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SMOKING - At the recent Department of Conservation Supervisor's  
POLICY meeting, a questionnaire about smoking at work was distributed. About 50 people responded. Of those responding, 2/3 said they thought a departmental policy on smoking is needed. Almost all of those preferred a policy where certain areas would be designated as no-smoking or smoking-allowed areas. This information has been forwarded to a panel formed by the Governor to look into smoking policies. Thanks to those who took the time to express their opinions.

PERSONNEL - Bertha Myers has been promoted to an Accountant II with  
NEWS AMHI. She began her duties there on Monday. Bertha has worked for DOC for the past 9 years, most of them with the Bureau of Parks and Recreation. She will be missed by a lot of people and is wished the best of luck in her new job...Howard Clary has been promoted to an Accountant I in the Bookkeeping Section (Bertha's position). Congratulations Howard!...Marie Drew started work on Monday, March 18 as a Clerk Steno II at Bolton Hill. Marie will be working for Wimpy Burnham. She comes to DOC from Agriculture. Welcome aboard, Marie!...Robb Spivey will be leaving the Bureau of Public Lands to pursue a career in private business at the end of this month. Rob has worked for the Department for 6 years. Good luck Robb!...Another long-time employee, Ellen Baum, has left the Department to join the private sector. Ellen worked for the Department in a number of positions, the latest being a Planning & Research Associate II with the Planning & Program Services Division. She will continue working for the Department on a special contract to finish the work she began on the upcoming Blaine House Conference on Imports and Exports, so she will still be around occasionally. Good luck Ellen!...In the last edition of DOC NEWS, 2 former DOC employees were mentioned as having been hired by IF&W and game wardens. Rick Mills should also have been mentioned. Rick has worked for Fire Control in the Southern Region for the last 6 years. We have lost quite a few people to Fish & Wildlife recently. It has been said that IF&W lets the Department of Conservation train people, then they hire them because they have such good luck with the people that have worked here...Bruce Lincoln was selected as Review Appraiser of the Real Property Division after serving in acting capacity for approximately 3 months.

OUT-OF-STATE - Tom Cieslinski, John Picher, and Mike Gallagher will be  
TRAVEL/ attending a National Park Service Regional Meeting in  
MEETINGS Philadelphia March 26 - 28, regarding the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund. Herb Hartman will also attend for 1 day...Sheila McDonald is attending an Interpretive Training Seminar in Newport, Rhode Island...

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OUT-OF-STATE - Walter Anderson, Woody Thompson, Marc Loiselle, Andy Tolman, and  
TRAVEL CONT. Joe Kelley attended the Annual Meeting of the Northeast Section of  
the Geological Society of America in Lancaster, PA, March 13-16.  
On display was the new colored bedrock map of the State of Maine.  
In addition, Joe Kelley presented a paper on the geologic history  
of Saco Bay.

LEGISLATION - A recurring question is, "What restrictions am I under in  
voicing my opinion on legislation?" The answer is that  
every classified employee has the right to express their  
personal opinion to their legislators and others so long  
as it is done on their own time and using their own resources  
to do so and so long as they make it clear that it is their  
personal opinion. While on state time, or using state  
resources or when being viewed as serving in an official  
capacity, you must limit expressions of opinions on legislation  
to the administrative position. So what are the administration's  
positions? Some examples are below. If you would like to  
know about others, contact your bureau's legislative contact  
person through your supervisor:

L.D. 286 An Act to Create the Northern and Eastern Maine  
Emergency Forestry District. This bill, introduced by  
Speaker of the House John Martin, would provide for land-  
owner assistance from foresters and tax incentives for forest  
management activities. As written, the Department would  
oppose L.D. 286 primarily because the assistance and tax  
incentives are too broad. The Department has submitted an  
alternative to Speaker Martin which would target assistance  
and tax incentives to forest management activities which would  
help to alleviate the projected shortage of spruce and fir.  
We will support that version with the reservation that most  
of the money requested by the bill is not in the Governor's  
budget. Our support for that portion which establishes a  
mid-cycle resource inventory is unqualified.

L.D. 652 An Act Related to the Use and Development of the  
West Branch of the Penobscot River. This bill would allow  
the Land Use Regulation Commission to delay a decision on  
the Big 'A' dam until after an environmental impact statement  
has been completed for the federal permit process. The  
administration opposes this bill. Last year, the Legislature  
set a limit of 105 days for LURC to rule on an application for  
a dam. LURC is well underway in reviewing the Big 'A'  
application and expects to meet its deadline. The administration  
believes that a legislative extension at this time would  
unnecessarily delay the process and that a special legislative  
exception to the LURC law would create a bad precedent.

BRIEFLY - Lorna DeAmaral is vacationing in Knoxville, Tennessee for  
one week. She is visiting a friend down there...Norm Rodrigue  
and family returned this weekend from Florida. They spent  
1 week there visiting Disney World and enjoying the sun. Their  
flight was temporarily delayed in Boston after being bumped by  
the airline, but in return, they received a 200% refund on their  
airfare so their trip was practically paid for.

AWW - Doug Tyler reports that the supervisor's residence in the  
Allagash Wilderness Waterway is nearly complete. Doug has  
been working up there every week since the beginning of  
February working on it.