated chairman (sure to be appointed) of the Waterville Recreation Board...Andy Tolman was the keynote speaker at a groundwater seminar which was held at the Augusta Civic Center on Tuesday, February 19...Vicki Gregory caught a 22" salmon (by its back fin!) while ice fishing on Spring Pond... Way to hook'em Vicki!! Steve Curtis still holds the record though for the most unusual catch 2 salmon on the same trap; one on the hook and one with the line wrapped around its tail... talk about fish stories.
 - SNOWMOBILE "Allagash '85" was the theme of this year's E. B. Campbell

 Memorial Expedition which took place February 15-17 in

 Millinocket. E. B. Campbell was a local businessman who

 was one of the early Polaris dealers. He was a big promoter

 of snowmobiling in the Millinocket area. Five of the antique

 sleds used in the original expedition were used again in the

 reinactment. The 1960's trip was from Millinocket to Nugents

 Camps on Chamberlain Lake in the Allagash Wilderness Waterway.
 - LOBSTER LAKE
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 A 30-foot core of sediment removed from the bottom of Lobster
 Lake on Saturday is expected to give geologists a look at about
 13,000 years of history according to Walter Anderson, Maine
 Geological Survey, who has been assisting a team of geologists
 from UMO and Boston University in their study of "reverse deltas"
 in Maine. Lobster Lake normally flows through Lobster Stream into
 the West Branch of the Penobscot River. During periods of high
 water, however, the opposite occurs, resulting in a reverse
 delta of sediment. The deposit will give the team a geological
 and historical record of events such as the history of flooding,
 climatic changes and, even logging activities.