



Northeastern Area News Notes



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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Making a Difference—A Matter of Choice

We hear the words all the time that efficiency and accountability are demanded by company stockholders and CEOs of their corporations. In the corporate world, little or no profit can be fatal to a company, and adversely affects employees, shareholders, and customers as well. These words, efficiency and accountability, have now found their way into the Federal Government. The same terminology is common in reports from the Government Accountability Office, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Office of the Inspector General, as well as in the President's Budget and laws passed by Congress. Everyone expects the most from their investment, including taxpayers!

We in the Northeastern Area each make choices every day and those choices make a difference in terms of our efficiency and effectiveness. We must endeavor to put our efforts into things that provide the greatest net return or benefit, consistent with our mission. With the prospects of tighter budgets and closer scrutiny of budget proposals, we should take every opportunity to find projects that capitalize on the collective ability of our partners and us to provide the most service or best results. Our objectives are to protect more resources, improve more communities, and restore more ecosystems to a healthy state than would occur without combining efforts, interest, and resources, not simply to count numbers of activities.

Working together and setting priorities are two good choices to make. For the Northeastern Area, this means working across program areas, as well as working with partners, in search of opportunities to mix and match programs in such a way as to bring more resources to a need and ultimately to provide multiple benefits. For example, an urban forestry grant is obviously going to provide benefits to some urban environment in terms of livability, aesthetics, and perhaps air and water quality. Those are all important and meet the main purpose of the grant. But here exists the opportunity! By working closely with other program areas, that same grant might include elements to control insects and disease, reduce fire or other hazards, and improve wildlife habitat. The final result is one project with multiple results, each recognized on its own merit.

Other choices we make are important too, and planning is a critical piece of the process. For a given concern or desired outcome, asking whether there are less costly ways to proceed, new and beneficial ways to tackle the challenge, and other options to evaluate is a great place to start. As we work with prospective grantees, we can choose to ask these same questions to encourage the thoughtful consideration of how to make every effort most productive, and, in turn, incorporate those expectations in grant narratives.



There are other choices as well, like working harder, working longer days, doing what we do faster. While these may be good choices in some situations, they are often not possible to sustain! Working with others to accomplish objectives, finding more efficient ways to do what we do, and using new technology or approaches to get more done without adding time or costs are perhaps better choices because they are somewhat easier to sustain and may continue to provide benefits over time.

There are lots of clichés about working together and about efficiency and effectiveness. You have heard them: “united we stand, divided we fall,” “no man is an island,” “there are no individuals on a team.” There is the concept that you can always produce something faster, cheaper, and better, but you can’t get all three benefits from the same innovation! Clichés or not, there is a bit of truth to each. Working together really does pay dividends. And innovations yielding two out of the three benefits (speed, cost, or quality) are helpful, too. If we are to meet the expectations placed on us by our investors (a.k.a. taxpayers, including each one of us), then integrating programs and helping to create the opportunities for bigger payoffs from existing resources is a challenge we must meet. Through good choices, I know we will!

— Kathryn Maloney

Northeastern Area Celebrates National Invasive Weed Awareness Week



Don Dagnan, Exotic and Invasive Species Coordinator, with Kathy Maloney, Director, displaying artificial yellow starthistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*), a strong invader that occurs in 41 States.

The sixth National Invasive Weed Awareness Week was held February 28–March 3, 2005, in Washington, DC. **Don Dagnan**, Exotic and Invasive Species Coordinator, attended representing the Northeastern Area. The 5-day event drew over 200 attendees from Federal and State agencies and nonprofit organizations, including representatives from the Forest Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, APHIS, Federal Interagency Committee for the Management of Noxious and Exotic Weeds, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Center for Plant Management, Partners in Resource Education, Invasive Plant Atlas of New England, The Nature Conservancy, Weed Science Society of America, the Montana, Wyoming, and Mississippi Departments of Agriculture, and others.

The meeting included presentations and discussions on legislative issues, aquatic plant controls, EPA’s herbicide registration, minimizing invasive weeds on transportation corridors, future goals to accomplish this year, USDA education, research, technical assistance, and grant opportunities for invasive species, and success stories.



Invasive Plants in the News—There has been an increase in the awareness of invasive species through the media around the world. For instance, *National Geographic* has developed an educational outreach program called “Strange Days on Planet Earth.” This award-winning program features invasive species through high-tech detective stories. Be sure to view the premieres on April 20 and April 27, 2005, on PBS.

Science Education Outreach—Check out NA’s new invasive plant Web site (http://na.fs.fed.us/fhp/invasive_plants/) for information, publications, events, invasive plant fact sheets, resources, and contacts.

ARMY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER NOTES

Invasive Species and Collaboration Explored at the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association Meeting

Steve Davis and **Helene Cleveland** attended the 2005 National Military Fish and Wildlife Association (NMFWA) meeting held in conjunction with the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference in Crystal City, VA. Over 200 Department of Defense biologists, botanists, and natural resource managers attended the NMFWA meeting. The Army Environmental Center (AEC) team arranged to have Nancy Berlin, Eastern Region botanist and nonnative invasive species program manager, give a presentation on Forest Service activities in combating invasive species on eastern national forests. Nancy also spoke on the need to collaborate with other landowners to control invasives.

During the “Show and Tell” portion of the meeting, Helene and Steve staffed the “Army of Partnerships” booth that advertises the seven Federal agencies that have interagency agreements with the Army Environmental Center; three of those agencies are in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The NMFWA meeting had a more direct tie with the North American conference, as Alex Beehler, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health, was one of the keynote speakers. Mr. Beehler spoke on conserving America’s military training lands and how environmental conservation contributes directly to national defense, and how partnerships are necessary for completing the mission.

Assistance Trip to Caribbean National Forest

Helene Cleveland and **Lisa Lewis** reviewed partnership activities between the Caribbean National Forest and the Puerto Rico Army National Guard in early March. The Caribbean National Forest has been providing natural and cultural resource assistance to the Army National Guard at Camp Santiago since 1999. Pedro Rios, Ecosystem Management Team Leader, requested the assistance to explore ways of dealing with staffing and funding issues related to the partnership. Lisa Lewis, a District Ranger on the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana, oversees the special use permit for Fort Polk and has previously worked with the Army National Guard in Mississippi.



Jim Nelson on Board with the Air Force

The AEC team welcomed its newest member—**Jim Nelson**. Jim's duty station is at the Air Force Center for Environmental Excellence at Brooks Air Force Base, San Antonio, TX. Jim came from the White River National Forest in Colorado, where he was the timber management assistant. Jim will assist the Air Force forester in managing forestry programs at Air Force installations throughout the United States and finding ways for those installations to partner with various Forest Service units.

DURHAM FIELD OFFICE NOTES

Meet Glenn Rosenholm, Public Affairs Specialist

Glenn Rosenholm joined the Durham IMA staff as a public affairs specialist on March 7.

Glenn is a Rhode Island native, though he hasn't lived there for nearly 25 years. Instead, he spent most of the past 2+ decades traveling across America in the U.S. Coast Guard. There, he gained invaluable training and experience in public affairs, both in the strategic planning and crisis response. Glenn has worked on hundreds of news stories, developed several successful public awareness campaigns, and provided crisis media relations assistance at dozens of major crises around the nation.

Some of his memorable experiences include:

- Helping to save a humpback whale in Alaska
- Interviewing novelist James Michener
- Hiking in glacial forests
- Meeting novelist Stephen King at his home
- Shaking hands with three Presidents
- Rescuing mariners in heavy weather in northern Maine
- Hanging with Heavyweight Boxing Champ Evander Holyfield

After retiring from active duty, Glenn spent 16 months working for the National Park Service as a park ranger in Salem, Massachusetts, before transferring to the Forest Service. Glenn, his wife, Patricia, and two children, Erik and Kaitlyn, live in southern New Hampshire. Glenn commented, *"I'm glad to be parted from my military uniform after so long, but I'm even happier to be doing public affairs again and helping to protect the environment."*

New England Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting

At the recent New England Chapter of the Society of American Foresters meeting, **Roger Monthey**, Forest Stewardship Coordinator, helped organize two well-received and well-attended workshop sessions.

Business Opportunities for Small Forested Ownerships—Susan Campbell of the Massachusetts Woodlands Cooperative discussed case studies of landowners with successful small forest-based enterprises in western Massachusetts. Gregg Cassidy of Rhode Island Department of



Environmental Management addressed alternative forest business opportunities in Rhode Island. University of Maine Extension Educator Roger Merchant focused on the importance of forest heritage to the economies of rural communities in central Maine, and the need to advertise these tourism opportunities. Finally, Tom Worthley of University Connecticut Cooperative Extension and Roger Monthey discussed the potential business opportunities for foresters and other resource professionals to help implement forest stewardship plans on small forest parcels in urbanizing areas such as southern New England.

Invasive Plants: Ecology and Management—Cynthia Boettner of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service discussed regional strategies to address the invasive plant problem in New England, and Vermont county forester Jon Bouton addressed the difficulties of regenerating forest tree species due to the heavy growth of glossy buckthorn, hay-scented fern, and New York fern following disturbance, coupled with heavy browsing by deer. To close out the session, Jennifer D’Appollonio, a University of Maine graduate student, and Josh Ellsworth, a consultant in Restoration Ecology from Massachusetts, presented information on the ecology and control of Japanese barberry and oriental bittersweet, respectively.

Challenges Facing Women in Science Discussed at Women’s History Event

The Durham Civil Rights Committee hosted a Women’s History Month presentation March 22 led by Northeastern Station Research Forester **Laura Kenefic**, Ph. D. Kenefic, who is currently assigned as an assistant research professor at the University of Maine at Orono, discussed the professional challenges facing women who work in the field of science today.

A silviculturist by profession, Kenefic discussed how women in higher education frequently face a myriad of non-academic pressures and obligations that prevent them from finishing their graduate studies.

Some of those pressures and obligations women face are gender specific, such as motherhood or being the only woman in a classroom otherwise made up of men, said Kenefic, a mother of two. She described the outflow of women leaving graduate studies before completion as a “leaky pipeline.” As an example, women make up less than 20 percent of the undergraduate student population in forestry, though they make up about 40 percent of doctorate students in Forest Ecosystem Science.

Kenefic worked extensively in recent years to support young women who are considering or entering careers in science and forestry. Some of her many accomplishments include the following:

- Helping to found the Women in Science Organization at the university in 1997 to support undergraduate and graduate women and to enable them to build links to mentors in their fields.
- Organizing and coordinating a 6-month seminar series, “Women in Forest Resources,”



Laura Kenefic (center) is welcomed to the Durham Field Office by IMA Group Leader Bob Fitzhenry (left) and NE Project Leader John Brissette (right).



- sponsored jointly by the Northeastern Research Station and the University of Maine in 2002.
- Serving as a guest speaker on several occasions at the university's "Women in the Curriculum" and "Women's Studies Program" lunch series.
- Volunteering in the "Expanding Your Horizons" program, a daylong career orientation event for middle school girls.
- Devoting extensive personal time mentoring young women in undergraduate and graduate forestry programs.

Kenefic's efforts to support young women served to improve the diversity of our forestry workforce. She received the NE/NA Individual Multicultural Achievement Award in 2004 for her outstanding efforts in promoting and supporting gender diversity.

Northeastern Forest Pest Council

The Northeastern Forest Pest Council held its annual meeting in conjunction with New England SAF and the Small Woodlot Owners Association of Maine on March 15–16 in Portland, Maine. **Cindy Ash** gave the Field Office highlights and along with **Margaret Weeks** spoke about Ramorum blight (sudden oak death) and surveys to detect them. **Bob Acciavatti** (Morgantown Field Office) spoke about exotic bark beetle surveys in the Northeast. The agenda included presentations about "the usual suspects" (hemlock woolly adelgid, Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borer, sudden oak death), graduate student presentations, and our newest exotic insect—winter moth. Frank Lowenstein of The Nature Conservancy gave an excellent presentation on conserving eastern forests and their health.

Annual State Utilization and Marketing Specialists Winter Meeting

On February 9–10, **Rob Clark** and **Dean Huber** hosted the annual winter meeting of State Utilization and Marketing Specialists served by the Durham Field Office. Unfortunately, for the second straight year, inclement weather adversely affected the meeting and the second day had to be canceled. However, the good news was that for the first time in several years there were representatives from all seven of our State partners. In addition, there were attendees from the New York City Watershed Economic Action Program and from the Forest and Wood Products Institute at Mount Wachusett Community College in Massachusetts.

The group reported on their various EAP-related State activities. This stimulated lively discussions and exchanges of information. **Lew McCreery** (Morgantown Field Office) was also present and provided information on current budget conditions and various scenarios for the future of the program. Rob Clark provided an overview of a recently developed electronic spreadsheet for economic assessment of biomass fueled boiler systems.



GREY TOWERS NOTES

National Policy Seminar Comes to Grey Towers

Forty Forest Service emerging leaders who are part of the Senior Leader Program gathered at Grey Towers National Historic Site this month for an introduction to the history and values of the Forest Service. NA's **Gina Childs** and **Connie Carpenter** were among the participants. The 2-day session was part of the 2-week National Policy Seminar, formerly known as the Management Policy Seminar and reinstituted after a several-year hiatus.

Participants heard from two former chiefs—Max Peterson and Jack Ward Thomas—and enjoyed an interesting program by historian and author Dr. Char Miller entitled “Will the Real Gifford Pinchot Please Stand Up?” The session also included a presentation by Gifford Pinchot’s grandson, Peter, called “What Is Conservation: Taking a Fresh Look,” and a dramatic presentation by Forest Service retiree Gary Hines as Gifford Pinchot. In addition to programs at Grey Towers, National Policy Seminar participants spend time on Capitol Hill, learning the political context of how the agency functions with the three branches of government, and with the Associate Chief and Deputy Chiefs, learning about their work and challenges to success.

Grey Towers Hosts Northeastern Area Conservation Ed Meeting

Conservation Education leaders from throughout the Northeast met at Grey Towers National Historic Site recently to share ideas and provide project updates. Participants included natural resource conservation educators from the Forest Service and partner States. Topics discussed included a future NA Conservation Education Web site, the NA Conservation Education strategic plan, nonformal environmental education training guidelines, distance learning opportunities, adult learning workshops, curriculums, and the Envirothon. The 3-day session also included a meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Conservation Education members.

New Maintenance Building Going Up



Construction of the new maintenance building at Grey Towers is underway.

The bulk of the maintenance functions at Grey Towers soon will occur outside the historic core of the estate, thanks to construction of a new maintenance building on a hill above the mansion. The Grey Towers Master Plan, which has directed the historic renovation of the site, suggested moving the maintenance activities outside of the historic core to address safety, preservation, and visitor experience concerns. The building should be operational by summer.



MORGANTOWN FIELD OFFICE NOTES

Seminars on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid at West Virginia University and Botanical Society

Rick Turcotte, Forest Health Protection, gave a departmental seminar to the faculty, staff, and students of the West Virginia University, Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Consumer Sciences on the issue of hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA). Rick gave a 50-minute presentation on the biology, ecological impact, current distribution, and control methods available for HWA. He gave a similar presentation to the West Virginia Botanical Society.

Forest Service Recognized by the United Way

On February 22, **John Hazel** and **Sandy Fosbroke** represented the Forest Service at the Monongalia and Preston Counties United Way Volunteer Recognition and Awards Celebration Banquet. This year, Morgantown Field Office employees **Barbara Morgan** and Sandy Fosbroke were two of six people honored as Outstanding Combined Federal Campaign Key Workers. John Hazel accepted the Forest Service Combined Federal Campaign Chair Award on behalf of the field office for conducting the best overall campaign and involvement, as result of the efforts of Sandy and Barbara, as well as others. These prestigious awards provide recognition for the Forest Service as an involved member of the community with many local businesses.

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Symposium Held in Asheville, NC

The Third Annual Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Symposium was held in Asheville, NC, February 1–3. The symposium was a gathering of more than 250 research scientists, resource managers, and forest health specialists from State and Federal agencies, universities, and private industry to discuss the research and management issues of this devastating forest pest. A total of 43 oral presentations and 38 posters were presented during the 2½-day meeting. The symposium proceedings will be published. **Brad Onken**, Forest Health Protection, led the HWA Coordinating Committee responsible for putting the symposium together.

Morgantown Participates in Suncrest Middle School Career Fair

Rick Turcotte, Forest Health Protection, and **Toni Jones** from the Northeastern Research Station staffed a display booth at the Suncrest Middle School Career Fair on March 11. The booth was well received, with a large number of eighth graders asking question about careers in the sciences and natural resource fields.

Gypsy Moth on the Wayne National Forest

A meeting was held on March 21 at the Wayne National Forest Supervisors office in Athens, Ohio, to discuss gypsy moth related issues. **Rick Turcotte** and **Bill Oldland**, Forest Health Protection, met with members of the Wayne National Forest staff, Dr. Kurt Gottschalk of the Northeastern Research Station, and Dr. John Brooks of West Virginia University. The group talked about gypsy moth management, thinning projects under the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, the Slow the Spread project, prevention funding, and insect and disease issues under the new forest plan. The



group decided to move forward on a collaborative demonstration thinning project this spring on 200–300 acres.

Team Reviews Maryland's Urban and Community Forestry Program

The Maryland Division of Natural Resources, Forest Service hosted its 5-year Urban and Community Forestry Program review March 8–10 in Annapolis. The review team consisted of team leader **Anne Cumming** and **John Hazel** (Morgantown), **John Parry** (Durham), **Phil Rodbell** and **Robin Morgan** (Newtown Square), and Mike Galvin and Ken Holman (Maryland Department of Natural Resources).

The review team was exposed to the multidimensional, multidisciplinary urban forestry program that Maryland delivers. Regional foresters spoke about accomplishments and challenges in each of the State's four regions. Volunteer Coordinator Terry Galloway detailed accomplishments of the successful "TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND" program. Marian Honecny updated the group on 10 years of the State's Forest Conservation Act. The team interacted with some of the State's primary partners, including Guy Hager, Parks and People Foundation; Al Todd, Chesapeake Bay Program/USDA Forest Service; and Steve Parker and Marion Beddingfield, Maryland Urban and Community Forestry Committee. The team also took a field trip to meet with the Annapolis Mayor Ellen O. Moyer. State Forester Steve Koehn joined the team for a majority of the meeting. Maryland's Urban and Community Forestry Program continues to be on the forefront of innovation.

EMS Recognized for Help With Work Capacity Testing for Wildfire Qualification

Fire Planner **Bob Hartlove** from Newtown Square presented Monongalia Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Chief of Operation Brad Dean with an engraved clock in appreciation of the assistance that emergency medical technicians (EMTs) provide during the Forest Service annual work capacity test (WCT). The presentation was made March 16 at the West Virginia University track complex prior to administering the WCT.

Monongalia EMS has assisted the Forest Service for the past 4 years by providing EMTs in case a medical emergency occurs during the administration of the test. Morgantown Field Office employees **Frank Cromer**, **Al Iskra**, **Rod Whiteman**, and **Norm Montoy** took the WCT to qualify for wildfire assignments during the summer. Eight individuals from the Centers for Disease Control/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health also took the WCT to qualify for incident assignments.



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The Forest Service requires that all employees who want to be eligible to fight wildfires pass the WCT to ensure that they are physically fit for the rigorous conditions that exist during a wildfire. Employees can be tested at three levels of difficulty.

Wood Education and Resource Center Accepting Grant Proposals

The Wood Education and Resource Center (WERC) has a grant opportunity available for nonprofit and for-profit organizations, State and local governmental agencies, institutions of higher education, and tribes. The WERC is accepting grant proposals through May 13. The center is looking for projects that assist the WERC in meeting its mission of facilitating interaction and information exchange with the forest products industry that will enhance opportunities for sustained forest products production in the eastern hardwood forest region.

Priority will be given to projects that accomplish one or more of the following items:

- Maintain the economic competitiveness of the primary and secondary hardwood industries.
- Bring information and technology to existing and emerging businesses involved in the development and manufacturing of wood products.
- Bring information and technology about marketing and business-related skills to existing and emerging businesses.
- Encourage the adoption of new technology to improve competitiveness and profitability.
- Provide support and key information to entrepreneurs and start-up businesses.
- Address global issues such as phytosanitation of wood packaging materials, and assisting communities and industries facing threats from invasive species such as the emerald ash borer.

The application form is available on the Wood Education and Resource Center's Web site at <http://na.fs.fed.us/ea/werc/werc.shtm>. Interested individuals may also contact WERC Director **Steve Milauskas** or WERC Deputy Director **Ed Cesa** at (304) 487-1510 for more information.

Proposals will be accepted for projects in any of the eastern hardwood forest States, including Texas and Oklahoma. Grant size averages around \$50,000 but may vary from \$10,000 to \$200,000 per project. Successful applicants have to provide a one-to-one match of non-Federal funds. Applicants awarded a grant will be notified by the end of June.

ST. PAUL FIELD OFFICE NOTES

New Publication: Estimating Riparian Area Extent and Land Use in the Midwest

Quinn Chavez, GIS Specialist, assisted Brian Palik and the North Central Research Station in the development of a new publication, *Estimating Riparian Area Extent and Land Use in the Midwest* (GTR-NC-248). Quinn provided technical assistance in developing the maps, charts, and other visual interpretations of data. The publication is available on the North Central Research Station Web site at <http://www.ncrs.fs.fed.us/pubs/viewpub.asp?key=2961>.



Australia's Newest Crocodile Hunter!

Stephanie Berkland, Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) employee, was selected to study abroad as a part of the University of Minnesota Global Studies program. She'll head off to Cairns, Australia, where she will be enrolled in the "Human Impacts on the Australian Environment" program. The purpose of the program is to help students develop an understanding of how human settlement has impacted the early and modern history of Australia's natural resources. This program ties directly to Stephanie's major—Recreation Resource Management with an emphasis on tourism—in showing how tourist spots are impacting the environment.

Midwest Forest Health Cooperators Meeting

Linda Haugen, Plant Pathologist, and **John Kyhl**, Entomologist, coordinated the 2005 Midwest Forest Health Cooperators meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to share information and updates between the St. Paul Field Office Forest Health staff and their Department of Natural Resources/Conservation counterparts. Topics of interest for this year included emerald ash borer, sudden oak death, oak decline, oak wilt, and spruce decline, as well as invasive weeds. For more information contact Linda or John.

Chicago Continues Vigilance for Asian Longhorned Beetle

With the lifting of the Asian longhorned beetle quarantine in both the Addison and Summit communities within Chicago, APHIS, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, the city of Chicago, and the USDA Forest Service are considering what type of outreach and education effort should be developed to keep the citizenry on the lookout for additional Asian longhorned beetle outbreaks. **Tom Dilley**, Metropolitan Initiatives Coordinator, is the USDA Forest Service representative on Asian longhorned beetle in Chicago.

Wild Things

Tom Dilley, Metropolitan Initiatives Coordinator, presented information on invasives at the Wild Things Conference hosted by Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. Wild Things brings together the region's best experts, most dedicated volunteers, and anyone interested in nature. Technical presentations and interactive workshops explored the latest innovations in natural areas preservation, wildlife protection, and monitoring. The conference is organized in "tracks" designed for everyone from beginners to experts. There is special focus on empowering citizen scientists, stewards, and advocates with information, networking, and good ideas.

Restoring Gary's Urban Forest

Tom Dilley, Metropolitan Initiatives Coordinator, is developing an urban forest restoration training program for inner city groups in northwest Indiana. Tom is working with a multitude of organizations including the US Steel–Gary Works Wildlife Team, the Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center, and the Wildlife Habitat Council of Indiana. This project is the result of funding from Northeastern Area Forestry Innovation Grants.



New Approach to Northeastern Area Web Site

In an effort to reduce redundancy of information and share expertise among field offices, the Information Management and Analysis staffs in all the field offices have formed a Web development team to design a more comprehensive and inclusive approach to the Northeastern Area Web site. Members of the team include **Susan Lacy** and **Juliette Watts** from the Area Office; **Bob Fitzhenry**, **Glenn Rosenholm**, and **Debbie Muccio** from Durham Field Office; **Kathy Anderson**, **Kevin Tucker**, **Tim Reynolds**, and **Gina Childs** from the St. Paul Field Office; and **Chuck Reger**, **Helen Butalla**, **Frank Cromer**, **Cindy Barnett**, and **Devin Wanner** from the Morgantown Field Office.

EDITOR'S NOTES

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DEADLINE!

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