



# NORTHEASTERN AREA STATE AND PRIVATE FORESTRY NEWS NOTES



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## From the Director's Desk

### America's Great Outdoors

In April, President Obama established the America's Great Outdoors Initiative to be led by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture. Secretary Vilsak's "all lands" speech in August 2009 challenged me to think in landscape terms—all forests, regardless of ownership. The President's Initiative provides a clear focus on the Secretary's intentions! The goals of this Initiative are to:

- Reconnect Americans, especially children, to the outdoors
- Build upon State, local, private, and tribal priorities for the conservation of land, water, wildlife, historic, and cultural resources, among others
- Use science-based management practices to restore and protect our lands and waters for future generations

The Initiative conducted approximately 26 listening sessions around the country to discuss and promote community level efforts to conserve outdoor spaces. The events were held in areas where "land and waters are being conserved and community parks are being established in innovative ways."

Over the summer, many of you helped plan and implement some of the nine listening sessions held in the States we serve. You participated on planning committees and served as note takers, tour guides, and moderators. Many listening sessions had themes directly related to Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry priorities and programs, including a session held in Concord, NH, that focused on understanding the challenges and opportunities facing working forests on private lands.

I have heard wonderful feedback from many of you regarding the positive public participation that has involved candid discussion about the challenges and successes related to the great outdoors. The discussion continues at <http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/index.cfm>.

By November 15, the America's Great Outdoors Initiative will submit a report to the President based on the input received at the listening sessions.



The report will include:

- A review of successful and promising non-Federal conservation approaches
- An analysis of existing Federal resources and programs that could be used to complement those approaches
- Proposed strategies and activities to achieve the goals of the Initiative
- An action plan to meet the goals of the Initiative

Working with the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters, the Eastern Region, and the Northern Research Station, we have provided specific proposals for consideration as this report is developed. Our proposals address Federal policy and needed financial support regarding work to improve the effectiveness of the Stewardship Program and other efforts.

I look forward to the Secretary's report and the opportunities Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry will have as we help deliver the strategies outlined in the report.

Respectfully,

*Kathryn P. Maloney, Area Director*

## **Sustainable Operations Tips for the Month**

### **Is There Anybody Out There?**

John Stanovick, Northern Research Station  
Sustainable Operations Group Chair

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Pink Floyd's "The Wall" tour. "Is There Anybody Out There?" is one of the most recognized songs off that album. I use the song title for two reasons: first, I am lucky enough to be going to the "The Wall" concert being performed by Roger Waters on October 10, and yes, I am rubbing it in. Second, I am wondering where participation will come from for the Sustainable Operations Group down the road.

Is there anybody out there?

Depending on who you ask, there are approximately 700 employees in the Northern Research Station and Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry. Currently, there are 55 employees on the public distribution list for the Sustainable Operations Group, or less than 8 percent of the total number of employees. I am sure if you asked the general population what percentage of Forest Service employees are actively involved in caring for the land and water, you would get percentages much higher than 8 percent.

Yes, I know a lot of you are directly involved in caring for the land and water through your field work or other job duties. However, I encourage you to join or start a local green team in your office. No reason not to be more involved in protecting our fragile resources— isn't that one reason you got into the Forest Service in the first place?



Is there anybody out there willing to help?

I got involved with the Sustainable Operations Group several years ago through my local green team in Newtown Square. Like most local groups we are small but have accomplished a lot. Besides enhancing my sustainability interests, this group has allowed me to meet other employees I wouldn't otherwise have had the pleasure to work with. I became the leader of the Sustainable Operations Group by not keeping my mouth shut and head lowered (great advice from a former boss on how to keep from getting involved). I was apprehensive about taking this role on but have really enjoyed meeting folks from all over the Northeast and Midwest. By the way, we are looking for a State and Private Forestry employee to take over the leadership role for the next fiscal year.

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Is there anybody out there willing to take on this important role?

So, what has the group accomplished this year? A few of the many accomplishments include installing a pollinator, people's gardens, compost bins, and more efficient grasses to help reduce energy consumption outside our offices as well as promote sustainability landscaping to the public. We worked with universities and other collaborators to hire a summer intern to help develop a sustainability landscaping plan and designs for a solar panel system. We've held numerous potlucks and presentations focused around sustainability issues (folks that know me know I have really enjoyed these gatherings☺).



We developed a bike program and carpooling database to reduce gasoline consumption, and provided all employees with an online green purchasing tool. We've used light stewards, energy misers, office and property exchanges, electronics exchanges, and water purification systems to more effectively manage energy consumption and promote recycling within our offices.

On September 21st, Sarah Hines sent out a survey about sustainable operations issues, activities, and programs that would convince you to participate in our group. Please take a few minutes to fill this survey out. Your input is valuable for maintaining a vibrant group and increasing the sustainability momentum we have started. I am looking forward to seeing what ideas you have for this group.

Wouldn't it be nice if next year's chair wasn't asking, "Is there anybody out there?"



# Newtown Square Headquarters Office

## Barresi Honored at National Association of State Foresters Annual Gathering

The National Association of State Foresters (NASF) held its annual meeting in Orlando, FL, in September. **Jim Barresi**, our new NA Deputy Director, was recognized for his service to both the NASF and the Northeastern Area Association of State Foresters (NAASF) at this meeting. Jim received NASF and NAASF service awards for the 14 years he represented New Jersey as its State Forester. In addition to the two service awards, former State Forester Barresi was recognized for his leadership as NAASF President for his 2009-2010 term in office. Jim also served the NAASF as its president for the 2000-2001 term.

However, the most prestigious award conveyed to Jim was presented at the NASF awards banquet when he received the Don Artley Current Achievement Award for Fire Protection. NASF has named their achievement awards after former State Foresters who represent the standard of excellence by which award recipients are measured. To receive the award named for Don Artley was indeed an honor bestowed on Jim by NASF. Congratulations, Jim!

# Durham Field Office

## Durham Welcomes New Entomologist



Entomologist Nate Siegert recently accepted a position out of the Durham Field Office.

Dr. Nathan Siegert recently accepted the Forest Entomologist position at the Durham Field Office. Nate comes to us from the Department of Entomology at Michigan State University where he worked on issues related to a variety of forest insect pests, including phloem borers, sap feeders, defoliators, and wood borers. In addition to working with private landowners and personnel in the forestry industry in Michigan, his work with economically important forest insects provided opportunities to interact and collaborate with forest health specialists, researchers and regulatory officials from various state and federal forestry and agricultural agencies and universities.

Nate's post-doctoral work focused on using Northeastern Area State and Private Forests to reconstruct the temporal and spatial dynamics of emerald ash borer (EAB) infestations; improving ways to detect, delimit, and survey low-density EAB populations; and developing alternative management strategies for EAB in forests.

He is excited about the opportunity to join Forest Health Protection and looks forward to continuing to provide a wide range of forest health services to forest resource managers, researchers, and landowners in the region. You can reach Nate at [nwsiegert@fs.fed.us](mailto:nwsiegert@fs.fed.us) or by calling 603-868-7717. Please drop him a line and welcome him to the Northeastern Area.



# What's New on the Web

## Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry — August 2010 Web Update

### INTERNET

#### NEWS RELEASES

- [CT's First Forest Resource Assessment & Strategy](#) – 8/6/10
- [Secretary Vilsack's Remarks, America's Great Outdoors](#) – 8/9/10
- [EAB Quarantine in PA Expanded to 43 Counties](#) – 8/10/10
- [Secretary Vilsack Highlights \*Private Forests, Public Benefits\* report](#) – 8/11/10

#### SUCCESS STORIES

- [IL Ash Reclamation Project](#)

#### CONSERVATION EDUCATION

- [Discover the Forest](#) – joint project of the Ad Council & Forest Service
- [Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest](#)
- [North American Association of Environmental Educators conference](#) – 9/28-10/2
- [WV Conservation Education Council Teacher's Workshop](#) – 10/14-15

#### FOREST HEALTH PROGRAM

- [1000 Canker Disease updated Pest Alert](#)
- [Central States Forest Health Watch](#) – Summer 2010

#### FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM

- [FLP Yearbook, FY 2009](#)
- [New link](#) for NY FLP program

#### FOREST STEWARDSHIP

- [Forest Matters](#) – Summer 2010

#### WATERSHED

- [CT Highlands Water Resources](#) technical report
- [ME Forestry BMP report](#) – 2006-2007

#### WOOD EDUCATION & RESOURCE CENTER

- [3D Lumber Edging, Trimming, and Grading: Optimization in Small-scale Sawmills](#) workshop, 9/9
- [Rough Mill Simulator software](#) workshop, 11/8
- [Value-Added Wood Products Marketing Guide](#) – new edition



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#### NEWS RELEASES

- [Use of Wasp to Track EAB Increases](#) – 9/1/10
- [WV Releases Biocontrol Agents to Fight EAB](#) – 9/3/10
- [WV Division of Forestry Completes Long-Range Plans](#) – 9/13/10
- [USDA Announces Funding to Address Threats to State and Private Forests](#) – 9/22/10
- [Thousand Cankers Disease Threatens Black Walnut Trees in Eastern US](#) – 9/23/10
- [NY Releases Strategic Plan for State Forest Management](#) – 9/30/10

#### NEWS NOTES

- [July-August](#)

#### CONSERVATION EDUCATION

- [Cacapon Institute Oh Deer! Forum](#) – 10/11-11/30
- [Finding My Forest](#) curriculum added
- [“Get to Know”](#) video contest
- [Site redesign](#)

#### FIRE & AVIATION MANAGEMENT

- [NE Wildfire Risk Assessment](#)

#### FOREST HEALTH PROGRAM

- [Deer and Forests, and the People Who Love Them](#) – Tom Rawinski in *Massachusetts Wildlife*
- [Why Leaves Change Color](#) page updated

#### FOREST STEWARDSHIP

- [Timber Tax Tips 2010](#)

#### URBAN & COMMUNITY FORESTRY

- [Tree Inventory & Management Software](#) list updated

#### WOOD EDUCATION & RESOURCE CENTER

- [Bucking to Improve Log Value](#) – 11/11
- [Grant Final Reports](#) page created
- [International Scientific Conference on Hardwood Processing](#) – 10/16-18/11
- Lumber Drying Workshop – 9/22 (link removed, event past)
- [Workshop FAQ updated](#)



## Editor's Note

**DEADLINE!** The deadline for the next issue of the Northeastern Area News Notes is COB Wednesday, October 27, 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](mailto:nlough@fs.fed.us).

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