

Northeastern Area



News Notes



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FOREST SERVICE CHIEF AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY TO VISIT NA

Chief Dale Bosworth and Deputy Chief Joel Holtrop of State and Private Forestry, will visit the Northeastern Area and Station March 4 through 6, 2002. A teleconference between the Chief and all of the employees of the Northeastern Area

and Station is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, at 10:30 a.m. At that time we will hear comments from the Chief and also present several questions to him collected from Area and Station employees.

The Chief and Deputy Chief's visit provides a special opportunity for us to share with top leaders who we are, the value we contribute, and the opportunities ahead for the Northeastern Area.

The tentative agenda for the visit will include an overview of the Northeastern Area, selected presentations on success stories, emerging issues and opportunities, as well as a field trip focused on urban forestry and forest health in the city of Philadelphia. NA Employees will have an opportunity to visit with the Chief at a special luncheon scheduled at noon on Tuesday, March 5.

Several key partners including two state foresters will join the NA Executive Team on Wednesday morning, March 6, to discuss the benefits of their partnerships with the Northeastern Area. In addition to the site visit in Philadelphia, Chief Bosworth will participate in a signing ceremony at City Hall executing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Forest Service, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the city of Philadelphia formalizing a partnership to revitalize Philadelphia neighborhoods.

Background on Chief and Deputy Chief

Prior to his selection as chief, Bosworth served as regional forester for the Northern Region of the Forest Service, headquartered in Missoula, Montana, since August 1997. He had been in a similar position as regional forester for the Intermountain Region in Ogden, Utah since 1994.

Bosworth began his career in the Northern Region as a forester on the St. Joe National Forest (now a part of the Idaho Panhandle National Forest) in Idaho, and later served on the Kanisksu, Colville, and Lolo National Forests. He was later promoted to district ranger on the Clearwater National Forest. Bosworth next moved to the Flathead National Forest as the planning staff officer before becoming the deputy forest supervisor there. He then moved to Missoula as the assistant director for land management planning for the Northern Region, where he was involved with the development of forest plans.

In 1986, Bosworth was named forest supervisor of the Wasatch-Cache National Forest in Utah in the Intermountain Region. From there, in 1990, he became deputy director of forest management in the Forest Service National Headquarters in Washington, DC, where he served until 1992, when he became deputy regional forester for the



Pacific Southwest Region, headquartered in San Francisco, California. From that position, Bosworth was promoted to regional forester for the Intermountain Region in 1994.

Holtrop began working for the Forest Service in 1977 on the Eldorado in the Pacific Region as a forester. He worked on the Mt. Hood National Forest as a timber management assistant. Holtrop was a district ranger and later deputy forest supervisor on the Nicolet National Forest. In 1990, he was promoted to forest supervisor on the Flathead National Forest in Kalispell, MT. His next move was to Washington, DC in 1996, where he was deputy director, range management from 1996 to 1999. Prior to his selection as Deputy Chief, State and Private Forestry, Holtrop was director of watershed, fish, wildlife, air, and rare plants from January 2000 through December 2001.

Kathy Maloney



IN MEMORY – H. SHARON OSSENBRUGGEN

Sharon Ossenbruggen died of cancer on August 8, 1998. She began her Forest Service Career as an exhibit specialist at the Durham lab in 1979, and in 1991, she began working with the Urban Forestry program. Over the years, she won state, city, and Urban Forestry Council awards for her ability to get people to work together to improve city environments. Sharon touched people in many ways. To quote a line from a poem written by her best friend, “*She’ll be in every tree that you see,...*”, and after her death, many trees were planted in her honor. This tree was planted in 1999 at the Forest Health Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.

Photo: *Dr. Gerard Hertel, retired USDA Forest Service Assistant Director for Forest Health and Management, Northeastern Area, with the tree planted in Sharon’s memory in Kenya.*

FEPMIS IS UP AND RUNNING

USDA Forest Service has a new property management system called FEPMIS (Federal Excess Property Management Information System). FEPMIS will allow you to keep track of property owned by a Federal agency and on loan to a state agency. At the present time, two states are up and running in FEPMIS, Missouri and Pennsylvania. As with any new system, there are still bugs to be worked out, but the States are working well with the system. A delegation of property management personnel met in Fort Collins, Colorado, for training instruction on FEPMIS. The 3-day gathering, which was held from February 4 through 6, included April Baily, the National FEPP Program Officer; **Jan Polasky**, Program Management Officer of the Northeastern Area; and assorted property personnel, and was conceived as an excellent opportunity to promote consistency in the computerized processing of property.

Durham Field Office Notes

VERMONT HAS SOUL

The Vermont Urban and Community Forestry Program is conducting training for local volunteers interested in improving their community forests. Stewardship of the Urban Landscape (SOUL), coordinated by **Jill Mahon**, provides basic skills in tree maintenance and planting, as well as community leadership skills. **John Parry** was on hand February 7 to help with the training and give a presentation on tree biology.



NELT VISITS CAPITOL HILL

As in recent years, members of the Forest Service's Northeastern Leadership Team (NELT) representing State and Private Forestry, Research, and the National Forest System descended upon Capitol Hill for four whirlwind days of visits with congressional staffers and members. The NELT Team members — **Karen Mollander** (Northeastern Area-Durham), Mark Twery (Northeastern Research Station-Burlington), Paul Brewster (Forest Supervisor-Green Mountain and Finger Lakes National Forest), and Geoff Chandler (Acting Forest Supervisor-White Mountain National Forest) — briefed staffers and members on programs and accomplishments, emphasizing the interconnectedness of work between their units.

The first day of visits coincided with the release of the President's 2003 budget, so many staffers were busy with budget briefings while pouring over the contents of the enormous document. Nevertheless, there was a high degree of interest and questions from staffers. Each had received an updated 2002 briefing book and several commented how useful it had been to them as a desk reference. A constant theme conveyed by the NELT is that they are a resource for staffers on natural resource issues and are available whenever needed.

Although many other offices could have been visited, the priority was on members who serve on environmental/natural resource committees, those whose States contain a national forest (New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York), those who serve on appropriations committees, and those who have shown interest in Forest Service issues in the past.



George Saufley (NA), Walter Shortle, Michael Nichols, and David Herman (all NE) practice splinting and bandaging during recent first aid training.

DURHAM FIELD OFFICE EMPLOYEES PRACTICE LIFE SAVING SKILLS

Covering everything from splinters to splints, about 35 NA and NE employees stuck out a snow and ice storm to attend first aid/CPR training at the Durham Field Office on January 31. The highlight was a session in which attendees practiced treating wounds and bandaging techniques. Although many attendees have taken this training in the past, several major changes have occurred in both course modules since the last time it was offered. With over 60 employees in the building and extensive interaction with the public, the skills learned could literally save a life!

EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT CRITERIA AND INDICATORS OF SUSTAINABILITY

You can learn about using indicators to monitor progress in sustainability in the *Sourcebook on Criteria and Indicators of Sustainability in the Northeastern Area*. The publication was prepared jointly by NA and the Northeast Forest Resource Planners Association (NFRPA), and will be published by NA and the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters. NFRPA members Susan Francher (New Hampshire), Larry Pedersen (Michigan), Jon Nelson (Minnesota), Don Mansius (Maine), and Dan Devlin (Pennsylvania), as well as NA's own **Connie Carpenter** and **Sherri Wormstead**, contributed to the publication. The sourcebook can be accessed on the NA sustainability Web site (<http://www.na.fs.fed.us/sustainability>). If you would like to receive a printed copy, please send your name, mailing address, and the number of copies you are requesting to Helen Thompson (hthompson@fs.fed.us).



EMPLOYEES ATTEND NRCS 10TH ANNUAL CULTURAL AWARENESS DAY

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State office in Durham, New Hampshire, hosted its 10th Annual Cultural Awareness Day on January 22 with the theme “Celebrating the Indian Culture in New Hampshire.” For the first time, NRCS extended an invitation to Forest Service employees to this full-day session celebrating our cultural diversity. Attendees included Yvonne Chainey, Donna Nelson, Matsie Mairs, David Hollinger, and Jane Hislop (all NE), and NA’s **Susan Cox** and **Debbie Muccio**. Among the featured speakers was NE’s Rakesh Minocha. Rakesh, wearing a traditional sari, gave a presentation on cultural differences between America and India, personal experiences, and communication obstacles. Some other topics included the culture that India has brought to New Hampshire, the conservation ethic of the citizens of India, and a mind relaxation exercise. The highlight of the day was the award-winning potluck luncheon, which featured awards for such items as the most decadent dessert to the spiciest dish from a variety of cultures. Employees have already been invited to next year’s cultural awareness day, which traditionally takes place the day after the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Holiday.

LUMBER DRYING WORKSHOP

Dean Huber, Economic Action Program Coordinator, was a guest speaker at a recent lumber-drying workshop hosted by the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY/ESF) and the New England Kiln Drying Association. **Dr. William Smith** of SUNY/ESF served as the workshop director, assisted by Dean and other guest speakers from the university, industry, and the Forest Service. The 24 industry attendees came from New York, the New England States, and as far away as Ohio and Ontario, Canada. Planning the workshop was especially challenging due to the diversity of attendees, which included both hardwood and softwood lumber driers representing companies ranging in size from small family-owned operations with small drying systems to major corporations with new drying technologies.

Comments in the post-course evaluations confirmed that the workshop was a resounding success, and Dean received the top score among speakers. One of the attendees expressed his appreciation of the workshop in an E-mail message back to Dr. Smith: *“The ESF Kiln Drying Seminar was one of the single most enjoyable and educational experiences I’ve had the pleasure of in a long time. . . . Suffice to say that it substantially exceeded my expectations in breadth and depth. . . . Based on the volume and value of material presented and the contacts made, I’d consider this course an unparalleled success.”*

STATE UTILIZATION AND MARKETING SPECIALISTS MEET

On January 16 and 17, the New England and New York State Utilization and Marketing Specialists met for their annual winter meeting in Gardner, Massachusetts. The Forest and Wood Products Institute at Mount Wachusett Community College hosted the meeting, and **Dean Huber**, Economic Action Program Coordinator, organized the meeting plans and agenda. There were 20 people in attendance from New England and New York, including representatives from the Southern New England Forest Consortium, Inc. (SNEFCI), the New York City Watershed Ag Council, and the Northeastern Research Station.

The agenda items and discussion topics included updates on Economic Action Program (EAP) activities in the New York City Watershed Ag Council and SNEFCI, the North East State Foresters Association (NEFA) Wood Flow study, and the impact of ice storm damage and related pathology studies. Also, there was a discussion of small-scale wood energy projects in Vermont and Massachusetts, an overview of NA EAP funding, and an excellent round-robin discussion of State EAP activity reports on current issues and activities. Follow-up items include assessing the need for training of various types and how that training might be attained.





Maurice Loiselle, Bill Palmer-Taylor, and Dennis Pultinas of Earthworks and Urban Wilds Manager Priya Patel view restoration work in Gladeside, a 10-acre woods at a former hospital site.

BOSTON URBAN WILDS

Urban woodlands in Boston are receiving increased attention through a Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Inner City grant. Earthworks, a local nonprofit group, received the grant and is working with the Boston Parks Department's Urban Wilds program to improve some of the over 70 urban wild properties within the city. **John Parry**, Urban Forestry Specialist, recently visited some of the sites with Maurice Loiselle of Earthworks and Priya Patel of Urban Wilds. Activities underway include invasive species control, tree planting, trail maintenance, and public education, much of which is accomplished by volunteers. More work is planned for the spring and summer.

THE NORTHEAST CENTER FOR URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY ONLINE

A presentation titled "Urban and Community Forestry Online: A Technical Resource" was recently delivered by Center Director **David Bloniarz** at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. The lecture, attended by university urban and community forestry students, provided background on Internet research techniques for compiling information on urban and community forestry issues, technical topics, and training.

INMATE TRAINING PROGRAM

The Northeast Center has recently completed the revision of a 5-week curriculum for training prison inmates on urban and community forestry, horticultural operations, and landscape maintenance. Working with officials from the City of Springfield (Massachusetts) Parks Department and the Hampden County Sheriff's Department, the Center will assist with training over 20 inmates during March and April. This training, initially developed by the Center in 1996, provides classroom and field instruction to inmates involved in a pre-release program, aimed at developing technical skills that can be used in the workplace.

STREET TREE INVENTORY SOFTWARE UPDATED

The Mobile Community Tree Inventory (MCTI) software developed by the Northeast Center has recently been updated to include assessment of the impacts of overhead electric lines on trees. The Windows- and Palm Pilot-based street tree inventory software provides communities with a stand-alone, computerized inventory package, available at no charge, which can be used to catalog municipal trees. Working with staff from Northeast Utilities and the City of Springfield (Massachusetts) Parks Department, the software revision allows the user to track maintenance needs related to utility trimming operations. The software update is available at <http://www.umass.edu/urbantree/palm>

TECHNOLOGY AND THE COMMUNITY FOREST SYMPOSIUM PLANNED

The Northeast Center, in cooperation with the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, is planning a 1-day symposium outlining the use of new technologies for urban and community forest management. The symposium, to be held in Marlboro, Massachusetts, on June 12, will provide information related to emerging technologies that can be used in municipal and commercial arboriculture settings. Case studies of tools, techniques, and success stories are now being solicited for the symposium and workshops. For more information, please contact Center Director **David Bloniarz** at dbloniarz@fs.fed.us.



MASSACHUSETTS TREE WARDENS MEET

The Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Forestry Association held their annual meeting in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, on January 23–24, with Durham Field Office Staff present to lend a hand. **Dave Bloniarz**, Center Director, gave a presentation on Streetscape design and showed a video he has recently developed on this subject. **John Parry**, Durham Urban Forestry Specialist, gave an update on the Urban and Community Forestry Program and a presentation on tree stress in urban areas. Shaun Phelan of the City of Springfield (Massachusetts) Parks Department shared his experience in using Palm Pilots in the inventory of street trees, a project funded and coordinated by the Northeast Center. Almost 200 tree wardens and foresters were in attendance.

Army Environmental Center Notes

MILITARY READINESS THROUGH STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATES FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Military **Readiness Through Stewardship** is the facet of the Northeastern Area Army Liaison Program that provides reimbursable world class Forest Service conservation assistance to military installations. NA leads this national program. Since February 1997, NA has assisted more than 50 military installations from Maine to Puerto Rico and California, and beyond to South Korea. NA accomplished this in partnership with 45 other Forest Service units.

The best homeland security is a strong national defense, what the armed services call “Readiness.” Healthy forests and grasslands provide realistic training environments and contribute to readiness. NA has a 5-year solid contribution to maintaining that readiness. We are helping to recover endangered species habitat, improve watersheds, restore fire to the ecosystem, and more; all while improving the training and quality of life for men and women in uniform.

NA is a unit, a team. Every member contributes to this success and has a rightful claim to it.

When you watch the news and see soldiers defending Kandahar airport, know that you contributed to their training, their ability to do their job, and to come home safely. Those soldiers are the 101st Airborne from Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In partnership with the Daniel Boone NF, the Monongahela NF, and the Southern Research Station, NA helped Fort Campbell improve the management of its forested training lands.

President Bush went to South Korea the week of February 18; know that NA is there too. NA in cooperation with several other Forest Service units has developed a natural and cultural resources management plan to advance conservation and improve training for U.S. forces in Korea. The leaders of the Eighth U.S. Army, Korea, training and environment offices have asked for our help again (see March News Notes).

We, the NA team at the Army Environmental Center, are deeply grateful for the many forms of support, expertise, and encouragement that we have received from the rest of the NA team and the other participating Forest Service units.

Thank you.

Mark Cleveland
Eric Wolters
Rob Whetsell
Helene Cleveland



Grey Towers Notes

BLUEBIRD HABITAT AREA AT GREY TOWERS

A new Bluebird Habitat Area has been incorporated into the landscape at Grey Towers National Historic Landmark. Twenty-two bluebird boxes, constructed by Forest Service Maintenance Mechanic **Bob Wicksnes**, have been installed around the Grey Towers property. An informational brochure is being developed for visitors. The Bluebird Habitat Area will be an educational tool to promote habitat conservation and to illustrate how a changing landscape can affect wildlife. The boxes also will help the bluebird population.

Bluebird populations have been declining nationally because of loss of habitat and the introduction of two non-native species, the sparrow and the European starling. Historically bluebirds would nest in the wooden fence posts or natural nesting cavities found on farms. With the development of agricultural properties, habitat loss is prevalent.

The Grey Towers property was a working farm from the late 1800s to the mid-1940s. Today the landscape adjacent to the mansion is more of a park-like setting with fields, meadows, and some stands of trees. The boxes were constructed with leftover wood and installed on the posts of the deer fence that surrounds the property. A no-mow zone will be in effect along the fence. Two boxes are placed close together with the hope that the competition — the starlings or sparrows — will use one box and leave the other for the bluebirds. The boxes will be monitored and data will be shared with the North American Bluebird Society, which maintains a database.

The Bluebird Habitat Area is one of several new projects that visitors can enjoy when Grey Towers reopens to the public this spring. For more information, please call (570)296-9630.

Morgantown Field Office Notes

CTSP TRAINING

Chuck Coole attended Computer Technical Specialist (CTSP) training in Gulf Shores, AL, January 28 through February 1, 2002, in order to be “red-carded” as a CTSP for fire incidents. The training was sponsored by Region 8 and Region 9 and was also attended by employees from the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Division of Forestry, North Carolina Forest Service, Tennessee Forestry Division, and Indiana State Fire Headquarters. Use of the incident database software (IRSS) was taught. This software tracks resources such as aircraft, engines, supplies, crews, and other personnel on the fire. The system is also used for other types of disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes. The hardware and software system is used to provide quality information to the Incident Commander and Section Chiefs who are in Planning, Operations, Logistics, and Finance/Administration.

ENVIROTHON MEETINGS

Canon Envirothon Meetings were held February 2 and 3 in Reno, Nevada, in conjunction with the National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting. **Vicky Evans** attended, representing the WV Envirothon Council and the USDA Forest Service. Vicky helped WV establish an Envirothon program in 1998, and she chairs the WV Envirothon education committee. Vicky volunteered to serve on a Canon Envirothon sub-committee to develop resource study materials and the testing standards for the national program.



EVANS AND BUTALLA VISIT GREY TOWERS

Vicky Evans and **Helen Butalla** visited with the staff of Grey Towers on January 24 and 25. Vicky gave a training session on how to effectively prepare a Microsoft PowerPoint slide presentation. Vicky also visited with several of the staff and gave them one-on-one training to fine-tune their PowerPoint software abilities. Helen gave a brief PowerPoint slide presentation on the dos and don'ts associated with using data projectors and IBM Thinkpads. Helen also demonstrated how to retrieve photographs from a digital camera and incorporate them into a slide presentation. She also discussed the Pack and Go capabilities of PowerPoint.

HEMLOCK WOOLLY ADELGID SYMPOSIUM

The Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Symposium took place at the East Brunswick (NJ) Hilton on February 5 through 7, 2002. Sponsors included NE, NA, FHTET, Rutgers University, NJ Forest Service, and the NJ Department of Agriculture. **Brad Onken** (MFO) and **Dennis Souto** (DFO) organized the symposium. Brad, Dennis, and **Jim Linnane** (DFO) also served as session moderators. Over 150 people attended the symposium representing the green industry, consulting foresters, state agencies, federal and university researchers, and interested private citizens. NJ State Forester Jim Barresi provided the welcoming remarks and the first of 43 presentations provided at the symposium. Topics covered included information about ecological and hemlock impacts, restoring damaged forests, biological/chemical/regulatory control, and HWA biology. Symposium proceedings will be published as an FHTET/NE/NA/Rutgers cooperative effort and will be available on Morgantown's HWA web site when completed.

NATIONAL FOREST HEALTH MONITORING WORKSHOP

Dan Twardus attended the National Forest Health Monitoring Workshop in New Orleans. Dan is leading an effort to establish a national urban forest health monitoring program and was asked to provide an update at the national meeting. The national urban forest health monitoring program consists of FIA/FHM plots, street tree assessments, and technology transfer. The FIA/FHM plot component is being pilot tested in Indiana and Colorado. The street tree assessment is being pilot tested in Maryland, Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Georgia, and Colorado. The technology transfer component is still under development. The National Forest Health Monitoring Program presented Dan with a Certificate of Merit for "*outstanding efforts to coordinate and develop monitoring techniques for urban forests in the United States.*" Others involved in the national program include **Manfred Mielke** (St. Paul Field Office), **Anne Cumming** (Morgantown Field Office), Mike Galvin (Maryland DNR), Bill Smith (Southern Station, FHM), Bob Rabaglia (Maryland Dept. of Agriculture), and Dave Nowak (Northeastern Station, Syracuse). During the National FHM Workshop, presentations and discussions included; Mike Galvin's presentation of urban and community forestry issues related to monitoring, Anne Cummings' review of earlier pilot test results, Bob Rabaglia's presentation of street tree assessment protocols, and Manfred Mielke's presentation of FHM/FIA plot protocols and plans for the future.

NEW REPORT RELEASED

"Forest Health Conditions on the Allegheny National Forest (1989-1999): Analysis of Forest Health Monitoring Surveys" is the title of a new report compiled jointly by the Northeastern Area, Northeastern Research Station, and the Allegheny National Forest. The report summarizes the first two years of a 4-year effort to establish forest health monitoring on the Allegheny National Forest. **Dan Twardus** established the project 5 years ago to incorporate forest health monitoring procedures and protocols to help address forest health-related issues for a National Forest. The report is an analysis of current overstory and understory conditions and includes an analysis of disturbance factors and their relationship to conditions. Randy Morin, Northeastern Research Station, is the lead author of the report.

ANALYSIS OF GYPSY MOTH SUPPRESSION PROJECT

Amy Onken completed an analysis of the 2001 gypsy moth suppression project on the Monongahela National Forest using *Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt)*. The analysis has been provided to the Forest and documents that while the project was successful in preventing defoliation, gypsy moth population reduction was only marginally successful.



The analysis recommends that single application of *Bt* at 43 ounces per acre not be used operationally until further field tests have been conducted.

ArcIMS TRAINING

Ann Steketee attended an ESRI training course on the use of ArcIMS software in Virginia, January 28 to February 1. IMS (or Internet mapping solutions) will allow the interactive display of data maps on the internet. We hope to use this software for several NA programs in the next few months.

FOREST ECOLOGY 101 PRESENTATION

On Saturday, February 9, 2002, **Arlyn Perkey** gave a presentation titled *Forest Ecology 101* at the 18th Delmarva Forestry Seminar near Dover, DE. This combination of traditional and electronic slides provided landowners with background on the interactions between plants and animals in their forest. It served as a basis for raising the landowner's confidence regarding what needs to be done in their woodlot to accomplish goals, and how to do it.

St. Paul Field Office Notes

AREA DIRECTOR VISITS ST. PAUL FIELD OFFICE

In January, **Kathy Maloney** visited the St. Paul Field Office to meet with Northeastern Area staff as well as several Midwest partners. Topics discussed included Information Management, Exotic Invasives, and Reaching Underserved Audiences. In addition, Kathy met with representatives from the city of Minneapolis, the Tree Trust, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, The Great Lakes Forestry Alliance, the University of Minnesota, and many others. **Lisa Burban**, Group Leader, Ken Holman, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Jim Hermann from the city of Minneapolis gave Kathy a quick tour of ongoing urban forestry projects in the Twin Cities.

ST. PAUL BABY BOOM CONTINUES

Dennis McDougall is the proud father of a baby boy! Samuel Alexander McDougall made his debut on February 1, weighing in at 6 lbs. 5.5oz and 20 inches long. Congratulations Dennis.

INCREASING OUTREACH IN WISCONSIN

Gene Francisco, State Forester for Wisconsin, has found a unique way to generate revenue for increased communication and education efforts in Wisconsin. Working with a number of partners, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is increasing the sale price of seedlings by one penny. All revenue generated by this increase will go to communication and education efforts for forestry. In addition, at their recent annual forestry staff meeting, staff development activities focused on communications, media, and congressional outreach training.

Northeastern Area Welcomes New Employee – Tom Dilley

Tom Dilley, former Chicago Urban Resources Partnership Coordinator, has been hired by the Northeastern Area to be the Metropolitan Initiatives Coordinator in Chicago. Tom will serve as a liaison for the USDA Forest Service Northeastern Area's forestry programs in the Chicago metropolitan area. His duties include coordinating and monitoring urban and community forestry grants and the Asian longhorned beetle reforestation grants, providing technical assistance on a variety of natural resource and community planning issues, developing technology transfer



products in conjunction with Forest Service research activities, and strengthening existing partnerships in the Chicago area natural resource community. While a member of the Northeastern Area's St. Paul field office, Tom will share office space with the North Central Research Station in Evanston, Illinois, and will work closely with research staff there.

WORKING SMARTER IN THE TWIN CITIES

The St. Paul Field Office staff recently met with both the National Park Service Rivers Trails and Conservation staff – Holly Larson and Randy Thorson and also the new Forest Service coordinator for Urban Connections, **Cindy Chosnofsky**. The purposes of the meetings were to explore possibilities for working together and to dovetail existing efforts if possible.

Editor's Corner

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DEADLINE!

Deadline for the next issue of NA News Notes will be March 15, 2002.

