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President's Message

Perry J. Brown

January 2000 marks the two-year changing of the guard for NAPFSC. Al Vogt initiated so much during his tenure as President that it is going to be hard just to keep up with all we have underway. Most significantly, under President-Elect Pat Reid's leadership, we are continuing activities of the Coalition for Sustaining America's Nonfederal Forests with an eye toward increasing the forestry research, education, and outreach resources in support of the private, state, municipal, and tribal lands not in the federal sector.



Perry J. Brown

We also will be pushing hard to secure increases in both McIntire-Stennis forestry research and Renewable Resource Extension Act funding. These are significant base programs for most of us and both programs are funded way below their authorized levels. I believe they both are critical to our missions of education and development of knowledge for sound management of natural resources. Our booklet, *The Role of Research, Education and Extension in Sustaining America's Forest Resources: Why You Should Care*, will be a major part of the information we provide to our friends in Congress and the federal agencies. With publications such as this and with each of us making sure that our senators and representatives know what we need to serve the nation, we can make a difference.

In the next few months we will be reissuing the NAPFSC brochure that has been so useful in letting people know who we are and why it is to their benefit to listen to our agenda. We also will be continuing to work with long-time colleagues in CSREES, the Forest Service, AF&PA, and other groups.

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President's Message

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At the same time, we will be working to expand our range of contacts so that more people know about our forestry programs, and hopefully want to support them.

One area where I hope we will be able to make substantive progress during the coming year is in diversity programs. I have asked Susan Stafford of Colorado State University to work with the Executive Committee in moving us much farther along the path to greater diversity as an organization. She might be calling upon some of you to help in this process; if she does, I hope you will step up to the plate.

Our organization is vital, as Dr. Laughlin's article indicates (see page 3). Working together, we will make a lot happen. 

Correction

In the August 1999 newsletter, the following individuals were misidentified in terms of the institutions they represented in Donald H. DeHayes' Northeast Region report on distance learning. The article should have read:

Dr. Malcom Hunter, *University of Maine* — Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health; and

Dr. Barrett Rock, *University of New Hampshire* — The Remote Detection of Forest Damage: The Role of Remote Sensing as an Environmental Monitoring Tool.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

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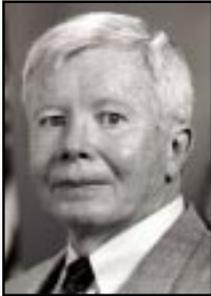




Feature Article

NAPFSC and CSREES: A Perspectus

Dr. Charles Laughlin, CSREES Administrator



Charles Laughlin

Expressing one's self on a topic near and dear to one's heart is always a pleasure. Less than a year ago, I was the NAPFSC member from Hawaii. So, in some ways, I am still one of you. Having been Administrator of CSREES for these past eight months, I have gained a somewhat broader perspective on the priorities our nation and the world must adopt in order to live without shortages of

food, fiber, and the amenities of a healthy environment. Certainly, our knowledge and use of natural resources are fundamental to the bright future each of us envisions for the new millennium. NAPFSC, with its involvement with research, extension, and higher education in forestry and related fields, has a leadership role that is one of the greatest in the world. No other organization has more opportunity and responsibility than you to lead the way to "sustainable forestry."

Last February, NAPFSC and CSREES, with financial help from the Forest Service and the American Forest and Paper Association, co-sponsored the summit meeting on "Sustaining America's Forests: The Role of Research, Education and Extension" in Washington, DC. This meeting successfully assembled a wide range of participants who shared their knowledge and passion for forests, and resulted in an innovative thrust embodied in the National Coalition for Sustaining America's Nonfederal Forests. We heartily concur with the purposes of the coalition and the direction it has taken to this point. I believe that this broad-based organization will be a great benefit and resource to the work both NAPFSC and CSREES have to do in the challenging years ahead. The involvement of stakeholders, in helping to determine the directions of our research, education, and extension programs, is a wise and timely accomplishment. We at CSREES look forward to active participation in this national stakeholders' effort to identify and focus on the forestry needs of private nonindustrial forest landowners.

Two fiscal programs of significance to CSREES and NAPFSC are the McIntire-Stennis (M-S) Cooperative Forestry Research Program and the Renewable Resources Extension Act (RREA). The McIntire-Stennis Cooperative Forestry Act was passed by Congress in 1962 and funds were appropriated in 1964. Thirty-five years have been devoted to "growing" the program through your efforts in educating members of Congress about the research needs and potential of forestry for America. RREA, authorized in 1978 and first funded in 1982, provides significant resources for the system's outreach programs. We are challenged to grow both programs and look

forward with you to achieving this desired outcome. Your growth during these years has been truly remarkable, and I dare say that without the McIntire-Stennis Program, many of the current university forestry programs would not have been created. What we have here is an excellent example of the synergism envi-

sioned by the Congress in creating federal-state cooperative programs. It will be interesting to see what the future holds as you continue your efforts to foster cooperation with USDA and other federal and nonfederal agencies. At CSREES, we are open to considering new avenues to facilitate our partnership in the years ahead. We intend to be exactly what our name implies--cooperative!

It is interesting to note that in the M-S Act, the authorization language limits us to 50 percent of the previous year's federal expenditure for forestry research. This, in effect, would be half of the appropriation for Forest Service research in the previous year. It also requires at least one nonfederal dollar for each federal dollar appropriated. Thus, the M-S Program would not exceed the Forest Service in funding, if all programs matched no more than dollar for dollar. However, much to everyone's surprise, the importance this program has in the states was greatly underestimated. Currently, the reports you provide us indicate that the total expenditure for forestry research in the NAPFSC institutions provides nine nonfederal dollars to each federal dollar appropriated. This brings the size of your program very close to that of the Forest Service.

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Committee Reports

Research Committee

Alan R. Ek, Chair

Research Priorities

The USDA Forestry Research Advisory Council (FRAC) is charged with providing the Secretary of Agriculture with recommendations and advice on forestry research. The council consists of members appointed by the Secretary and drawn from federal, university, state, industry, and nongovernmental organizations.

The most recent report (from 1999) makes a number of recommendations germane to NAPFSC member interests. As excerpts reproduced below indicate, the language in the report to the Secretary is unambiguous:

“Our findings suggest the nation will face intensifying difficulty in providing the full economic and environmental benefits of forest resources unless we foster concerted and coordinated research efforts on nonfederal lands. Such efforts must include (1) fundamental knowledge of forest system behavior and response, (2) new technologies for protection and productivity, and (3) policy and program options.

Our society is not yet equipped to deal with the changes in forest land use that have occurred in the last decade nor the pressures of the next century. A strengthened research program will assist the landowners, a broad segment of society who serve as resource stewards. Further, this research will enable landowners and government to address the needs of the larger societal fabric that seeks the diverse benefits of forest resources.”

The recent National Research Council report on nonfederal forest lands recommended increased federal efforts in research, monitoring, program coordination, and information transfer

for both federal and private lands. Given that, the FRAC further identified a list of research issues and areas that, if fully addressed, would ensure:

- sustainable intensive timber production;
- management to achieve a broad range of environmental outcomes;
- informed decisions on environmental versus economic and social tradeoffs, and
- public understanding of issues and policy options.

Finally, the FRAC recommended support for the McIntire-Stennis and Forest Service R&D programs and investments in research on:

- sustainable intensive timber production on private lands;
- forest assessment (inventory) and monitoring with emphasis on new technologies, and
- social values of forests and tradeoffs between conflicting values and uses.

These investment priorities were also noted as including research on the underlying science and technologies and support to related extension education efforts. Copies of the full report are available from Dr. Catalino Blanche, USDA, CSREES, NRE (cblanche@reeusda.gov).

Notably, FRAC’s current 20 members include NAPFSC members Jo Ellen Force (University of Idaho), Bruce Wiersma (University of Maine), and Mary Duryea (University of Florida). It has also been my pleasure to serve as Chair of the FRAC this past year. 

NRC Report on Forest Research Capacity

Frederick W. Cabbage

The National Research Council Report on Forestry Research Capacity should be undergoing peer review at the time of release of this NAPFSC newsletter. The report covers (1) the status of forestry research capacity; (2) priorities for forestry research, (3) educational trends and responses; and (4) enhancing forestry institutional research capacity. Final, specific recommendations are pending, but broad areas of support include increased funding for federal formula and competitive grants; enhanced inter-organizational cooperation and oversight of forestry research, and significant new support for interdisciplinary educational efforts, as well as enhanced programs to foster diversity. NAPFSC will be asked to play a key role in developing means to implement recommendations of the report. 

Deans' Tour



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Feature Article

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In actuality, there are more Scientist Years reported for university research than there are for the Forest Service. Thus far, this is a little known or recognized fact!

Throughout the life of the M-S Program, this agency has fostered the practice of conducting reviews. Admittedly, in the early years, the emphasis was on the use of funds provided by Congress for research. However, gradually--in a truly cooperative manner--the nature of these reviews was shifted to focus on total program content and execution. For obvious reasons, these were called "comprehensive reviews," but, instead of a detailed examination of work done in the past, a new emphasis was placed on future needs in research, extension, and education. We have continued to support this process with personnel and travel funds, to the extent possible under various budgetary constraints.

There is no doubt that this Cooperative review system has gradually resulted in many beneficial changes in your programs. The value of this review process shows in the number of institutions that have chosen to organize and conduct their own comprehensive reviews. While a CSREES National Program Leader is usually requested to participate as a member of these institutionally sponsored review teams, we still encourage you to request CSREES-sponsored Comprehensive Reviews, in which we cooperate in choosing team members. Team leaders and travel funds for part of the team will be provided by CSREES. In this fiscal year, we have very few reviews scheduled in forestry and natural resources due to a lack of requests. We are committed to continuing our partnership in the Comprehensive

Review process because of the benefits they provide to university programs, and to the decision-making knowledge they provide to our agency regarding the health of your programs and the future needs in forestry and natural resources research, extension, and education.

I want to thank you for your efforts in jointly developing and publishing the brochure, "The Role of Research, Education and Extension in Sustaining America's Forest Resources: Why You Should Care." Better than anything I have seen, this brochure clearly demonstrates what Congress intended to happen when it created CSREES--the excellence that is possible when research, extension, and higher education programs are integrated. In fact, the brochure was so effective that it was showcased as part of the registration materials for more than 600 participants attending the recent USDA National Summit on Private Land Conservation held in Ames, Iowa, this past December.

You and your predecessors have done a magnificent job of husbanding resources and building science-based programs that have made significant differences in our environment, adding both economic and social value. What the future holds is always uncertain, but if the past is any indicator of the future, then forestry and natural resources will continue to grow in size, quality, importance, and accomplishment. CSREES will be here as your partner, dedicated to our joint efforts in providing the critical research, extension, and education necessary to our nation and the world. Together, as partners, we will work to meet the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. 

NAPFSC Meetings

Executive Committee

March 6-9, 2000

Long Aldridge and Norman
Washington, DC

Tuesday Afternoon, November 14

Washington Hilton and Towers
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Wednesday Morning, November 15

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General Assembly

Wednesday Afternoon, November 15

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Thursday Morning, November 16

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NAPFSC News Briefs

Pinchot Institute Completes Report

*Nadine Block, Pinchot Institute for
Conservation*

The Pinchot Institute is pleased to announce the completion of the report "The Evolution of Forestry Education in the United States: Adapting to the Changing Demands of Professional Forestry." We anticipate that this document will be of interest to organizations or individuals concerned with natural resources education.

The report is the culmination of the Pinchot Institute's surveys of forestry employers, recent graduates of forestry programs, and forestry educators. These surveys explored the changing demands of the profession, the past and current challenges facing the academic institutions, and the ways that forestry schools have responded to these needs and pressures. The report also includes a summary of the presentations and discussions that took at our symposium last spring, where educators and employers discovered valuable opportunities to enhance their connections to each other. The executive summary of the report is available on the Pinchot Institute's web site (see URL below).

If you are interested in receiving a copy of this report, please contact Nadine Block at (202) 797-6585 or via e-mail at neblock@pinchot.org. The report is \$20.00, which includes shipping and handling.

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Florida Urban Forestry Institute Offers New Course

Mary Duryea, University of Florida

This year's course for the 10th Annual University of Florida's Urban Forestry Institute deals with critical wildland/urban issues culminating from the 1998 fires. The fires were credited with burning 500 million acres of forests, destroying 300 homes, and damaging hundreds of residences and businesses in the interface. The course, entitled "The Wildland-Urban Interface: Balancing Growth with Natural Resources Management and Conservation," is scheduled for June 25-30, 2000, in Daytona Beach, Florida, an urban area at the interface in 1998. Continuing education credits are offered, or the course can be taken for academic credits from the University of Florida. The USDA Forest Service is a co-sponsor of the course.

Forest/urban interface issues to be addressed include managing growth at the interface, tools for planning, human dimensions, and natural resource management issues for compatible uses and conservation. A team of natural resource specialists, interacting with students in lectures, discussions, and problem-solving projects, will teach the course.

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Name Change at University of Idaho

*Charles R. Hatch, Dean
College of Natural Resources*

The University of Idaho's College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences will begin the 21st century with a new name that better reflects the evolution of its programs and services--the University of Idaho's College of Natural Resources. The college will continue to support five disciplinary, departmental programs that emphasize the following:

- fisheries and wildlife ecology and management;
- forest ecology and management;
- forest products harvesting and utilization;
- rangeland ecology and management, and
- resource recreation and tourism.

The new name reflects the increasing importance that the college places on the integration of the natural resource disciplines within its education, research, and outreach activities.

If you would like additional information about our college, please contact:

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Washington, DC, Update

C. Randall Nuckolls and Patrick Turner

FY2001 Budget Calls for Increase in USDA Research, Education, and Economic Programs

President Clinton's FY2001 budget was released on February 7. The total budget for USDA programs decreases from \$105.4 billion in 2000 to an estimated \$100.2 billion in 2001, primarily because of significant emergency farm aid expenditures in FY2000. USDA's discretionary program budget accounts for about 26 percent of total USDA outlays, while mandatory spending accounts for the other 74 percent.

Research, education, and economics in the USDA budget actually receives a proposed \$64 million increase over FY2000, with a \$50 million increase proposed for the Agricultural Research Service, \$22 million increase proposed for CSREES, \$2 million increase for the National Agricultural Statistics Service, and a \$10 million reduction for the Economic Research Service.

The budget assumes that \$120 million will be available for the Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems, the same as FY2000, and also assumes that \$60 million will be available for rural development, research, education and extension projects under the Fund for Rural America.

The table below outlines the FY2001 budget items of specific interest to NAPFSC.

FY1999	
McIntire-Stennis	\$21,932,000
RREA	\$3,192,000
NRI	\$119,000,000
FY2000	
McIntire-Stennis	\$21,932,000
RREA	\$3,192,000
NRI	\$119,000,000
FY2001 Requested	
McIntire-Stennis	\$21,932,000
RREA	\$3,192,000
NRI	\$150,000,000

All formula funds, including Smith-Lever and Hatch Act funds, are continued at FY2000 levels.

Total funding for the Forest Service is \$3.853 billion for FY2001, an increase of \$367 million. For forest and rangeland research, the President Clinton's budget requests a total of \$231 million, a \$13 million increase over FY2000. The budget includes a new Bioenergy/Biobased Products Initiative to accelerate the development and use of bio-based technologies which converts crops, trees, and other biomass into a vast array of fuels and products. As part of this initiative, \$9.5 million in research on faster-growing trees and use of small-diameter trees for commercial biobased products will be conducted. Hopefully, this requested increase of Forest Service research will present opportunities for increased collaborative and cooperative agreements between the Forest Service and NAPFSC institutions.

State and private forestry's proposed budget is \$261 million for FY2001. Most of that increase comes from the programs contained in the Lands Legacy Initiative, President Clinton's proposal to preserve the country's natural heritage and green spaces. Along with \$96 million for Forest Health/Fire Protection, the FY2001 budget calls for \$29 million for Forest Stewardship, \$3 million for Stewardship Incentives, \$6 million for Smart Growth, \$10 million for International Forestry, \$60 million for Forest Legacy, \$39 million for Urban/Community Forestry, and \$18 million for Other.

The House Agriculture and Interior Appropriations Subcommittees have announced the dates of their hearings into the FY2001 budget. The Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, chaired by Congressman Joe Skeen (R-NM), will hold a hearing on the Research, Education and Economics programs of the USDA on March 8. The Interior Appropriations Subcommittee will hold hearings on the Forest Service on February 16 and March 9. NAPFSC will provide testimony, either in person, or in writing, to these subcommittees on the programs that are vital to the nation's forestry schools. 



Regional Reports



Northeast Region

Donald H. DeHayes, Chair

Representatives from Northeast NAPFSC institutions met in Hartford, CT, on January 10, 2000. We were joined by our regional partners from the USFS Northeast Research Station, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and our colleague from USDA CSREES.

Discussion of the regional distance learning course entitled "Ecosystem Health and Sustainability," which was offered collectively by the six New England institutions (UCONN, UMAINE, UMASS, UNH, URI, and UVM) during spring 1999, reinforced the positive review provided by students and the curricular enrichment to programs and faculty. There was consensus that it was important to continue moving forward on this initiative, and the group agreed to use distance learning to share another one-credit graduate seminar course entitled "Human Dimensions of Ecosystem Health and Sustainability" in fall 2000. We are investigating adding bridge sites to accommodate additional institutions as well as our agency partners in the region.

Our experience with a shared distance learning course has stimulated discussion about the potential of broadbased sharing of resources and expertise across the northeast region. As such, a major focus of our meeting was discussion of the major strengths and needs of each institution and agency within the region in an effort to explore the feasibility of region-based academic planning. We see the potential for sharing resources and/or expertise in, at least, the following three arenas:

Courses. This might involve distance learning courses or joint "real time" offering of intensive (e.g., two-week) graduate-level courses to students from several universities at a convenient, neutral site.

Position planning. By exchanging information about anticipated position hires across institutions and agencies, we may be able to establish an informal natural resource workforce plan for the region and ensure that the region does not become arbitrarily depleted of certain types of expertise.

Collaborative research. Conversations about strengths and needs is also likely to uncover opportunities to build partnerships to pursue research questions and address agency needs within the region.

There was considerable discussion of the implications for the northeast region of NAPFSC's initiative on "Sustaining America's Forests." There seemed to be consensus about the importance of integrated curricular to promote sustainability and recognition of the value of regional approaches to accomplishing disciplinary integration. In addition, the following four topical areas were identified as important to the region and critical to furthering our understanding and desire to sustain the forest resource of the northeast region:

- large-scale planning across a mosaic of landscapes would integrate ecological and human dimensions of landscapes;

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North Central Region

J. Michael Kelly, Chair

The past several months have been a productive time in the North Central Region. The joint regional project with NCA-23 began on July 1 as NCT-179, with a mandate from the North Central research directors to quickly develop a proposal for a North Central Research (NCR) Committee. The group's first meeting was held in Ames in August with seven of the twelve states in the region represented. The meeting was held jointly with NCR-196 to determine the level of shared interest in the project area and to explore the potential for collaboration. A total of 26 participants, representing several universities, the Forest Service North Central Research Lab, the National Agroforestry Center, USGS, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Nature Conservancy, were present. To set the stage for discussions, the group visited the Walnut Creek watershed and Bear Creek riparian research site as the first order of business.

The committee then began the process of formulating research questions and approaches. By the meeting's conclusion, questions had been formulated, an outline developed, and writing teams identified. Jim Perry, University of Minnesota, was elected as to serve as the NCT-179 chair and Bruce Vondracek, Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Unit, University of Minnesota, agreed to lead the development of the NCR

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Executive Liaison's Message

Terri Bates

Working with Pat Reid, I have continued to provide staff support for the National Coalition for Sustaining America's Nonfederal Forests. Currently, we are working towards a coalition meeting in early March with the expectation that a final product will be finalized and approved. Please refer to Pat Reid's article on this page for additional details.

As a major depot for supplies of the document "Silver Bullet II," otherwise formally known as "The Role of Research, Education and Extension in Sustaining America's Forest Resources: Why You Should Care," I am overseeing its broad distribution on Capitol Hill and other organizations. Please contact me if you need additional copies.

I have recently solicited information from you to determine the success your institutions have had in obtaining National Research Initiative (NRI) grants. This is the result of a discussion at the annual meeting of ways to increase McIntire-Stennis (M-S) program funding. The initial intent of the M-S program was to use a portion of the funds for competitive grants, though this was never done. In recent years, Congress has favored competitive research funding over formula funding as evidenced by the NRI. The information you returned on the rate of success your institutions have had in obtaining NRI grants will help NAPFSC determine future strategies for increased resources and focus attention of how well competitive grants are currently serving (or not) the nation's needs for forest research.

NAPFSC continues to sit on the Roundtable on Sustainable Forests, a collaborative group assisting the Forest Service in implementing the Montreal Process Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management. The group is "loosely" chaired by Phil Janik, Chief Operating Office of the Forest Service, and includes representatives from conservation, environmental, landowner, and industry groups, as well as representatives of multiple federal agencies, all of whom are working to identify and coordinate C&I related data and databases.

Two technical workshops are planned for March to determine data availability, quality, etc., as well as the identification of data and institutional gaps. NAPFSC members provided names of potential participants with expertise in the areas covered by the seven criteria and 67 indicators. A third workshop is planned for May to synthesize the out-

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President-Elect's Message

C. P. Patrick Reid, Coalition Chair

National Coalition on Sustainability of Nonfederal Forests Moves Forward

The August 1999 issue of the *NAPFSC Report* provided an overview of the scope and purpose of the newly formed *National Coalition on Sustaining America's Nonfederal Forests: The Role of Education, Research and Extension/Outreach*. The coalition, formed subsequent to the forestry summit held in February 1999, has established three task groups to address the topics of research, education, and extension/outreach. The task groups, composed of individuals from various organizations and institutions, have recently completed their charge of developing a prospectus that addresses needed funding, planned accomplishments, program structure and implementation, and impacts and consequences. On January 28, the chairs of the three task groups met with the coalition steering committee in Washington, DC, and finalized their reports into a single document to be presented to the coalition membership in mid-February.

My thanks to Arnett Mace, Bruce Menzel, and Scott Reed for providing the leadership for the three task groups, and thank you to the many others who have contributed to this effort. 

Thank You

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Northeast Region

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- [water and watersheds](#) would combine water quality with a broad array of watershed planning initiatives and consider urban and suburban as well as rural areas;
- [certification](#) would include an outreach element to educate the public about the numerous values of the forest resource, and
- [forest fragmentation](#) is a critical topic in the northeast that relates to forests, wildlife, parks, and sprawl.

Bill Bentley (SUNY ESF) suggested we consider a management cooperative for the northeast that might include partnering with state agencies and the US Forest Service. After considerable discussion, the concept began to take shape as a Sustainable Forest Management Cooperative for Northeastern Forests. A regional subcommittee will develop the concept further.

At the suggestion of Bill McComb (UMASS), the group agreed to explore regional coordination of continuing education offerings through the creation of a regional web page. This would coordinate advertising as well as our efforts and lead to regional examination of matching what we offer in comparison to what practitioners believe is needed.

Finally, Dave Schroeder (UCONN) presented the nominating committee report, including the nomination of Bill McComb as Chair. No additional nominations were presented and Bill McComb was unanimously elected the next Chair of Northeast NAPFSC. His term officially began at the end of the meeting. 

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put of the March workshops. The products of these workshops are not intended to address or make recommendations about policy issues associated with whether and how to take steps to address the gaps.

For more information on the roundtable, refer to the following web site: <http://www.sustainableforests.net/>

In the context of institutionalizing sustainability as agency policy, the Forest Service cited examples of their recent efforts: 1) plans to expand the Boise test on application of C&I to an additional six national forests; 2) increased efforts to work with state foresters on the Forest Inventory and Assessment (FIA) programs; 3) a commitment of two full-time staff to sustainability efforts: Ruth McWilliams, National Sustainability Coordinator, and David Radloff, USFS, who will work with the Forest Service deputy chiefs and regional offices on implementing sustainability in the field), and 4) assignment of a task group

to revise the redraft the FS planning regulations to reflect a focus on C&I that is consistent with the Forest Service's strategic plan.

I also represent NAPFSC on a steering committee that is preparing to conduct a third national study on NIPP ownership trends. The previous studies were conducted in 1994 and 1972 under the leadership of Tom Birch with the Forest Service, who recently died after a lengthy battle with cancer. Plans are for a questionnaire subcommittee to finalize the survey questions over the next several months, and conditioned on OMB clearance, to begin sampling at the state level in the fall of this year. Approximately one-third of the states will be sampled each year, with data collection completed by 2004 and final reports by 2005.

Finally, I continue to help coordinate NAPFSC's newsletter, executive committee, and annual meeting arrangements. I have also assumed keeping the NAPFSC membership directory updated; you should receive new copies in the near future. 

North Central Region

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proposal. Thanks to the dedicated leadership of Bruce Vondracek and Tom Isenhardt (Iowa State), as well as the collective contributions of several participants, the proposal was completed in early January and sent out for review by NCA-1, NCA-10, and NCA-23. A decision on the proposal will be rendered by the end of March from the North Central directors.

This effort has already had positive impacts on cooperative efforts between NCA-10 and 23 with a joint session on riparian issues having been held in conjunction with the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Chicago in early December. I think both groups can be proud of the progress accomplished in the development of this project and in the cooperative efforts that are evolving as a result of the interactions.

The North Central NAPFSC meeting will be held this spring in conjunction with the joint NCA-10 and 23 meeting. At the invitation of NCA-23, we will be returning to the excellent facilities of the Max McGraw Institute on April 12-14 for our meeting. I understand from Bruce Menzel that some challenges will be issued in the fishing and shooting area. I think all of us look forward to showing the fin, fur, and feather guys what's what. 



NAPFSC News Briefs

Washington State University Wins NIPF Award

Terri Bates

Washington State University's Department of Natural Resource Sciences was presented the Nonindustrial Private Forest Education Award for their Forest Stewardship Education Program. Department Chair Edward DePuit accepted the award, which was presented by Keith Argow, President, of the National Woodland Owners Association, at NAPFSC's 1999 Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon.

Established in 1990, the program encourages nonindustrial private forest landowners to manage their lands for resource sustainability, wildlife conservation, scenic beauty, and the protection of unique habitats and resource values. The program represents a productive partnership between Washington State University Extension, Washington State Department of Natural Resources, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Forest Service, and private industry. Through educational workshops, on-site technical assistance, natural resource publications, newsletters and media releases, and cost-share incentive agreements, the program helps nonindustrial private forest landowners integrate environmental values and production objectives into their management plans.

As of 1999, the program had assisted in the development and implementation of over 32,000 forest stewardship plans, resulting in improved management of 225,000 acres of nonindustrial private forestland in the state. 



(From left to right) Keith Argow, Edward DePuit, and Albert R. Vogt, then NAPFSC President.

Washington State University and the University of Washington Organize Summit

Edward J. DePuit

Washington State University and the University of Washington, in co-sponsorship with private landowner organizations through the Washington Private Forests Forum, have organized the Private Forest Forum Summit 2000 Symposium to be convened in Olympia, Washington, on March 29-30, 2000. The purpose of this symposium is to current, usable information on science, management and policy applied to Washington's 7.6 million acres of privately owned forests. Specific objectives are:

- to promote understanding and protection of the economic, social, and biological viability of Washington's private forests, and
- to devise action plans for sustaining future prosperity in economic, social, and environmental contexts.

The symposium is intended to serve forestland owners, managers and others interested in the management and policies governing private forestlands in the state, and is designed to be participatory, technical and philosophical. Participants will learn from a set of highly regarded speakers covering six major areas (upland forest management; riparian zone biology/management; economics, markets and incentives; regulations and trust issues; forest engineering, and forest conversions), and will have the opportunity to contribute in break-out sessions to address the broad question: "What is needed for viability of private forests in the next century?"

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Outlook for NASULGC's Board on Natural Resources in 2000

Kerry D. Bolognese

The Board on Natural Resources conducted its annual business meeting, November 8, during the NASULGC Annual Meeting in San Francisco, November 8-10. The reins of leadership were handed over to Dr. Alan Woolf, Director, Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory, Southern Illinois University and Past Chair of the Fish and Wildlife Section. Dr. Lee Saperstein, Dean, School of Mines and Metallurgy, University of Missouri – Rolla, and Past Chair of the Mineral and Energy Section, will now serve as Past Chair of the Board. The position of Chair rotates among the Sections (the board's Rules of Operations were amended to ensure such rotation), and next year's chair will be held by the Forestry Section, Dr. Al Sullivan, Dean of the College of Natural Resources, University of Minnesota. The Fish and Wildlife Section, the Mineral and Energy Section, the Ecology Section, and the Water Section also conducted their annual business meetings in San Francisco.

Chair Alan Woolf quickly established a set of priorities for the board for 2000. A letter was sent to The Honorable Ralph Regula, Chairman of House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, requesting an opportunity to testify on FY2001 appropriations for the US Geological Survey. The testimony will also include the board's FY 2001 recommendations on the Mineral Management Service Environmental Studies Program, and the Department of Energy's Office of Fossil Energy. As soon as the President's budget request is released, February 7, the Sections will begin their analysis of it and provide their suggestions to the Board Executive Committee to shape into testimony.

The board will also develop a strategy to increase appropriations for the

Renewable Resources Extension Act. The paltry sum RREA has received over the last few years has led to a growing unmet need that must be addressed through expanded resources. The board strongly endorses the fully authorized \$15 million and may seek to testify before the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee to explain the value and importance of RREA. This program continues to be one of the most popular within the board.

A very important undertaking for the board during 2000 will be to prepare a white paper on USGS to submit to the Presidential Transition team shortly after the November presidential election. Presidential transitions are one of the most opportune times for universities to influence the shape of events, and show how they can be important partners in achieving the aspirations of a new administration. A well-thought out, relatively short document can have a fairly big impact, as transition team committees look for novel and innovative ideas and the personnel for running federal agencies. The board is excited by the challenge that this opportunity presents and intends to make the most of it.

The board will also continue to take the leadership within NASULGC on the partnership with USGS. The appointment of Chip Groat as the new Director of the Survey has done much to resuscitate the NASULGC-USGS relationship. He gave a presentation at the board's program session during the NASULGC Annual Meeting, and attended the joint meeting of the Water Section and NASULGC National Water Initiative. He also met with a small group of the board to explore a pilot project to address a real need of the agency, and exemplify how universities can benefit USGS. Environmental

monitoring is an area of keen interest to the agency and data are the foundation of good monitoring. The pilot would propose to address the critical bridge between data acquisition and information transfer--the application of knowledge. The fundamental challenge is to ensure that data that are so laborious and costly to acquire can be formatted and stored in a manner such that they can be made available to multiple users for various purposes for science-based policy and management. The partnership would endeavor to undertake the following:

- reconcile the competing formats for virtual libraries of data and models;
- achieve effective data acquisition, storage, and transfer;
- ensure data are presented in forms understandable to a broad range of audiences; and,
- emphasize the need for an integrated approach.

Director Groat has selected several key officials from USGS to work with the relevant board members to implement this pilot.

Finally, the board will continue to work for several important bills in Congress, including the Conservation and Reinvestment Act, which gives offshore oil revenues to states and conservation programs, legislation to double science funding in federal agencies with research responsibilities, and a \$5 billion initiative to improve the nation's information technology infrastructure. 



Conservation and Reinvestment Act (CARA) Advances in the Congress

Larry Jahn, NAUFWP Liaison Officer

The Conservation And Reinvestment Act (CARA-H.R.701) continues to receive strong bipartisan support. In addition to more than 200 House and Senate members serving as cosponsors, 49 governors have provided firm support. This broad, solid support led to a 37 to 12 vote in the House Resources Committee on November 10, 1999, for a compromise version of H.R.701 and H.R.798.

In its amended form, CARA would redirect the flow of several billion dollars annually from outer continental shelf oil and gas leases and dedicate the funds to a number of important activities (see box at right).

Current speculation holds that action on this amended legislative proposal likely will not occur on the House floor until March or April.

Mark up of a similar bill (S.25) is pending in the Senate Energy And Natural Resources Committee. Sufficient grassroots support is required to help ensure prompt action in the Senate.

You are invited to help carry out the following actions to advance CARA, as amended:

Impact assistance and coastal conservation	\$1 billion
Land & Water Conservation Fund revitalization	\$900 million
State wildlife conservation, education and recreation	\$350 million
Federal & Indian lands restoration	\$200 million
Payment in-lieu of taxes and refuge revenue sharing	\$200 million
Conservation easements and species recovery	\$150 million
Urban park and recreation recovery	\$125 million
Historic preservation fund	\$100 million

Urge House members, particularly those on the House Resources Committee, to seek and hold an early vote on the House floor on H.R.701, as amended.

Update your Senators on CARA's progress in the House and ask them to urge members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee to act promptly on S.25 (CARA) or H.R.701, as amended.

Personnel Changes in the US Forest Service

Joel Holtrip

New Director of Wildlife Fish and Rare Plants Staff
(vice-Harv Forsgren, new Regional Forester for Oregon/Washington). Also Acting Director of Watershed, Soil, and Air Staff
(vice-Art Bryant, who is moving to NRCS).

Sally Collins

New Associate Deputy Chief for National Forest Systems
(vice-Gloria Manning, who is new Associate Deputy Chief for Business Operations).

Randy Phillips

New Deputy Chief for Programs and Legislation
(vice-Ron Stewart, who retired).



Within Research and Development:

Dr. George Van Otten

New Human Geographer on Resource Valuation and Use Staff
from the University of Alaska.

Dr. Anne Hoover

Moving to Branch Chief for Social Sciences Research
(vice-Brian Payne, who retired).



People Profiles

Blackmon Named Director at LSU

On February 1, Bob G. Blackmon became Director of the School of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Blackmon replaced Norwin Linnartz, who served as Interim Director since October 1997.

Before coming to LSU, Blackmon was Dean of the School of Forest Resources at the University of Arkansas, Monticello, since 1995. Bob is a native of Louisiana and earned his BS degree from Louisiana Tech University in 1962 and his Ph.D. at LSU in 1969. He earned the master's degree at Duke University. In addition to his administrative experience at UA-M, he served as Chair of the Faculty of Forestry at Syracuse (1987-95).

Dr. Richard Kluender, Professor of Resource Economics, will serve as Interim Dean at the University of Arkansas. A national search is underway with plans to fill the position by July 1.

Layton Becomes New Clemson Chair

Dr. Patricia A. (Pat) Layton has taken the position of Chair and Professor of the Department of Forest Resources at Clemson University. Pat joined the University after leaving her previous position at the American Forest & Paper Association as Senior Director, Fiber Recovery and Utilization.

Pat received her BS degree in Forest Management from Clemson in 1976, an MS from Texas A&M University in 1978, and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida in 1985, both in Forest Genetics.

DeHayes Appointed Dean at UVM

The University of Vermont has completed a national search and selected Donald H. DeHayes as Dean of the School of Natural Resources. DeHayes has been interim dean since October 1998. In announcing the appointment, the Provost noted, "It was a very productive search. We had finalists with exciting visions for the school, but Don's was the best fit for UVM. We are delighted with his appointment." DeHayes came to the University in 1977 as a member of the forestry faculty and was appointed Associate Dean in 1989.

Salwasser Selected Dean at OSU

Harold J. "Hal" Salwasser, who has directed the US Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station for the past two years, has been named Dean of the College of Forestry at Oregon State University (OSU). Hal will begin his tenure as dean on July 1, 2000. Interim Dean Bart Thielges, who assumed leadership of the college after long-time Dean George Brown retired earlier in 1999, will continue in his role until then. Hal also will assume directorship of the Forest Research Laboratory, and oversee the college's growing outreach programs.

With the exception of one three-year stint, Salwasser has worked for the US Forest Service for most of his professional career. He began as a regional wildlife ecologist in the Pacific Southwest Region in 1978, the year before he received his Ph.D. in wildland resource science from the University of California-Berkeley. While with the Forest Service, Salwasser also has

been the national wildlife ecologist, deputy director of Wildlife and Fisheries, director of New Perspectives, and regional forester of the Northern Region. From 1992 to 1995, he was the Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Conservation at the University of Montana.

McKinley Chosen Head at Oklahoma State

Dr. Craig R. McKinley was appointed Head of the Oklahoma State University's Department of Forestry as of January 3, 2000. Dr. McKinley, a professor and department extension leader with the Department of Forestry at North Carolina State University, began his tenure at NCSU in 1994. From 1980 to 1994, he was an associate geneticist and associate professor with the Texas Forest Service/Forest Science Department at Texas A&M University. He was named outstanding forestry faculty member in 1982, 1983, and 1986. From 1974 to 1980, he was with the Southern Division of the Potlatch Corporation in Arkansas, first as a forester managing regeneration programs and then as a director of forestry technical services.

Dr. McKinley received his BS in Forestry from Oklahoma State University in 1968. In 1971, he earned a master of agriculture degree in plant science from Texas A&M University, and a Ph.D. in forest genetics also from Texas A&M in 1973. His research and teaching emphases have been in the areas of forest management and genetic improvement.



People Profiles

Burkhart Named University Distinguished Professor at Virginia Tech



Harold E. Burkhart

Harold E. Burkhart has been named a University Distinguished Professor (UDP) by Virginia Tech's Board of Visitors. The forestry professor is recognized as one of the world's leading forest biometricians by his international colleagues. The quality and quantity of his publications over several decades, his leadership among researchers in the field world wide, and his mentorship of numerous

graduate students have shaped the study of forest growth and yield.

Burkhart's contributions to forestry education have been recognized through awards from several organizations, including the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations Scientific Achievement Award, the Virginia Academy of Science J. Shelton Horsley Research Award, the Virginia Tech Alumni Award for Research Excellence, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Outstanding Faculty Award, and the Society of American Foresters' Barrington Moore Memorial Award.

On three occasions he has been honored for excellence in teaching. He is co-author of a textbook, *Forest Measurements*, now in its fourth edition, which is widely used in undergraduate forestry curricula. A former editor of the journal *Forest Science*, he is a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Society of American Foresters.

UDP is a special rank accorded to less than one percent of the entire faculty. It is conferred for exceptional achievements and performance over a career in which faculty members have been recognized nationally and internationally. 

Harvey Appointed Director of Science and Education at SAF

Michelle Harvey has been appointed as the Director of Science and Education at the Society of American Foresters' (SAF) national office, having served as Interim Director since August 1999. Ms. Harvey oversees SAF's accreditation of undergraduate and graduate forestry degree programs, recognition of technician programs, professional forester certification, science dissemination and continuing forestry education, professional recognition, and the initiation of a new conservation education program.

Before joining SAF, Ms. Harvey served as Vice President of Education for the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation (NEETF), where she was responsible for the Foundation's grant program. Ms. Harvey has also worked for the Management Institute for Environment and Business directing the Environmental Partnership Initiative, as the executive director of the American Forest Foundation, and as the Director of Placement and Corporate Development for the Duke University School of the Environment. She began her career as a field forester with International Paper Company.

A native of New Orleans, LA, Ms. Harvey holds an MBA from the Duke University Fuqua School of Business and a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of the South in Sewanee, TN. A SAF member for 20 years, she has served in a variety of leadership positions.

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