



NORTHEASTERN AREA STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY NEWS NOTES



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From the Director's Desk

Greetings from the Director

'Tis the *Season*—truly joyous, full of mystery, a time of gratitude and anticipation! There is a Scottish saying, “When the heart is full the tongue will speak!” And so, my heart is full and my tongue will speak through the NA News Notes for a last time before I leave Federal service.

In this season of joy, we *celebrate* the commitment, dedication, and passion of each Northeastern Area (NA) employee in carrying out the NA mission to *Lead and help to support sustainable forest management and use across the landscape, to provide benefits for the people of the 20 Northeastern and Midwestern States and the District of Columbia (DC)*. We **celebrate** the cohesiveness and effectiveness of the NA Executive Team—working together, putting team first, and strategically addressing NA’s priorities and ensuring that we are focused on meeting our many commitments to all of our partners. We are deeply indebted as well to Mary Wick, Executive Assistant to the NA Director, for her incredible dedication and service to NA and our partners! Genuine cooperation is what ensures vital work getting done on the ground!

I am *thankful* for the working relationship that exists today between NA and the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters (NAASF). Together, we have firmly established and fostered mutual trust and respect—to the point where each organization expects we will work together to make decisions and solve problems. I thank the NAASF Executive Committee for its leadership of and commitment to our cooperative efforts. The State Foresters and DC Urban Forester of NAASF are integrally involved with us in the decisions that affect them directly or indirectly, based on transparency upfront, which leads to ownership in the outcomes. Our work to implement S&PF Redesign, to shift the processes for selecting forest health projects, and to figure out new approaches to delivering the stewardship program has contributed to many successes in mission delivery in the Northeast and Midwest.

And these experiences have led to the most recent, and perhaps most significant, change in how we approach our work—the partnership between NAASF and NA in developing the *NA S&PF Competitive Allocation Request for Proposals*. The focus has truly shifted...in a real way...from chasing funds to being driven by RESULTS associated with States’ priorities and State Forest Resource Strategies! The strength of our partnership did not just happen...it was



nurtured by all involved, every day, and in every way. We are vigilantly focused on **what we can do together**...rather than what you can do for us, or what we'll do for you. The energy and commitment required to accomplish these things may be lost on some, but not me. I am reminded of another saying, a credit to the Flemish, "Honor is better than honors." I wish for each of you continued honor in what you do and how you pursue what you do!

As I **look ahead** for NA and the resources of the Northeast and Midwest, I am hopeful for the future. Good leadership IS good management! NA is very fortunate to have Jim Barresi, former State Forester of New Jersey, on board, leading and contributing in major ways within NA and to our cooperative efforts. I thank him for his confidence and eagerness to join NA as the Deputy Area Director, and the leadership he demonstrates every day. With the NA Executive Team, the NAASF Executive Committee, and the dedication and commitment of our staffs, the focus across the landscape on the three Rs I have spoken of in the past—relevance, results, and relationships—is impressive!

As I transition to the next chapter of my life, I can't help but be filled with gratitude, a sense of pride, and the satisfaction of a coach leaving a **WINNING TEAM**. Things are working...and working well...and the team is well prepared to carry on and meet whatever challenges lie ahead! So, I will close with my Christmas wish for you and your families, and a wish for your good health, happiness, and prosperity in the days and years ahead!

With best wishes to all,

Kathryn P. Maloney, Area Director

Sustainable Operations Tips for the Month

"IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN" — ESPECIALLY WHEN TRAVELING

On October 5, 2009, President Obama signed Executive order 13514, *Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy, and Economic Performance*, which directs Federal agencies to target their mission activities toward improving energy efficiency and reducing direct and indirect greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Agency leaders are to consider reductions associated with "implementing strategies and accommodations for transit, travel, training, and conferencing that actively support lower-carbon commuting and travel by agency staff."



Reducing or eliminating travel is one of the most effective means for agencies to minimize travel costs and reduce GHG emissions. Agencies should review internal policies, and where appropriate or practicable, develop travel policies and practices that significantly reduce or eliminate official travel.

General Travel Management Guidance:

1. Analyze, plan, and prioritize agency travel.
2. Plan travel far enough in advance to take advantage of lower fares.



3. Use technology (for example, teleconferencing, video conferencing, Webinars, and social networking options, among others) in lieu of travel.
4. When travel is deemed necessary and the agency mission takes the traveler to multiple and/or consecutive temporary duty points, consider scheduling a single trip with multiple legs instead of making several individual trips.

Travel Between Home, Airports, Lodging, and Temporary Duty Locations:

1. Reduce the amount of luggage, which reduces the weight of an individual's carbon footprint.
2. Use public transportation.
3. Use environmentally friendly cabs that use alternate fuels instead of gasoline.
4. Share the ride with fellow employees.
5. Walk between lodging and meetings at temporary duty sites when practical.
6. Use alternative-fueled or hybrid rental vehicles, if available. If not, use the smallest, most fuel-efficient vehicle available.

Lodging at Temporary Duty Locations:

1. Stay in green lodging. Many hotels participate in green lodging certification programs that incorporate energy efficiency, water conservation, waste reduction, and other environmentally friendly strategies into their facilities and operations. Look for their certifications or stated commitments.
2. Select lodging facilities that are close to your meeting site, especially those that are within walking distance.
3. Participate in hotel programs that allow you to reuse your linens to conserve water and reduce the use of cleaning chemicals.
4. Use hotel recycling containers to reduce waste.
5. Turn off AC/heat, lights, TV, and radio when not in your room.
6. Use electronic checkout when available.

Hosting Meetings/Conferences That May Require Travel:

1. Use remote conferencing tools and encourage participants to take advantage of them in lieu of attending conferences and meetings in person.
2. Select meeting sites that are close and accessible to public transportation.
3. Hold meetings with green lodging and conference/meeting facilities.
4. When possible, schedule meetings concurrently with overlapping attendance to capture attendees already on temporary duty.

Information from GSA Bulletin FTR 10-06 (September 30, 2010)

Submitted by Melissa Emerson, NA Sustainable Operations Group, Morgantown Site Representative



Durham Field Office

Durham Field Office Welcomes New Plant Pathologist

Michael Bohne, Forest Health Group Leader, is pleased to welcome **Isabel Munck** to the Forest Health Protection staff as the new Plant Pathologist in the Durham Field Office. Isabel comes to Durham from California where she recently completed a project investigating the effects of anti and deicing salt applications to roads and fuel reduction treatments on tree health in the Lake Tahoe Basin. Isabel has a PhD in Plant Pathology from the University of Wisconsin at Madison where she helped develop management strategies for *Diplodia* shoot blight on pine plantations. This is a return to the Northeast for Isabel. Prior to her doctoral work, she completed a study on the impact of beech bark disease on the sustainability and health of forests in New York as part of her Master's program with Paul Manion at the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Isabel can be reached at imunck@fs.fed.us or by calling 603-868-7636. Please help welcome Isabel to Durham!

Morgantown Field Office

Morgantown Holds Tree Planting in Memory of Lost Colleagues

Over 100 friends and family of **Rod Whiteman** and **Dan Snider** gathered at Fort Necessity National Battlefield on November 6 for a memorial event celebrating their years of service



Friends and family of Rod Whiteman and Dan Snider plant trees in a field surrounding Fort Necessity.

with the Forest Service and their contributions to conservation. Whiteman and Snider passed away in June in a plane crash in Lock Haven, PA.

Fort Necessity was chosen as the location for the memorial because of all the work Whiteman and Snider put into removing invasive trees and shrubs to restore the battlefield to the original habitat

that was present during battles in the 1700s. Whiteman and Snider removed 35,589 exotic trees and shrubs on 100 acres.



As a living tribute to their work, 200 chestnut oak, red oak, redbud, shagbark hickory, sugar maple, black walnut, and butternut tree seedlings were planted. The trees were donated by the State nurseries of the West Virginia Division of Forestry and the Pennsylvania Bureau of



Liz and Lee Snider prepare to plant a tree.

Forestry. In addition, Dr. William McDonald, board member of The American Chestnut Foundation, presented 12 blight-resistant American chestnut trees for planting.

Morgantown Field Representative Bob Lueckel emphasized, “I can’t tell you how important this is to our office today. And thank you to our National Park Service partners. Today we are establishing a young forest, a culmination of Rod and Dan’s work.”

From Shade to Storage: Cincinnati’s Park Trees are used for School Lockers

“It’s the right thing to do.”

That’s the mantra of Cincinnati Parks Urban Forester Kurt Kastner when it comes to reusing and recycling trees removed from Cincinnati’s urban forest. Since 2001, the city has been involved with projects to convert “waste” wood into durable products, such as cabinets, rather than disposing of the trees in a landfill or grinding them into mulch.

A recent gathering in Cincinnati highlighted the partnerships and accomplishments of this model urban wood utilization program. **Dan Twardus** and **Anne Cumming** joined representatives from the city of Cincinnati Parks Department, Cincinnati Public Schools, Ohio DNR Forestry, Ohio State Extension, APHIS, Cincinnati Solid Waste District, and River City Furniture.

Center stage at the November 9 meeting was the partnership between the Cincinnati Parks Department, Cincinnati Solid Waste District, Cincinnati Public Schools, and River City Furniture. This innovative partnership mills felled trees from public and private properties into usable lumber that is fashioned into wooden cubbies and lockers for the public school system.



The material stream starts with trees removed in the city. Many of these trees are dead and dying ash that have been infested with emerald ash borer. Kurt Kastner inspects and chooses suitable logs, which are then stored in marshalling yards until a sawyer with a portable saw can mill the lumber. After the lumber is transported to a kiln and dried, it is glued into standard dimension pieces. This material is sent to the cabinet manufacturer for assembly.



Cabinets at Mt. Airy Elementary School, Cincinnati.

Demand for these unique cabinets is generated through the Ohio Schools Facility Commission, which recently adopted LEED Certification standards as part of their “green schools” initiative (<http://www.cleanlink.com/cp/article.asp?id=7626&keywords=leed%20for%20schools,%20usgbc,%20green%20building>).

GBBN Architects and River City Furniture have mastered the design, processing, and manufacturing of the cabinets and are currently working on expanding the product line and distributing the recycled wood furniture.

Morgantown CFC Conducts Photo Contest, Chili Cookoff

As part of the Combined Federal Campaign, the Morgantown Field Office holds several events to raise additional funds for the local United Way. One of these events was an all-employee pet photo contest. An overwhelming response resulted in four tables covered with framed photographs of furry and feathered loved ones in five categories: cutest, ugliest, funniest, most original, and best overall. A cup was placed by each photo for employees to “vote” for their favorite contestant by dropping silver coins or bills into the cup. **Janice Gottschalk** creatively added captions to each of the 45 photo entrants. The contest netted more than \$250 and was a lot of fun to boot!

The office also held a chili cookoff. **Laura Blackburn, Kurt Gottschalk, and Bob Lueckel** entered their best chili recipes, and employees gave a donation in exchange for a bowl of chili. When the sampling was done, Lueckel’s chili was voted the best. The cookoff raised an additional \$92 for United Way.

Forest Health Protection Staff Help Ohio Landowner

A cooperative project involving the U.S. Forest Service and the Ohio Division of Forestry took place in July in the Brush Creek State Forest near Seaman, OH. The Willis Lumber Company was experiencing moderate levels of tree mortality and expressed concern. **Adam Miller, Chelsea Gibson, and Rick Turcotte** met with Tim Wilson and Perry Brannan of the Ohio Division of Forestry and Mitch Bushong, an intern from Hocking University, to conduct a strip cruise on the Willis white pine plantation to assess the levels of pine bark adelgid and



investigate possible causes of mortality. The team was also tasked with determining whether enough merchantable timber existed to implement a financially feasible timber harvest within the next 3 years, and determining the approximate rate of mortality to assess the need for a timber harvest in the near future.

Thirteen strips were sampled across three stands comprising about 53 acres total. The strips were 10 feet wide and spaced approximately 350 feet apart. All trees within 5 feet of the strip center were included in the cruise. Tree diameter at breast height, tree height, tree vigor, and the presence of pine bark adelgid were recorded to determine basal area per acre, trees per acre, mortality, and merchantable timber volumes.

The team concluded that it was unlikely that pine bark adelgid is having a significant impact on the white pine plantation. Mortality is most likely the result of overstocking, spacing, soil drainage, or in the case of one stand, potential compaction and root system damage related to the thinning.

Three management options have been evaluated for the Willis white pine plantation: no action, pre-commercial thinning, and clearcutting. It is recommended that the landowner choose pre-commercial thinning. This will provide the landowner with improved individual tree health and overall stand health across the plantation, while allowing the stands to reach a financially mature age that maximizes timber yields.



Infestation by the pine bark adelgid can be indicated by the snow white color on the bark of a white pine.

Pine bark adelgid (*Pineus strobi*) is widely distributed in North America, occurring throughout the native range of eastern white pine. This insect mainly inhabits white pine (*Pinus strobus*), but is also found on Scots and Austrian pines. The pine bark adelgid is covered with a white wax and feeds by sucking sap from the tree. Infestations are recognized by the presence of spots and patches of white, cottony material on the bark of trunks and limbs, on buds, or at the bases of needles. Trunks of heavily infested trees often appear to be whitewashed (see photo). On older trees, the infestation is more unsightly and mortality will usually not occur. Young trees, if heavily infested, become discolored, stunted, or weakened, and death may occur.



Newtown Square Headquarters Office

Using Herbicides to Manage Non-native Invasive Species

A training course—Advanced Pesticides Management for Integrated Pest Management—was held from November 16-18 in Charlotte, NC. This training, sponsored and coordinated by the U.S. Forest Service, focused on using herbicides to manage non-native invasive species.

A majority of the course was conducted as in-classroom training that was mostly taught by regional pesticide coordinators from Regions 3, 6, 8, and NA, including NA's **Michelle Frank**. Additional instruction was conducted by other U.S. Forest Service staff—**Harold Thistle** (FHTET, Morgantown Field Office), **Hank Appleton** (WO), and **John Kyhl** (NA, St. Paul Field Office)—and university professors, Extension educators, and private consultants.

Training sessions covered a variety of topics, including new pesticide chemistries and new technologies, the use of adjuvants and personal protective equipment, factors that affect pesticide performance, evaluation and record keeping, contracting for pesticide work, risk assessments, and NEPA. There was also a hands-on calibration and familiarization session in which a wide variety of equipment (from backpack sprayers to ATV spray rigs) were



Pesticide management course attendees take part in a recent hands-on session in North Carolina.

discussed and demonstrated (see photo). The North Carolina Forest Service also displayed some new spray equipment used for reforestation site preparation.

More than 20 people attended, representing many different national forests and U.S. Forest Service regions. Several attendees were from other Federal agencies (National Park Service, U.S. Army) and State agencies. There are tentative plans to offer this workshop again in the future, probably in the West.

Common Sense Prevails in the Show-Me State

Missouri's heritage of working woodlands and woodland jobs looks toward a strong future, thanks in part to a \$6 million Recovery Act Fuels for Schools grant from the U.S. Forest Service. Rural schools from five towns in and around the Ozarks broke ground on Recovery Act-supported biomass projects the third full week of October.

"We've wanted to bring Fuels for Schools to Missouri for a long time," said Lisa Allen, State forester and chief of the Missouri Department of Conservation Forestry Division. "When the



U.S. Forest Service let us know Recovery Act money would be available, we knew where to put it to work. We'll be gaining jobs and gaining healthier forests. That's a win-win for us."

Allen's agency will administer the subgrants to rural schools that are converting from propane or oil heating plants to biomass plants. "With wood chips, it costs about \$5 to produce a million BTUs," Allen said. "It's up to 4 times more to make that from oil, and 5 times more to make a million BTUs from propane. Local wood chips are the solution."



Speakers and honored guests break ground at the Mountain View-Birch Tree Liberty High School's Recovery Act-supported biomass facility.

Students, teachers, school administrators, and local officials poured out for the first groundbreaking at Gainesville Junior/Senior High School. The school band played the Star Spangled Banner before the ceremony got underway, where the common themes for the week were established:

- Local, long-term jobs in forestry and trucking will be created by these projects, as will near-term jobs in manufacturing and construction.
- The cost savings that schools realize through biomass conversions will give them more resources for classroom education.
- The health of Missouri's woodlands will improve, with expanded fuel markets for low-value wood and management that improves wildlife habitat.

The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Forestry Division's Forestry Field Programs supervisor, John Tuttle, said the MDC is pleased to see construction begin. "As these schools install and operate boiler systems, they'll use woody biomass from local and private forest land to heat and cool their facilities, [and] we'll see the new technology help reduce dependence on fossil fuels, reduce energy costs, create or retain jobs, and support healthy forests and the State's forest industry," Tuttle said.

Tuttle noted that the Fuels for Schools projects will help create a stronger market for woody material that has historically been considered as waste, such as unhealthy or small-diameter trees and wood debris left from logging, which currently have little or no commercial value. Tuttle explained that the projects support forest health, a key part of the MDC's mission, by making it economical to thin overcrowded forest stands and remove diseased and insect-infested trees.



“The most rewarding thing for me was to see the community support and enthusiasm for these projects,” said Steve Milauskas, director of the U.S. Forest Service’s Wood Education and Resource Center. “Many people in every audience either worked in the woods or knew people in forestry. They know these projects are making jobs for their families and friends.”



“We’re common sense people around here,” said Peter Maki, field coordinator for the projects. “It just makes sense to tap into our forest resources and our labor pool to help communities and education. We’re bringing energy self-reliance as well.”

Missouri State Representative Ward Franz explains the importance of the new, Recovery Act-supported biomass facility during the groundbreaking ceremony at Mountain View-Birch Tree Liberty High School.

Grant amounts awarded to schools include:

- Gainesville R-V School District (Ozark County): \$970,000
- Mountain View-Birch Tree Liberty High School (Howell County): \$850,000
- Eminence R-I Elementary (Shannon County): \$350,000
- Southern Reynolds R-II School District: \$970,000
- Perry County 32 School District: \$970,000

Remaining funds will be used for projects at additional schools.

NA Employees Embark on Yearlong Training Opportunities

The following NA employees have been selected for the U.S. Forest Service Senior Leader and Middle Leader training programs:

National Senior Leader 2011:

Deirdre Raimo, Forest Legacy Program Staff Specialist, Durham, NH

National Middle Leader 2011:

Scott Stewart, Forest Legacy Program Specialist, Newtown Square, PA

John Kyhl, Entomologist, St. Paul, MN

Congratulations, Deirdre, Scott, and John! We look forward to hearing about your experiences and having you apply your training in NA.



First Annual NA Photo Contest

The Northeastern Area's Office of Communications launched an event in 2010 that they hope will become a popular way for employees to express their creativity and help NA tell its story with powerful images of people and natural resources. In the First Annual NA Photo Contest, more than 60 photographs were entered in three categories: Natural Resources, People and Natural Resources, and Program Related Photos. The photographs will be used throughout the year in NA publications and on the Web site. All of the photographs entered can be viewed at http://fsweb.na.fs.fed.us/staff/BusOps/oc/na_photo_contest/hp/index.shtm.

The Office of Communications would like to thank everyone who entered images, Kathy Anderson for developing and managing the photo contest image database, and Juliette Watts and Kathy Anderson for thoughtfully selecting the winning photographs. The winners in the 2010 Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Photo Contest are:

Natural Resources

Winner – Terri Lopez
A Quiet Winter's Day, Newtown Square, PA



Natural Resources

Honorable Mention – Glenn Rosenholm
Northern New Hampshire River, Pittsburg, NH



People and Natural Resources

Winner – Justin Wormstead
Lake Umbagog, Errol, NH



People and Natural Resources

Honorable Mention – Sherri Wormstead
Picking Blueberries, NH



Program Related

Winner – Judy Antipin
Smokejumpers in Central Park, New York, NY



Program Related

Honorable Mention – Phillip Rodbell
Community Tree Planting, Philadelphia, PA



St. Paul Field Office

Chicago Wilderness Congress 2010



Attendees take part in a Chicago Wilderness Biennial Congress session.

More than 550 people participated, representing 118 member organizations and 84 other organizations from 10 States and Washington, DC.

November 4, 2010, marked the end of a year's worth of planning for the committee tasked with organizing the 7th Biennial Congress of the Chicago Wilderness Alliance. **Tom Dilley** from the St. Paul Field Office served as the committee's co-chair for the second year along with Johanna Garsenstein from the Land Trust Alliance. Other NA employees who attended the Chicago Wilderness Congress were **Barb Tormoehlen, Susan Cox, and Teri Heyer**. More





Children participate in an education session.

Attendees representing a diversity of member organizations were joined by grammar school, high school, and university students; volunteer stewards; new corporations; foundations; and partners from other conservation alliances around the country. Many NA grantee projects were featured throughout the day, including an ARRA project in Elgin, IL; several efforts that involve the Morton Arboretum in some capacity; and other work with the Chicago Wilderness Alliance.

St. Paul Hosts Invasive Species Conference

The Minnesota Invasive Species Advisory Council, Invasive Plants Association of Wisconsin, and the Midwest Invasive Plant Network hosted the Minnesota-Wisconsin Invasive Species Conference from November 8 to 10, 2010, in Saint Paul, MN. This 3½-day event, which focused on all invasive species taxa, brought together nearly 600 professionals, practitioners,



Lee Frelich addresses conference participants during a plenary lunch session.

educators, and land managers who have a mutual interest in understanding and managing terrestrial and aquatic invasive species. SPFO entomologist **Steve Katovich** presented a talk on the Emerald Ash Borer SLAM project, and **Dennis McDougall** served on the program committee and moderated several sessions. For more information about the conference, go to www.minnesotaswcs.org.



Green Team III Helps with Community and Urban Forestry Program Planning Effort

The Indiana Community and Urban Forestry (CUF) Program held a 1-day strategic planning retreat on Wednesday, November 17, 2010. The purpose of the retreat was to engage a select group of urban forestry representatives to help the State Urban Forestry Program plan for the next 5 years.

Pam Louks, CUF Program Coordinator, referred to this group as the “Green Team III.” By design, only one Green Team III member was involved in the development of the previous plan. Pam intentionally engages different people to bring forward new thinking and ideas as they build a new plan based on the current plan.



Lisa Burban helps facilitate the Green Team III Strategic Planning Retreat.

At the end of the retreat, the group reconfirmed the CUF Mission and Vision, identified internal CUF Program strengths and weaknesses as well as external opportunities and threats, reviewed and updated Goal and Issue Statements, and drafted Strategy statements. **Lisa Burban** (Forest Management Group Leader) designed and facilitated the retreat, and **Jill Johnson** (Midwest Urban Forestry Coordinator) participated.

Wood Education and Resource Center

Urban Forestry: Living the Dream & Gettin’ the Bad Guys

After a hard day of compulsory online training or accomplishment reporting, did you ever think about cranking up your 600 horsepower wagon and roaring off down the road in a cloud of billowing smoke to get some bad guys?? Stop that daydreaming, Bunky... No, that’s not you in the interceptor car from the campy old fictional film Mad Max. We’re talking forestry here.

In what might be a real glimpse into the future, a demonstration that occurred in mid-November provided a unique opportunity for arborists and foresters to see giant forest harvesting equipment rumbling down the highways of a city just south of Milwaukee. A project funded by the **U.S. Forest Service Wood Education and Resource Center** enabled the city of Oak Creek, WI, to see for themselves the potential for commercial high-production equipment typically used in the “big woods” to remove trees in an urban setting.



Like an increasing number of cities dealing with exploding emerald ash borer populations and rapidly diminishing budgets, Oak Creek is facing an enormous problem with very limited options. **Al Steele**, Physical Scientist/Forest Products Specialist for NA in Morgantown, attended the demonstration. Partners for the effort include the Wisconsin Department of



Commercial high-production equipment typically used in the “big woods” is used to remove trees during a demonstration in an urban setting in Wisconsin.

Agriculture; USDA APHIS; University of Wisconsin Extension; Sustainable Resources Institute, Inc.; Timber Resources, Inc.; the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and others.

The weeklong effort was highly successful in many ways. Terry Mace, Forest Utilization and Marketing Specialist with the Wisconsin Department of

Natural Resources, reports that workers removed about 450 trees from along city roadways and another 41 large ash from homeowners’ yards (who would have directly borne the costs). Instead of being piled and burned (a fairly typical fate for EAB removals in some areas), Mace reports that 70 cords of pulpwood, 1 semi tractor trailer load of sawlogs, and 2 semi tractor trailer loads of biomass chips from tops will go to local manufacturers with compliance agreements to be made into a variety of products. Analysis of the production and cost data will occur in the next few months, but expectations are that the cost savings for the city of Oak Creek will be very significant in comparison to other, more traditional removal methods.

Steele and Mace agreed that a lot of the success for the effort can be attributed to Oak Creek City Forester Rebecca Lane. A natural born innovator, Rebecca was willing to risk trying something new and worked tirelessly to build awareness and support for the trial with both city officials and Oak Creek residents. Her efforts paid big dividends, with local news coverage of the event casting a very favorable light on the removals (<http://www.wisn.com/news/25689974/detail.html>).

Significant credit is shared with the couple from Fond Du Lac, WI, who own and operate the harvesting equipment. Falling trees around buildings and threading these lumbering giants down city streets and around flagpoles and street lights isn’t for rookies. Forwarder operator Theresa (a former flight attendant) commented, “It’s 10 times as hard to do this in the city.” During a time when the housing crisis has caused forest products producers to struggle for survival, this project serves as an important reminder of the vital role that loggers and sawmill operators play in forestry—urban and rural.

A video of the demonstration is being produced, and a Webinar will be conducted in January or February 2011. Exact dates and registration information will be shared broadly with groups that have a likely interest.



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Editor's Note

DEADLINE! The deadline for the next issue of the Northeastern Area News Notes is December 28, 2010. News articles submitted after this time and date will be published in the next month's edition. Please e-mail final articles to me, Nancy Lough at nlough@fs.fed.us.

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