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Hello Maine Division Members:

My work these days as a chain-of-custody auditor takes me out of the state almost every week. I now have the opportunity to see the forest products side of our industry having audited pulp mills, paper mills, sawmills, furniture manufacturers, millwork shops and, of course, printers. I bring this up for two reasons. First, I have developed a great admiration for Maine and its people. Others who have visited the state relate to the lakes and forests where they have recreated and the people they've met. People from away admire the wonderful place we live and work. Secondly, I have encountered a strong sense that Maine forest products are valued in the market place. I want to share these with you, because we don't often hear compliments. By the way, I also get the sense that the economy is turning around and business is beginning to pick up across the country.

Your Maine Executive Committee is a highly engaged group of dedicated people. In fact, three of our Executive Committee were honored at the winter meeting of NESAF. It is an honor for me to be associated with such a group. Jake Metzler and Spencer Meyer (the M&M boys, so called) were honored as dual recipients of the Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award. Sue Aygarn was honored with the Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award for all her work with our Forestry Education Network. That committee links up foresters with teachers to educate school children about the forest environment. At the bottom of this page, Sue has included an appeal for foresters interested in serving within this network. Please consider donating your time, expertise and enthusiasm to this very worthwhile outreach program.

The committee is hard at work in preparing an informative and valuable series of meetings. We are continuing the "tradition" of the last couple of years, of developing smaller regional field meetings, each of which may appeal to a slightly different forestry audience.. The three Members At-Large have jumped at the challenge to develop these excellent "spring" field trips. The first of which is Implementing Vernal Pool Management Guidelines, on May 7 in Orono. The details and registration information are enclosed.

The other two meetings will be held later in the year. One will likely (plans have not been finalized) be in the Baldwin area and focus on small woodlot management. The other is planned for the Katahdin Ironworks area and will focus on various technologies in strategic and operational planning. Later in the spring, we will begin planning our annual Fall Meeting. Information on our meetings and other Division activities will be posted on our website: [mesaf.org](http://mesaf.org). Check it out periodically for updates.

We continue to try to increase the value of SAF membership by offering more frequent and cost-effective educational and social networking opportunities. Please feel free to offer suggestions to any of our Executive Committee members.

Best wishes for a productive "mud season" and I look forward to seeing you and at one or all of our upcoming field meetings.

David Maass, Maine Division Chair

Forestry Awareness Committee

Every year the FAC is fielding increasingly more requests for volunteer foresters to assist teachers to present forestry topics to their students. Thanks to the time and dedication of foresters like you, we have successfully placed forestry professionals in numerous activities around the State including Project Learning Tree (PLT) teacher workshops, PLT Forest Inventory Growth plot establishment, Envirothon Forest field days, Career days and numerous School forestry field fairs. Our requests seek a wide range of skills; from basic Tree Identification to Geographic Information System specialists, they frequently seek PLT trained foresters and always look for individuals who want to share their enthusiasm for forestry.

MESAF FAC is updating it's database of foresters interested in participating in Forestry Education activities. Please take a minute to fill out the enclosed questionnaire, so we can better communicate about upcoming forestry education opportunities in your area. If you check "YES", you are allowing us to solicit your help, most often by email, so please include your most frequently used email address. Our email requests are recognized by "MESAF Forestry Education Network Request" in the subject line. You are never under any obligation to participate. Thank you! Sue Aygarn, FAC Chair