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A Newsletter for Department of Conservation Employees

December 1997

## Commissioner's Column

When I last wrote in October, I spoke of our accomplishments and I intended to discuss our future goals and strategies in the November newsletter. Well, when the time came to publish the November newsletter, I found myself in the hospital. Due to that experience, I will postpone discussing goals until January because I want to use this opportunity to say, "Thank You" to all who sent cards, e-mails, phone calls, flowers and said prayers.

I received messages from all corners of the DOC domain, from Ashland, to Sebago, West Paris to Cobscook, and places in between. Those messages gave me emotional sustenance. And even more, I saw how they gave my wife, Linda, a great lift at a time that was pretty scary for her. I realized quickly that expressions of care and concern reach beyond those originally intended for. I felt the care and support of the *DOC Family*. Thank you.

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## Keeping Your Sanity96 and Sanity97 Versions of the Lotus Smartsuite

- Tom Driscoll

Recently, many of us have been moving from other word-processing packages to the state standard Lotus WordPro. Currently there are two versions, WordPro96 and WordPro97. WordPro97 works both in Windows3.1 (the old windows) and Windows95 machines. WordPro96 only works in Windows95.

We are aiming towards having everyone on the same platform. When we get there, then we can migrate forward to new versions together.

We've all experienced "version" problems, like, "somebody sent me a WordPro97.lwp and I have WordPro96.lwp and I can't open it!!!" This is a genuine problem but be aware that it is not a Lotus issue only. Even if we all had Word or WordPerfect or *Yourfavoritewordprocessor97*, we'd have similar issues.

Some solutions to the "versioning" issue:

Move towards having the same version, **by workgroup**. Example, all of the Forest Fire Control (FFC) Regions and District computers were migrated to the SmartSuite97 at the same time. This is important to FFC because they primarily share documents with each other.

Know what versions exist within your primary circle of electronic correspondence. And then, **SAVE** your documents to the "lowest common denominator". Example, the Parks came online with WordPro97, but the regional offices had WordPro96. For a while there was a mismatch. The Parks could read both the 96 and the 97 but, if the Parks saved as the default 97 and sent the document to the Region, the region couldn't open the 96 in the 97. (following that???) The solution is for the "workgroup" to agree to all "save as" to the WordPro96 format until everyone is up to "parity."

**COPY** and **PASTE** from your word processor to cc:Mail without making an attachment. Sometimes a document is very simple and doesn't need to be distributed in cc:Mail as an attachment. So, regardless if it is Word Pro, WordPerfect, Word, or *Yourfavoritewordprocessor97*, you can **COPY** and **PASTE** directly to cc:Mail. This is a VERY GOOD way to work, as anyone with ANY e-mail can read your message. "Look ma, no version problem." E-mail text like this can be read by cc:Mail, MSMail, HotMail, Eudora, Apple-MacMail or whatever. Get it?

Last comment: Sounds harsh, but "get used to it". The "versioning" issue will be with us for a long long time. As we gain "parity" at work, we also continue to exchange documents with more and more people outside of DOC and the State. Inevitably they will be on a different standard. So, even if we could all magically be exactly the same at DOC, the computing world around us will always be different, and require us to "convert" between competing products.

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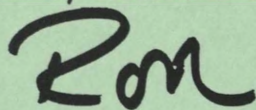
### Commissioner's Column

In this season of giving, I want to thank all who gave so generously to the MSECCA campaign. We exceeded our goal by 9 percent, giving more than \$7,000 to local charities. As a result, DOC employees helped the State reach more than \$300,000 in total contributions - a record year of giving! There's no question that caring for others is a part of the DOC culture.

For me, that's the message I hear: sharing and caring. When we reach out to others in need, when we take a part of ourselves and help someone else, that help is usually appreciated more than we'll ever know. This year I felt that help - and I know how important it is!

My family has a lot to be thankful for this Christmas. The holiday story, The Polar Express, tells about children growing older and no longer being able to hear the bell of Christmas - but the bell still rings for those who truly believe. I think I heard that bell - it's a wonderful sound.

Merry Christmas to All!



### DOC Anniversaries

25 years

Richard Bradbury  
Leland Griffin

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### Keeping Your Sanity96 and Sanity97 Versions of the Lotus Smartsuite

Just wait until Microsoft markets Windows98. Then we'll have Wordpro97 on 98, 96 on 98, 96 on 95, and 97 on 95. We'll try to keep the group together on the hike, but inevitably we'll get spread out a bit, some ahead, some behind, and some stragglers. The advice in this column may help you to keep your computer sanity.

### Welcome Tony!

Tony Pelotte accepted the position as Clerk Typist II here in General Services and began on December 8. He is currently a student at the University of Maine at Farmington, completing his Bachelor's Degree in English. He'll work part time for the next two weeks while he ends his studies and labors over finals, and will be on board full time beginning December 22. Tony is the first person in quite a while--perhaps a couple of years--to actually "own" the position. Everyone else has either been in acting capacity because another individual has been on family leave or else the individuals have used the position as a stepping-off point during the "bumping" process. We in General Services are looking forward to working with him.

Stop by and welcome Tony to the department!

### Reid State Park is Open for Business!

- Dan Bell, Park Manager

Reporters and photographers marched across the west sands of Reid State Park's Mile Beach one beautiful winter morning to report that the cleanup orchestrated by the U.S. Army corps of Engineers and Human Factors Applications was underway. Armed with high-tech metal detectors, the HFA crew started work on November 24 with an entourage of media-types in tow and all curious about those World War II ordnance left behind some 50 years ago.

During the ten-day closure of the park, 110 cars and one school bus were turned away because of safety reasons; however, Park Manager Dan Bell commented that many local residents did receive word through either newspaper articles or the local news.

The Maryland-based HFA crew unearthed a total of 72 pieces, 28 were 5' warheads (shells), and the remaining 44 were rocket motors. No other type of ordnance types turned up in the cleanup, and as with all other ordnance found earlier this year, the pieces were all inert. Dan reports that when the cleanup ended on Wednesday, December 10, more than 150 ordnance were removed since last winter.

Now with the U.S. Army Corps team detailed to another project and reporters assigned to other stories, the park staff at Reid is looking forward to a quiet winter.

Hats off to you!



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Robert C. Bohlmann  
Director

December 3, 1997

Mr. Thomas Parent  
State Fire Control Headquarters  
Station #22, Harlow Building  
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. Parent:

A great debt of gratitude is owed to you for your unting efforts in the procuring of the surplus ladder truck from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Your personal effort, along with those other members of your agency, made a difference in the outcome of this endeavor. Without you and your agency, the end result would not have been positive. You are to be commended.

The Town of Limerick approached me long before the truck was even considered surplus. They asked about obtaining a surplus ladder truck to serve several rural York County communities. I advised them from the Emergency Management Agency view, that surplus property was not of ever obtaining a ladder truck through our channels. Your agency got involved and took the action necessary to make this happen for an area that can truly utilize a ladder truck to save lives and property. The results of your efforts are long to be appreciated by many of us in York County.

The relationship between York County EMA and the Maine Forest Service has always been a very strong one. I can assure you that it will continue to be strong. I have made this offer before and will make it again. If there is anything that we can do to assist the Forest Service in any way, our entire organization stands ready. We will always be proud to be associated with your organization. Thank you and the members of your staff who worked so hard to make this happen.

Yours truly,

*Robert C. Bohlmann*  
Robert C. Bohlmann  
Director

cc: Commissioner Conservation

Author: Ron Lovaglio at DOC  
Date: 9/2/97 2:13 PM  
Priority: Normal  
TO: Susan Benson, Gale Ross  
Subject: Newsletter letters: Good Service from MGS

Commissioner Lovaglio:

I just wanted to convey my appreciation for the excellent help I received from Craig Neil and Marc Loiselle at the MGS. I was in need of a aerial map of an agricultural field for a pending enforcement matter. Craig and Marc quickly helped me locate the correct photo, then scanned the relevant section, enlarged and printed it to provide just the area of interest and an ideal graphic exhibit for my case. These two, and the MGS, are a credit to state government.

Keep up the great work!

Thanks  
Henry Jennings  
Maine Board of Pesticides Control

Author: mfiimara@ntonawanda.lib.ny.us at Internet  
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TO: /s=webmaster(u)doc/prmd=Mainegovt/admd=/c=US/ at mailhub  
BCC: Susan Benson at DOC  
Subject: Compliment

I am writing to say how absolutely WONDERFUL your state parks are! Not only are the parks meticulously clean and the campsites large and accomodating, your state park rangers are excellent. This summer my husband and I took a trip to Maine and camped for two weeks. A man named KEN HIXSON at Mount Blue State Park was very helpful to us. He deserves a raise, or at least a compliment.

The rangers at Lemoine State Park were also EXCELLENT. We especially enjoyed our stay at Cobscook Bay State Park, where we will definitely return next summer.

You have two very, very satisfied New York State customers who plan to return to the Maine State Parks each summer!

Sincerely,  
Melisa Fimara  
Bob Holden

Excellent



# TANGLEWOOD 4-H Camp and Learning Center

A Project of the Knox-Lincoln County Extension and the University of Maine Cooperative Extension



September 10, 1997

David Struble  
Maine Forest Service  
Statehouse Station 22  
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Struble,

Tanglewood 4-H camp and Learning Center completed its third week-long science camp for girls August 22. Forty girls from around the state participated. The teaching staff consisted of two residential teachers and two or three visiting scientists each day. We had a total of thirteen women in the sciences that volunteered a day of work with a small group of girls. Each visiting scientist prepared two to four hours of hands-on activities that gave the girls real experiences in the visiting scientists field.

The visiting scientists provided a very unique opportunity for the girls and this aspect of camp was a huge success. Based on evaluations from campers they were impressed and enlightened by their exposure to the visiting women.

I am writing this letter to let you know what a wonderful job Charlene Donahue did as one our visiting scientists. She prepared some wonderful activities and field experiences that gave the girls a hands-on/ minds-on experience in entomology. The kids had only good things to say about their time spent with Charlene. She was a wonderful role model for our campers and a natural teacher.

We thank Charlene for giving her time to prepare and participate in our science camp. She's wonderful! We thank you for giving her the time to participate. I hope we can call on your office again.

Sincerely,

*Suzanne Young*  
Suzanne Young  
Girls Science Camp Coordinator

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September 18, 1997

Brian Murray  
Popham Beach State Park  
HC 31, Box 335  
Phippsburg, ME 04562

Dear Brian,

I want to thank you for all the assistance you and your crew gave us this summer to help protect the piping plovers and least terns nesting at the park. You always seemed to be able to assist us with every request, often improving our plan with a better way to get it done. Your support of our experimental project to protect the terns was extremely important to the outcome of the project. Without your help, it would not have been possible. I have enclosed a copy of Doug's final report for your review and files.

I am in the process of compiling the information that Joe Wiley requested to continue the predator control program at Popham and Reid. It will probably be a short note indicating the number of nests we believe were predated by foxes at the parks. I will be sure you have a copy when I get it done.

Again, thank you for all your support. It has been a joy to work with such a dedicated and capable staff this year. I look forward to working with you next year when the plovers return.

Sincerely,

*Jody Jones*  
Jody Jones  
Wildlife Ecologist



### Squa Pan Trails Open for ATVs

**Brian Bronson** of the Off-Road Vehicle Division spent three days on the Squa Pan unit this fall finishing the new ATV trail. Brian transported our tractor to the site. With the help of a couple local volunteers he fixed several sites that LURC had concerns with. The ATV trail is now open for use with some minor work which remains to be done.

### Welcome Newcomers

**Marlene Bowman**, Resource Administrator for the Bureau of Parks and Lands.

**Andrew Fisk**, Resource Administrator for the Land Use Regulation Commission.

**Martin Wormer**, Senior Planner for the Land Use Regulation Commission.

### New L.L. Bean Policy

- Ron Lovaglio

We have a long standing and supportive relationship with L.L. Bean; however, they notified me recently that they have changed their discount policy for the seven state, federal and Native American conservation agencies. The L.L. Bean discount will be reduced to 20 percent from the current 33-1/3 percent. L.L. Bean believes that the discount failed to keep pace with their costs and margins.

**This change is effective January 1, 1998.**

While the news is somewhat disappointing to all of us a 20 percent discount is still substantial. I also remind you that the L.L. Bean discount is for employee use only. It's our responsibility to be ethically true to the requirements of the discount.

While this change brings us face to face with the realities of modern business margins, please recognize that L.L. Bean continues to be an outstanding supporter of conservation and our state natural resource agencies.



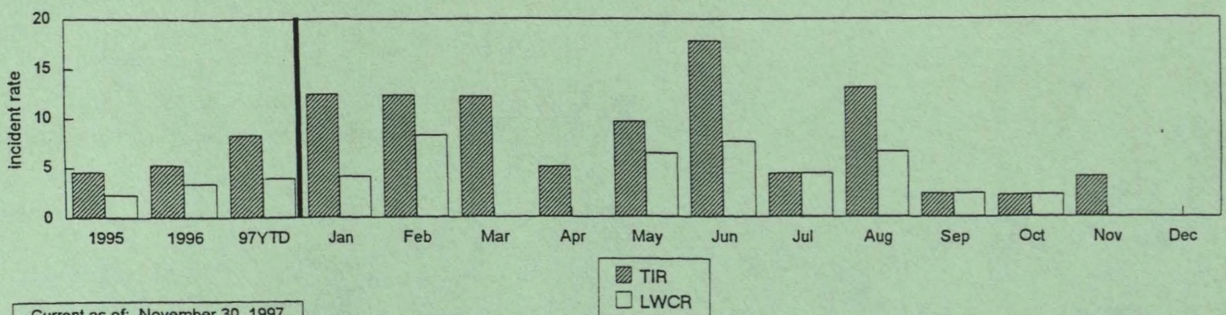
### State of Maine Agency Discount Policy

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- 20% discount approved--some exceptions apply
- Purchase through mail and retail store only
- For personal or department (work) use only
- Excludes gift giving or merchandise resale
- No discount on gift certificates
- Employee must show state ID and/or proof of discount eligibility
- State of Maine sales tax applicable
- Applicable shipping charge applied

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OSHA Recordable Incidents/ Safety Report



## New Churchill Dam Nears Completion

- Tim Hall

Icy waters are flowing through the nearly-completed \$1.2 Million Churchill Dam as early winter snowstorms blanket the waterway. Construction noises seem strikingly out of place at this remote job site; however, silence will soon reclaim the landscape as the remaining crews from the Department of Conservation and the general contractor, Reed and Reed, Inc., are beginning to dismantle the construction camp that was erected last July.

Logistical issues gave the project team quite a challenge. Imagine being charged with transporting 2,212 yards of concrete, 100 tons of reinforcing bars, and 3,300 yards of glacial till. "This is the first time we've ever had a crew work and stay at the job site," said Charlie Guerette, the project manager from Reed and Reed, Inc. "And it's the first time we had to hire a cook."

The new dam is the fourth built at this site, and is estimated to last 100 years. **Leigh Hoar** reports that it stretches 90 feet across the river and stands 35-40 feet high. "The bridge deck is built to accommodate a tractor trailer loaded with 350,000 pounds gross weight," remarked Leigh. "In the life of the dam, it's not unrealistic that it will have loads that size." Related projects are likewise finished, with the ranger camp safely relocated onto a concrete foundation and the new maintenance building complete. All that remains is the placement and wiring of generators, which may not take place until after spring thaw.

Hard hats are tipped in appreciation for the fine job done by Leigh Hoar in supervising dam construction, and to **Ron Cyr** for his work on the shop and camp projects. Of course, dozens of others helped too, including **Mike Leighton, Tim Caverly, Kim Allen, Tom Morrison, John Picher, Herb Hartman, Tim Hall**, the entire AWW staff, the commissioner's office, the communications division, the planning shop . . . and the list goes on. **Thanks, everyone!**