

Northeast Regional Extension Forester

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REPORT TO THE CSREES (JANUARY 1995) by Charles J. Barden

Position Update

- * Assumed position in July 1994. Officed in Radnor, PA, at the Northeastern Area headquarters of the US Forest Service, State and Private Forestry Branch. Officially, a faculty member of Penn State University, on assignment in Radnor. Supervised by the Deputy Director, NA S&PF and Penn State Extension Forest Resources Program Leader.
- * Initially funded by the Forest Service, with a planned phase-in of state's Extension dollars over a 3-year period, as a 50-50 match.
- * Responsibilities are primarily as a liaison between the Forest Service and Extension, and the state forestry agencies and Extension, to promote improved communication and cooperation.

Accomplishments of the First 6 Months

ORIENTATION

Travelled to Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and West Virginia, to become familiar with the operation and organization of State Forestry agencies, Extension Foresters, and Extension Administrators. Also visited the Durham, Morgantown and St. Paul field offices.

SURVEY

Surveyed State Foresters and Extension Foresters to ascertain current levels of cooperation, and delineate critical issues affecting their programs.

NETWORKING

Participated in biennial meetings of the New England Extension Directors, Northeast Forestry and Wildlife Department heads (NAPFSIC and NAUFWP), Northeast Forest Resources Extension Council, and the NAASF. Also attended the National Extension Foresters Meeting and SAF Convention in Alaska. Facilitated a Biodiversity Satellite Conference down-link site in New Jersey.

PLAN OF WORK

Drafted a 1995 Plan of Work and developed a REF Advisory Committee.

NEWSLETTER

Distributed first issue of the bimonthly newsletter entitled, "News for the Northeast" to State Foresters, Extension Foresters, NA Director and AD's, and Field Representatives.

FOREST SERVICE

Agreed to co-chair a task team on Ecosystem Management Training, and have participated in Stewardship, Conservation Education, and Ecosystem Management Team Planning. Participate in NA Management Team Meetings.

Objectives for the First Quarter - 1995

MEET WITH:

- * WO Extension Natural Resources Leadership (CSREES)
- * Northeast State Extension Directors
- * Northeast Natural Resources/Environmental Management (NREM) Extension Leaders
- * National Association of State Foresters Conservation Education Committee

- * Forest Health Protection State Cooperators - St. Paul, MN

CURRENT PROJECTS:

- * Develop Ecosystem Management Training curriculum for service providers in the NA (with Craig Locey)
- * Plan a session on Funding & Legislation for the National Extension Foresters Conference
- * Coordinate interstate, multi-agency Extension Programming
 - Developing a guide on the establishment, management and benefits for crop field riparian woody buffer strips with Iowa State University
 - Developing a cable logging videotape with the University of Minnesota
 - Will conduct a Forest Stewardship/Urban Forestry Interface Conference with the University of New Hampshire
- * Continue publishing "News for the Northeast"