

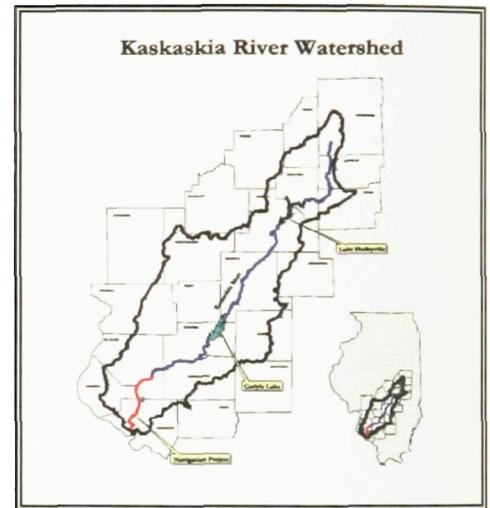
Benefits-Based Management Through Fireworks, Duck Races, and Haunted Trails

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Immediately prior to joining the Forest Management faculty here at UMaine in September 2005, I worked for three years at the University of Minnesota on a benefits-based management research project involving rural Illinois communities and federally managed outdoor recreation areas. Benefits-based management (BBM) is an emerging framework in parks, recreation & tourism designed to incorporate outdoor recreation area values into a management framework. In its most basic form, benefits-based management forces planners and managers to adopt a more holistic view of outdoor recreation areas, as well as the landscapes within which they are found, to acknowledge that these public land and water resources provide for a diversity of values. To date, most research has concentrated on on-site recreation visitor benefits. Little was understood prior to this research project about on- and off-site benefits that accrue to community members living near federally managed outdoor recreation areas.

My research project looked at community benefits in the rural Illinois communities of the Kaskaskia watershed, which is partly managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). The Kaskaskia River starts near the town of Champaign and empties into the Mississippi River 300+ miles later near St. Louis, Missouri. Semi-structured interviews were conducted with 31 community members about the watershed, local communities, and USACE resource management. The primary research objectives of the project were:

- Identify benefits desired and attained by community members living near USACE projects in the Kaskaskia watershed,
- Identify social features of the USACE projects, USACE management, and local communities that influence benefit attainment, and
- Gather community member suggestions for increasing benefit opportunities in the future.

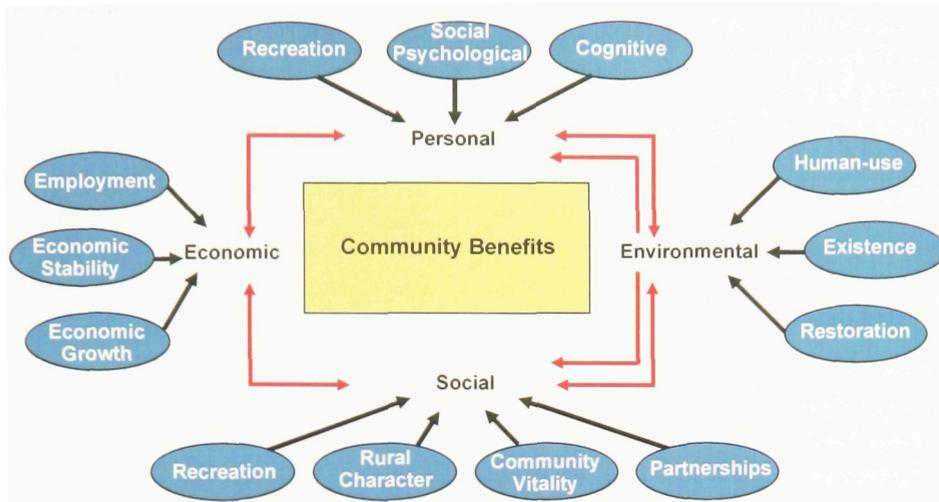


Map of Study Site

An inductive approach was used to identify community benefits—comprised of personal, social, economic, and environmental benefits—attained by participants (Figure 1).

Examples of specific benefits included:

- Appreciation of solitude or ability to be close to nature
- Maintaining an outdoor-oriented lifestyle
- Experiencing a sense of pride
- Awareness of environmental knowledge or management context
- Living in a healthy environment
- Developing social cohesion
- Presence of protected area contributes to community attractiveness
- Community ability to adapt to changes and be a self-sufficient community
- Navigability or ability to drain fields into river
- Attaining jobs from agriculture and tourism
- Presence of fish and wildlife or native prairie



- Efforts to reduce erosion or conserve forestland
- Combined efforts between local government, community groups and the USACE to improve the water shed
- The results suggested that specific social features of the environment influenced benefit attainment:
- Benefit attainment was positively linked to trust in the USACE
- Benefits and trust increased for community members through changes in the USACE management and collective action by the citizen watershed council
- Recreation participation was linked to trust

The community members interviewed suggested that changes made to communication, decision-making, and community develop could increase benefit opportunities in the future.

Communication suggestions were:

- Increase environmental education
- Increase visibility in local communities
- Focus communication on benefits



Decision-making suggestions were:

- Remain flexible in response to natural events (flooding)
- Develop consistency in management so long-term community decisions can be made
- Use transparent processes so communities know how decisions are reached

Community Development suggestions were:

- Focus on recreation and tourism
- Maintain facilities (dredging) for commercial industry

As a result of this research, we recommended that the USACE continue to interact with local communities and create additional opportunities for interaction. In addition to considering the community-generated suggestions, two additional recommendations were to encourage on-site recreation and maintain sponsorship of community events such as 4th of July fireworks displays, annual duck race fundraisers, and guided Halloween haunted trail tours. These activities provide benefit opportunities and build relationships between the agency and local communities. After the qualitative research, we completed a quantitative mail survey of randomly selected community residents.

“YOU CAN’T GET THERE FROM HERE”

BY BRIAN CURRY

FOREST ECOSYSTEM SCIENCE STUDENT

I was fifteen years old when my mother bought a three-quarter ton Chevy conversion van. The van that I learned to drive in one winter served well as a moveable camp from Ohio to the state of Maine. My mother, a statuesque, well-spoken lady was of the opinion that we should see more of the country through family vacations.

My first trip to the state of Maine was a rite of passage. It was the first experience that I had of the harsh North Atlantic Ocean, but more importantly was the first experience of the North Maine Woods. Great white pines and fragrant balsam firs dominated the landscape of my childhood memories. It was a wide and vast landscape that inspired dreams of lumberjacks, early mornings, coffee and roaring fires. Greene Point was quietly set off the trail at Quoddy Head State Park. Lured there by the mystery a foreign place and sleepy coastal towns the park brought me to the eastern most point in the United States. There, looking out past the blue-flag iris to the ocean, I met Scott Thompson. A graduate of the University of Maine, he was a forestry student and currently working for the state parks service. He described to me the importance of forestry and its value as a recreational as well as industrial resource. It was there on Greene Point that my mind considered the idea of a life in the woods. These dreams, though thoroughly updated and somewhat redefined are still with me.

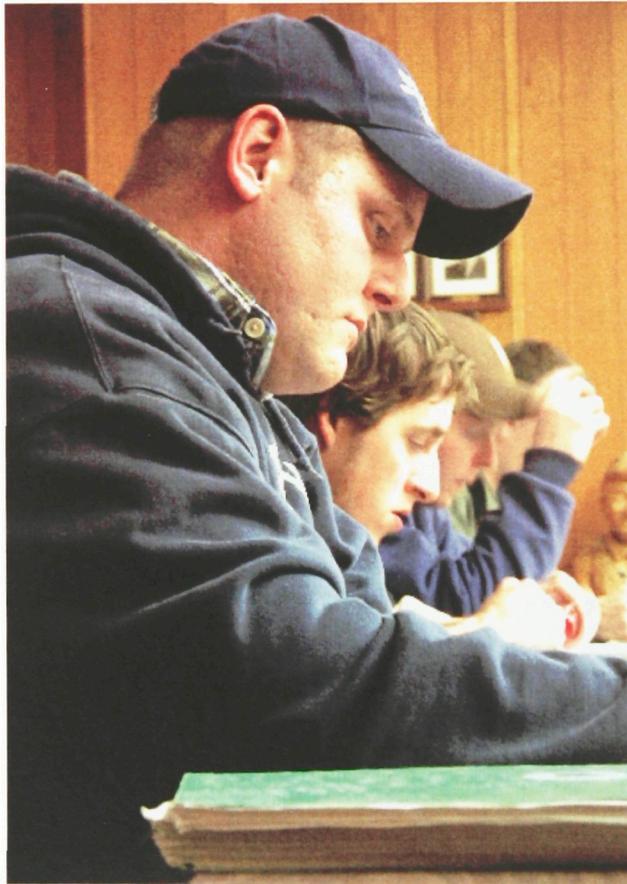
The University of Maine provides a tremen-

dously broad base of information for anyone who finds that their interests lie in the woods. Identification, navigation, statistics, politics, it has all been a useful and educational precursor to how the wood is farmed and more importantly, how the wood is harvested. After three years in the halls of Nutting, I found employment at the University of Maine this summer. This experience challenged me as a student, but even more as a future forester.

Looking back on this past torturous summer spent with a graduate student that felt that he could change the world and an endless supply of mosquitoes, I realized that my ideals in the Forestry program at the University of Maine have changed. Being told in a discussion that, “they just want to be a bunch of loggers,” I was quite complacent about the need for artful and knowledgeable harvesting professionals. Having an interest in the science of forestry, I made an early assumption in my collegiate career that I was going to focus on research. Let the loggers of the world take care of the harvesting. This was before learning

the importance of harvesting that not only supplies products for the people, but is also a renewable resource that requires Leopoldian stewardship so that our children will have the legacy of the North Maine Woods.

After nearly a semester in this harvesting class, I realized that statement offends me. Why not become loggers? The timber industry has served the



people of Maine for generations. It has provided food on the table of nearly every family in this state in one way or another. The state of Maine had quietly built a culture that at times is ridiculed, and other times honored for its toughness, its strength and most importantly its values. There are ways that loggers behave that no other profession, (outside of soldiering) can ever duplicate. The simple act of finishing a job can bring a sense of pride based solely on how hard the work was.

On a recent field trip, we were introduced to two loggers that have been working on the same crew for the better part of twenty years. Both rather ragged from a long day, but still looking as though they could whip even the toughest one in our class, they chose to stay late and tell us about their operation.

“We work four, maybe four and a half days a week. Depends.” Said one as he drew deep on his cigarette. The lines in his face were deep as well from the sun, but as I was closely listening to them both speak of their work with pride, I realized that their features were not distorted with the wrinkles of hard times, but rather laugh lines. Pleasant looks on their face that showed that they were easy to smile and happy to simply get the job done.

There is no doubt that there were hard times in the past twenty years. Indeed, one comes to expect hardships in any vocation that depends solely on

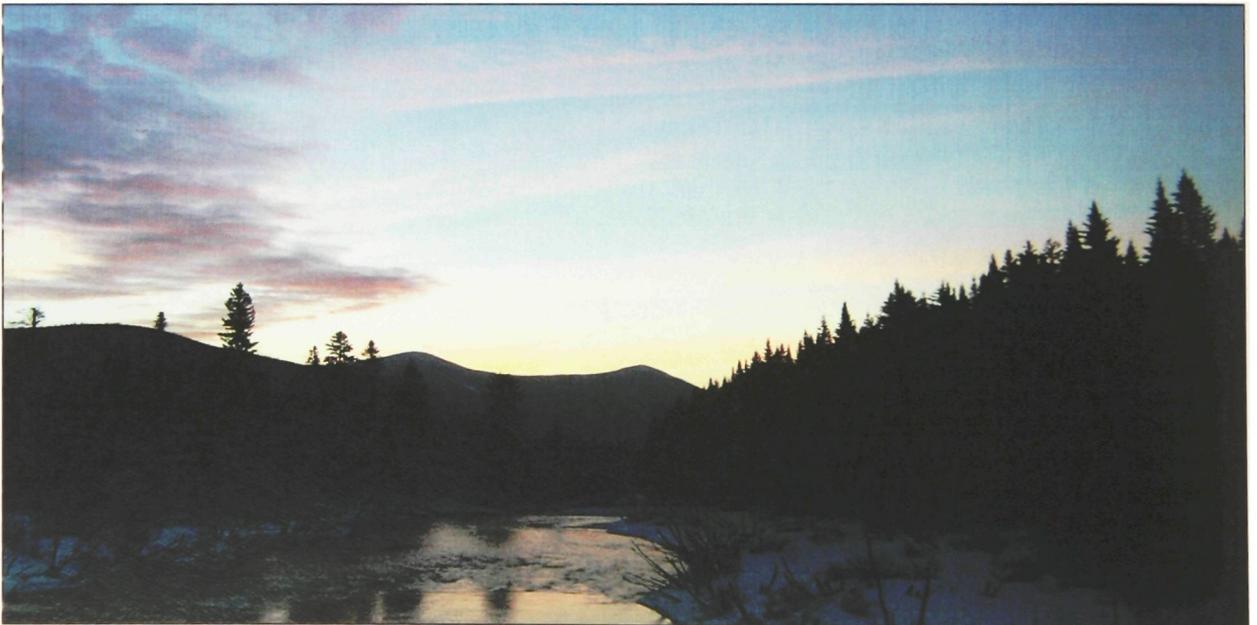
the elements, the warm sun, and prospers on a long growing seasons. In Northern New England, these are not only endured, these conditions are expected. Adaptations made by such loggers such as winter roads for hauling or skidding and planning simply not to work are made not by novices such as myself, but by experienced loggers. These are choices made by these guys.

If I were to consider today what I want to do with my career, I would simply have to tell you that I had no idea what I wanted to do anymore. If you asked me if I would consider being a logger, I would say that the consideration would be there. I guess that the experiences that I have had in the past nine weeks has changed my perception. I no longer see a Certified Logging Professional as simply a logger. I see them as skillful masters of a dying art - an art that deserves respect.

This class, in tandem with the experiences that I have had this summer, would suggest that logging is simply something that I need to understand, do more research on or maybe even participate in. I would argue that while participation and research do more for the common good of the industry, understanding is more crucial. Understanding how logging works from the inside out is the key to the woods. It commands common sense and good choices, hard work and dedication to a job well done. Logging commands respect.



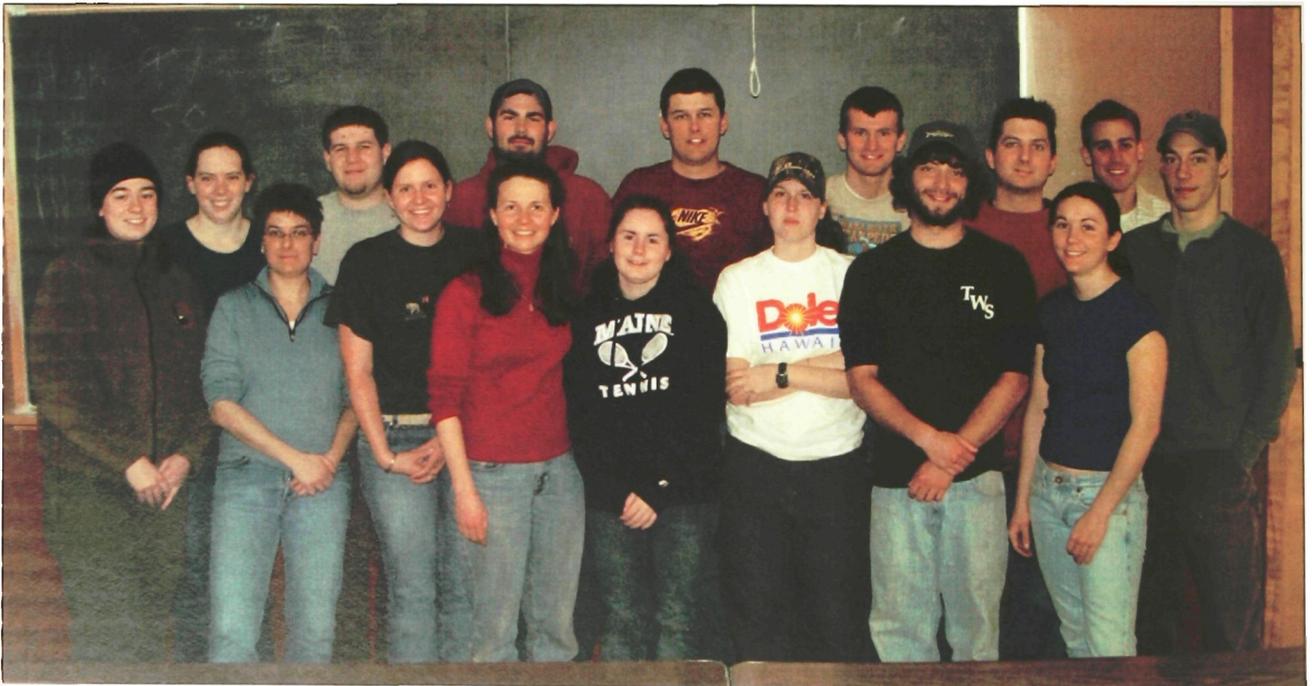
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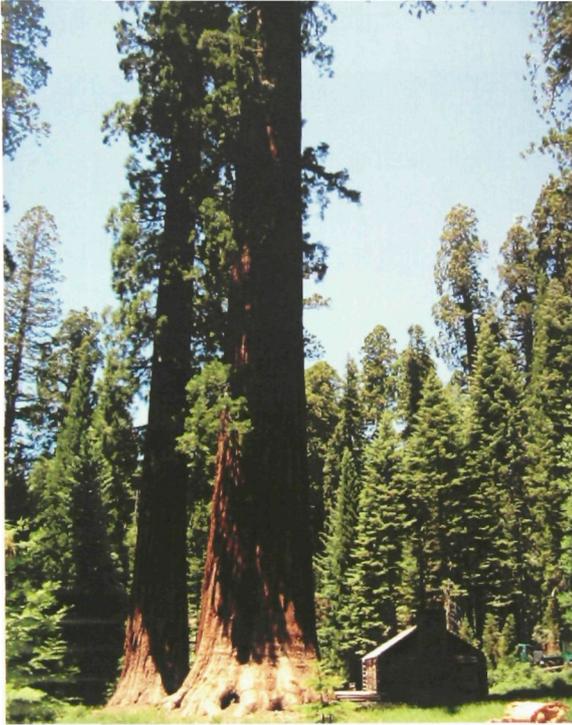
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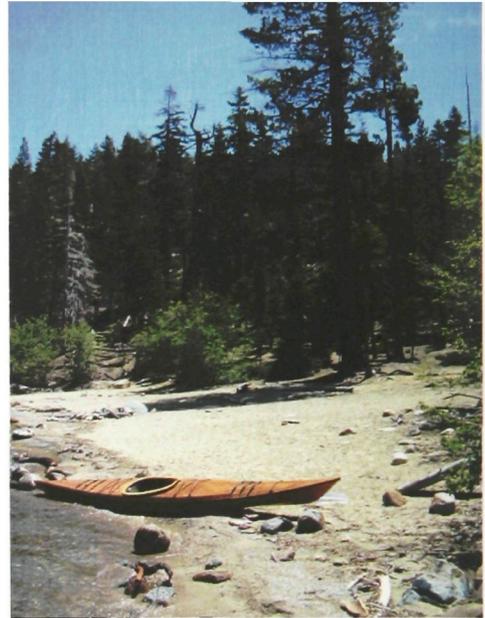
My Summer Out West

Kyle Burdick

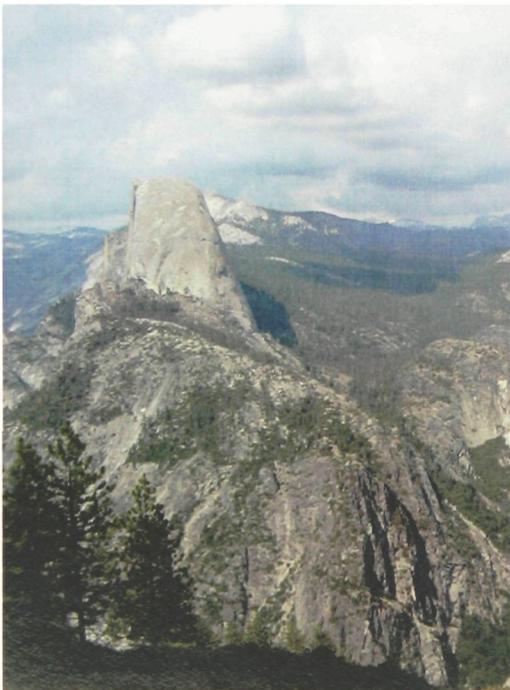
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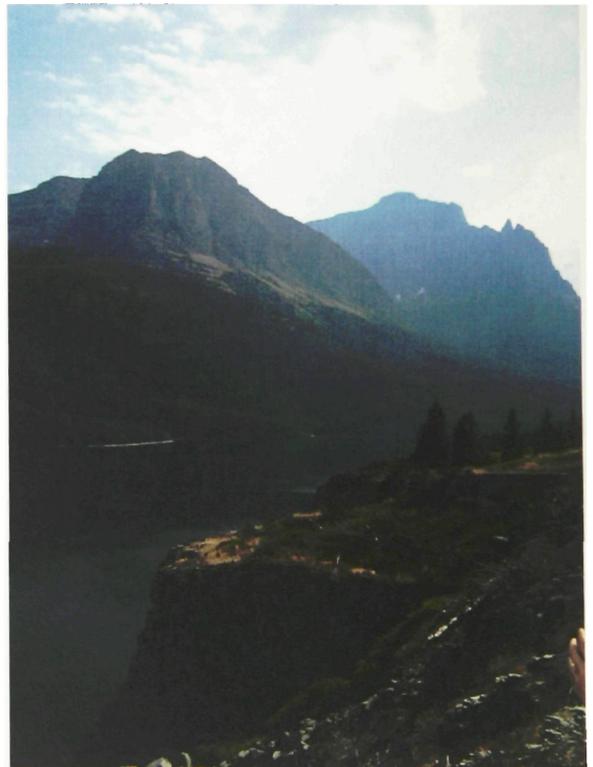
These are Giant Sequoia trees at Yosemite National Park. Imagine all the pencils you could make out of those!



This is me and my kayak, on my birthday! This is Lake Tahoe, California. Not only is this my birthplace, but a really cool place to visit when you aren't working.



Half Dome at Yosemite National Park. This is one of many national parks I stopped at while driving in and out of California for work.



A lake in Glacier National Park. Even though the signs recommend that you don't feed the wildlife, I did it anyway. There were these beetles that were falling out of the sky, and I feed one to a chipmunk.

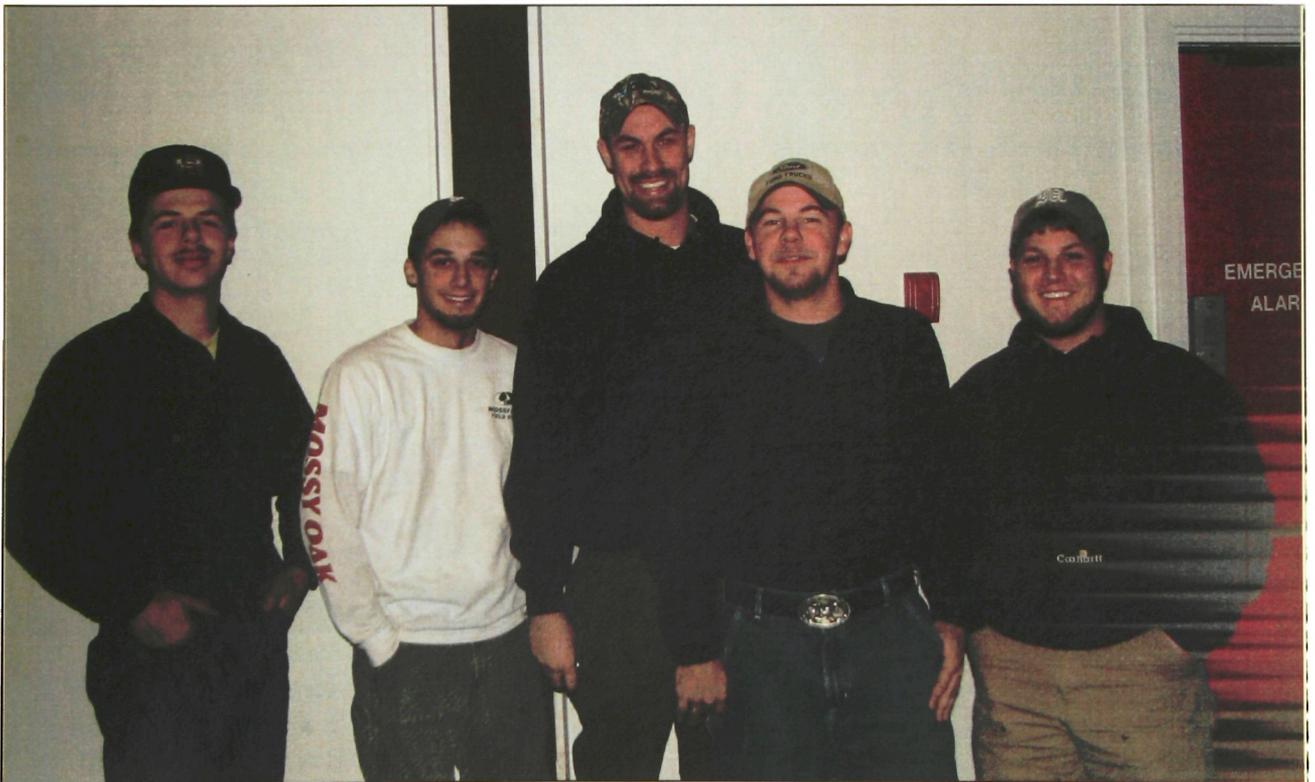
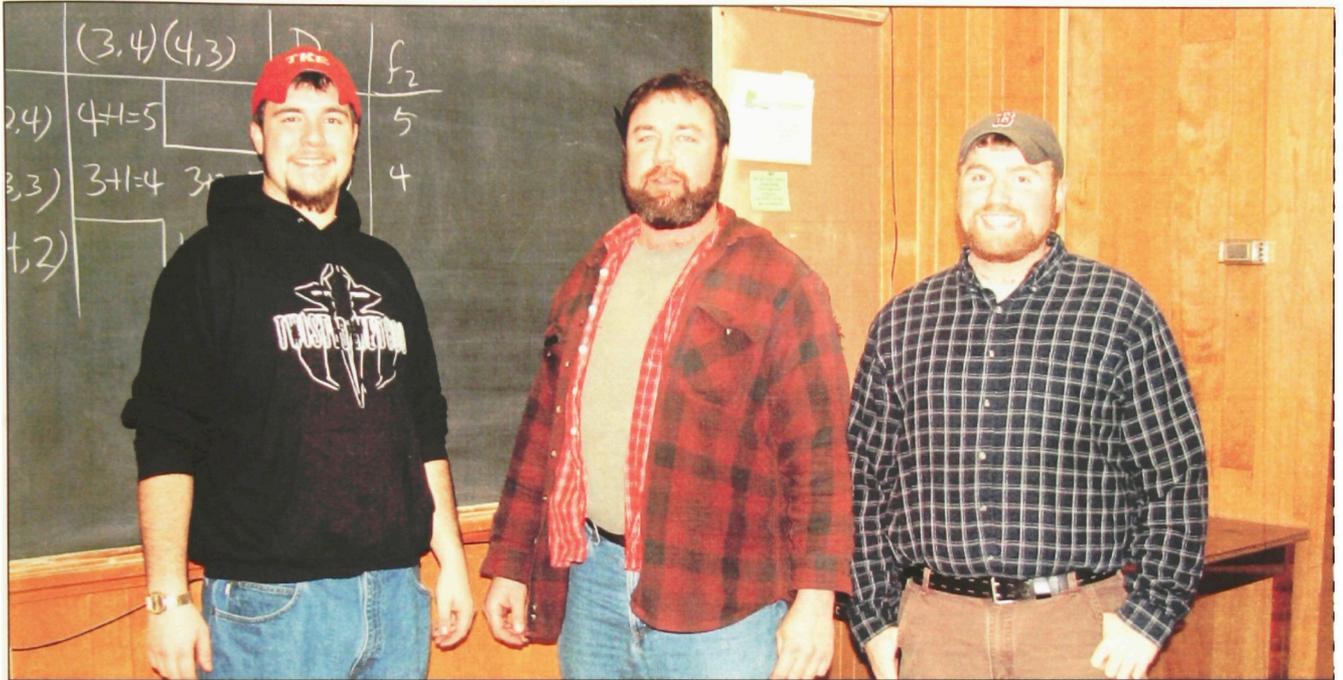
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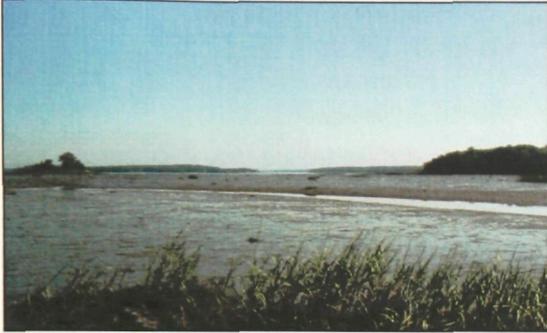
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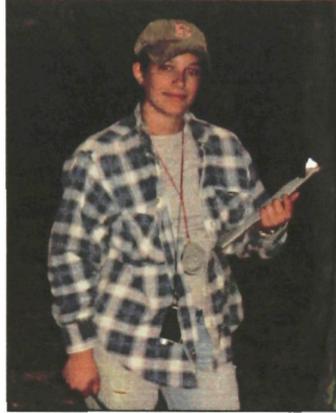
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A Beautiful Island Getaway

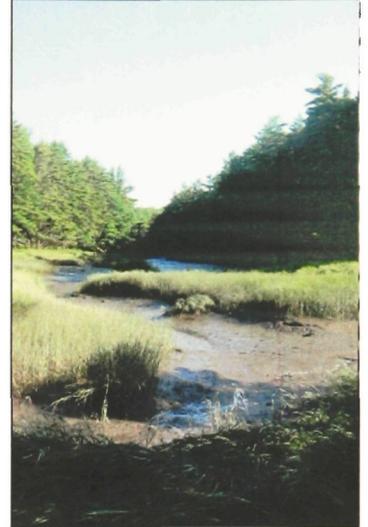
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Forestry/Wildlife Ecology



View of the Back River from Arrowsic Island



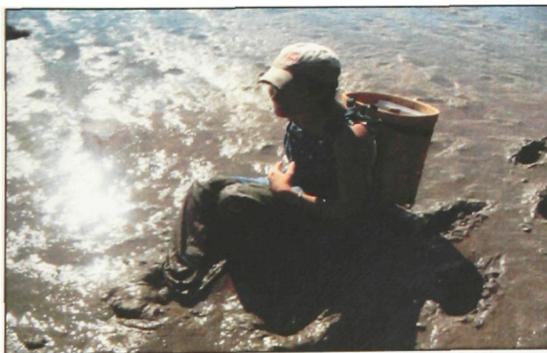
Typical work day on the forest, there was ALOT of inventory!!



Tons of wildlife, I thought this guy was pretty cute. (Unlike the goshawks that divebombed us and chased us out of our blocks all summer!)



Another view of my island home.



Marking boundaries on the river side included walking through the mud at low tide and getting lost. But hey, it was fun. Just look at that smile!



This past summer, I spent most of my time being a research technician at the Holt Research Forest on Arrowsic Island, Maine. Arrowsic Island is approximately 5 minutes from Bath, and was one of the most beautiful and interesting places in Maine that I have been to. The forest contains a unique set of forest types and wildlife, which left something new to discover every day. I recommend to anyone who wants to enjoy the island life and be surrounded by forests at the same time to check out this amazing place on the coast.

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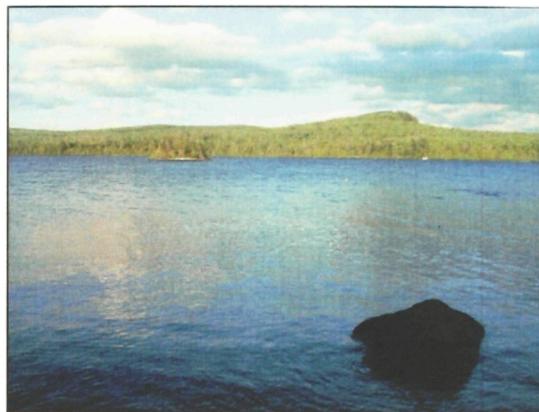
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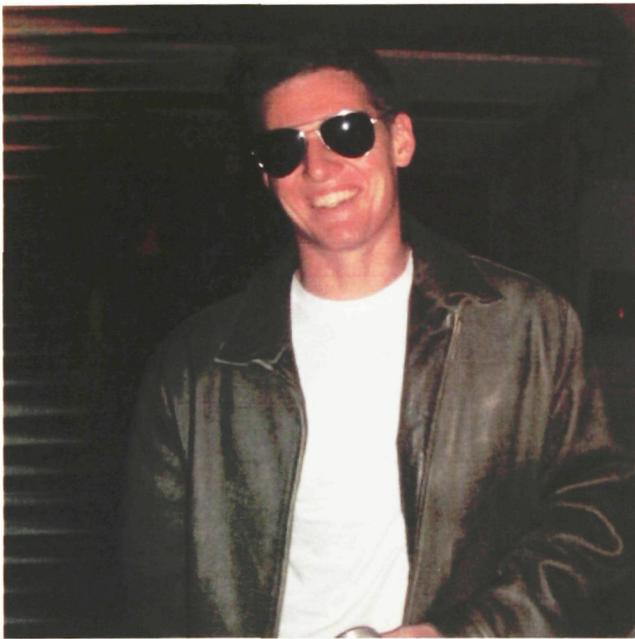
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SAINT-AURELIE

BY THOMAS COLEMAN
ALUMNI 2005- FOREST OPERATIONS SCIENCE

Al taught me how to measure trees. Andy taught me how to design a cruise. Louis taught me how to make maps. Dr. Field even lectured to me about how to place value on each of these things. I think I learned their lessons fairly well, though I am sure that some of them slipped past somehow or another. However, regardless of how well I learned the material these great professors doled out, I learned how to put them all together, and how to implement them from a much different teacher.



I spent my summer working for LandVest out of Jackman. Over the course of the four months I worked for them, I traversed quite a range of woodlands, but the vast majority of my paychecks, and mileage reimbursements, came from an ownership known as Saint-Aurelie. Naturally, Saint-Aurelie isn't technically the name of any of the townships in the ownership, but it is an actual town not far away. Of course, in order to get there, one must cross two chains of river, declare any items with them, and learn another language on the way.

Saint-Aurelie timberland is comprised of 61,000 acres of land directly adjoining the Canadian

border. It was this acreage that really taught me how to put all of my college lessons together in order to actually accomplish something, but it was one tough teacher. I learned what I did by mucking my way through deep, methane belching, organic soil, and clothes-lining myself on sap lines. Odd combination?? Most definitely, but even more so given that the only difference between being in one or the other of these situations is likely to be five feet of elevation change and less than a chain of walking.

Saint-Aurelie timberland was recently purchased by a client of LandVest when I came of board for the summer. My work on the ownership included pre-commercial thinning (PCT) layout, planting checks, cruising, and some other small tasks. In the first couple of weeks that I worked I was sent up to meet the forester in charge of the Saint-Aurelie acreage, and to familiarize myself with the acreage. There was a crew already hired to come in and do the PCT and planting that the previous managers had ordered, and there were no blocks laid out, or true plans for which blocks to do. Thus was my introduction to the property. Pretty simple.

I spent my first two weeks on the property working to settle this little discrepancy. I drove all over the six townships of concern, checking out the actual status of the softwood blocks shown on the type maps, trying to decipher an entirely new typing system. You see, as I said, this parcel directly borders Canada, and was managed under Canadian systems. Under any normal typing strategy that I knew, bigger or older trees get assigned larger numbers in stand type designators, but not in Canada apparently. No matter how hard I looked, I could never find these stands of super sized softwood that logically should be present where one sees an "S6B" on a map. Even after three months of work, I still found myself confusing the fact that "6" meant seedlings, and "1" meant large sawtimber.

Once I got over the stand typing confusion, finding and laying out PCT blocks was simple enough. I spent two weeks finishing that project, spent another

week washing fir needles out of places that I didn't know fir needles could get to, and then came back to Saint-Aurelie in mid July to work on the full cruise of the ownership. Then came the real education.

The cruise was set up with clustered lines of points, scattered over the entire ownership. Because the forester had other duties to attend to, and because there was a contract cruiser employed to do about a third of the points, the cruise was split into two sections. I got the North half. The north half was almost entirely black spruce-cedar types. When I started the project I had a brand new pair of heavy duty work

ter feet tall, with almost unnoticeable taper right up to the last log, and not a single limb in the first four logs. To top that off, there was not a square foot of ground under the canopy that didn't have at least knee high spruce regeneration. The PCT crews could have moved into the stand as soon as the skidders moved out.

Then I cruised multiple stands of sugar maple that were all extraordinarily large in diameter, but full of tap holes. There wasn't a good quality log in the butt of any tree in the stand, and yet the stands were all making significant profits for the owners



pants, and by the end of the first week, they couldn't even be salvaged by the sowing machine for another weeks work. Fighting my way through cedar bogs chock full of stubs left me with holes in my pants, my cruising vest and my skin. More than once, the moss beds that I was walking on proved to be merely floating on mud, as I found myself up to my nipples in rank black muck. No matter what I did, it was a challenge just to make it to each point. I really hated cruising after one week, and by the end of the third week, I could have burned every cedar and black spruce I ever saw.

Even with all of the trials and scars, I really came to appreciate the area. I always thought that black spruce was a low quality, poor formed species. Then I cruised through a stand of pure black spruce in Saint-Aurelie. Every single tree was sixty or bet-

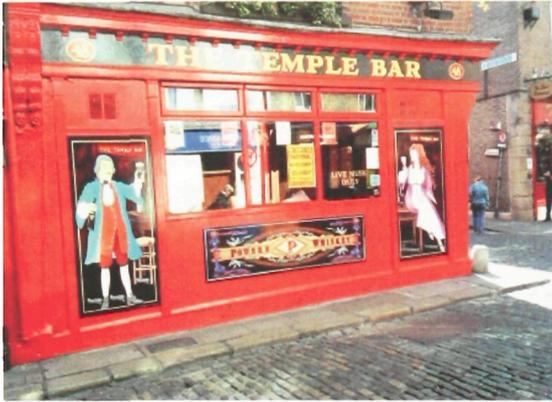
from tap leases. In fact, the Saint-Aurelie ownership produces over sixty percent of all the syrup produced in the state of Maine.

Working for the summer in an area like Saint-Aurelie really drove home all of the lessons learned at UMaine in a way that only sweating and bleeding can. I really gained an appreciation for multiple use value of timberland, as well as alternative uses to timber production. Stands like the thick black spruce I saw also really helped to make lessons learned in silviculture and ecology about adapted species and possible treatments. The unique ground also really made me consider the alternative types of operations presented in harvesting. I really can't think of any better way to get to know all that is taught in forestry than to have to know it, and work with it for a while.

FORESTRY ACROSS THE WAY

A YEAR ABROAD IN IRELAND

BY CHRIS BYRNES
FORESTRY STUDENT



Left- The Temple Bar, famous tourist pub in the middle of Temple Bar district in Dublin. Photo taken in Dublin.

Right- Another photo in an Irish Sitka spruce plantation. Sheep generally roam freely throughout the country side. The sign to the left indicates the border of an Irish speaking area. Photo taken in County Sligo.



Left- This is a typical Irish Forest. All joking aside, notice the burnt heather, indicative of the highly acidic soil. Photo taken in County Mayo.

Right- Archaeological ruins are scattered throughout Ireland and generally a concern for afforestation. Photo taken in County Meath.



Left- Loyalist Mural in Belfast. Murals created by both Nationalists and Loyalists during the troubles as a way of marking territory. Photo taken by John Grahams.

Seniors





Simeon Matt Allen

Hometown: Blue Hill, ME

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry

Quote: "I would rather run backwards with my pants down through a corn field."

Official Clubs/Organizations: I stay here in the wee hours of the morning to finish projects due in about 5 hours.

Activities/Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, homework, Miller Lite, Flexfiber, MapInfo, FVS, being late for class, Number 10, taking INT256 twice.

Favorite Memory: Going outside for Measurements I lab when it was -2° and the wind chill was -40° That was a great day!! NOT

Other Thoughts: First and foremost I would like to thank "G-Wagon" Gretchen Heldmann for not killing me and being my hooked-on-phonics. Also, I LOVE every computer lab in this building.

Stephanie Joan Bosley

Hometown: Enosburg Falls, VT

Major(s)/Minor(s): Wildlife Ecology conc. in Conservation Biology

Official Clubs/Organizations: TWS

Activities/Hobbies: Trapping, shooting w/Josh, cross country skiing, running, reading, skinning muskrat! Playing frisbee

Favorite Memory: Meeting my surrogate sister in Maine:

Sarah Spencer! Meeting Josh at Leonard's Mills: woodcocking



Maggie Lorinne Burke

Nicknames: Tubby

Hometown: Readfield, ME

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry

Quote: "The thing about land; they're not making any more."

Official Clubs/Organizations: Woodsmen Team, The Maine Forester, SAF

Activities/Hobbies: Hunting, photography, fishing, eating

Robert Cousins

Hometown: Carmel, ME

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry

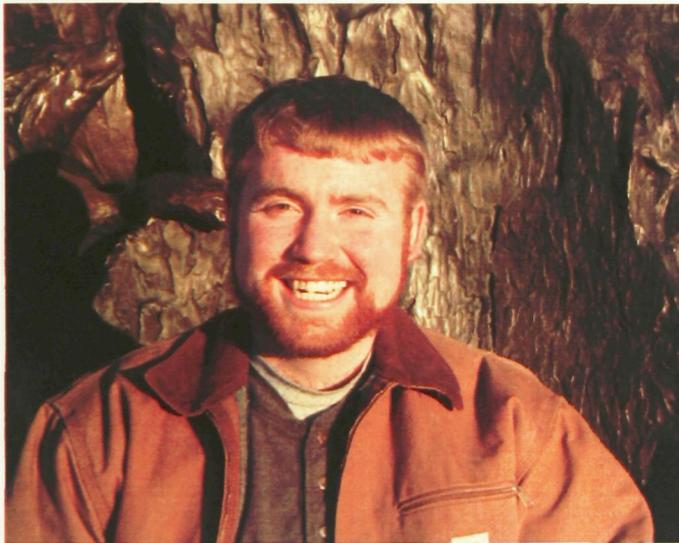
Quote: "90 percent of life is just showing up."

Official Clubs/Organizations: Maine Forester, Woodsmen Team, SAF, Xi Sigma Pi

Activities/Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, hiking, drag racing

Favorite Memory: All the late nights in Nutting working on projects.

Other Thoughts: It's been a great four years that I will probably never forget.



Brian Hanlon

Nicknames: Hanlon, because no one knew my first name.

Hometown: Claremont, NH

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forest Operations Science

Quote: "Don't compromise yourself because you're all you've got!"

Official Clubs/Organizations: Xi Sigma Pi, SAF

Activities/Hobbies: Fishing, hunting, hiking, sailing/boating

Favorite Memory: The past 4 years. . .there are too many to pick just one.

Gretchen AJS Heldmann

Nicknames: G-Wagon, G-Unit, G

Hometown: Coventry, CT

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry

Quote: "F***! No, I don't know where Louis is!!!!"

Official Clubs/Organizations: SAF, Xi Sigma Pi, Pride of Maine Black Bear Marching Band, Maine Forester, Town of Hampden GIS/IT

Activities/Hobbies: being LPO! (loud, proud, obnoxious), hiking, camping, watching movies, driving and working on the Porsche

Favorite Memory: Too many- band camp, silviculture with M & S, Mgmt. I, almost killing Matt & Simeon

Other Thoughts: Thank to Louis, you helped me find my place here & helped me out of my first-semester-here slump. Word up to Simeon, you're a nut but a nice guy, you mean well- good luck! Being on woodsmen team is equally as dorky as being in band, so shut up. :-)





Benjamin Martinelli

Hometown: Manchester, ME

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry

Activities/Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, hockey, skiing, being in the woods

Favorite Memory: Too many to decide.

Wilfred Mercier

Nicknames: Wil

Hometown: Fayette, ME

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry/Minor in Surveying

Quote: Wil to Gretchen, "Nursing students!" Gretchen to Wil and Adam, "They don't wash their hands!"

Official Clubs/Organizations: SAF (chair), Xi Sigma Pi (For-ester), Alpha Zeta

Activities/Hobbies: Camping, hiking, playing guitar

Favorite Memory: Breaking into the tour bus during summer camp after Louis locked the keys inside.



Adam Nicak

Nicknames: Ironballs

Hometown: Gray, ME

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry/Minor in Surveying

Quote: "What were we talking about. . .oh yes, sex and alcohol." (Barry Goodell)

Official Clubs/Organizations: Woodsmen Team, SAF, Xi Sigma Pi

Activities/Hobbies: Fishing, trapping, hunting, reading, fly-
ing

Favorite Memory: Being left on the side of Rt. 16 because our van was out of gas.

Sarah Spencer

Nicknames: Long-john Silver

Hometown: Old Town, ME

Major(s)/Minor(s): Wildlife conc. in Forestry

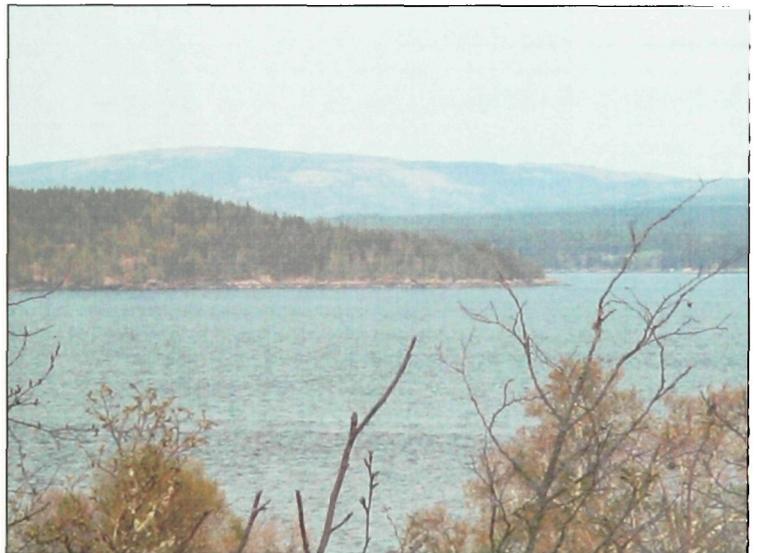
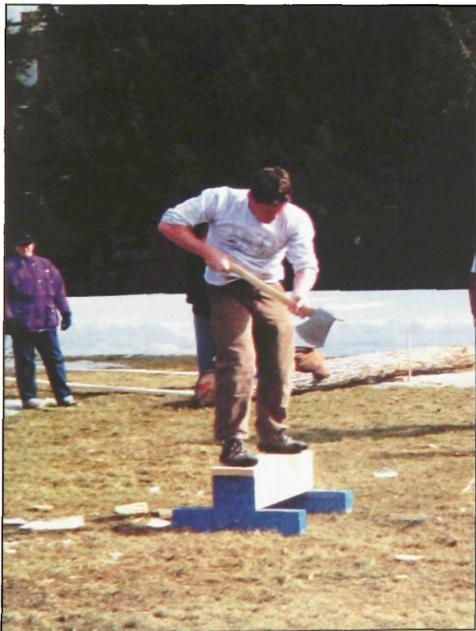
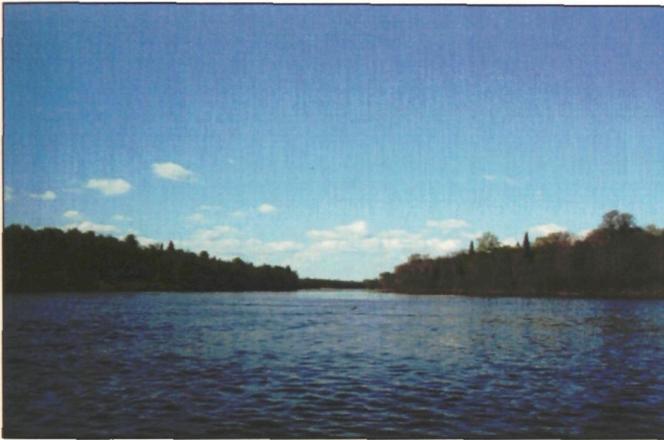
Quote: "Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever." (Ghandi)

Official Clubs/Organizations: The Wildlife Society, Xi Sigma Pi

Activities/Hobbies: Hiking, canoeing, watching birds, hauling wood with Dad, skiing, snowshoeing

Favorite Memory: TWS meeting: Lindsay Seward brought in a survey TWS conducted my 1st year here, and read it out loud to everyone. Wow, was I a loser!

Other Thoughts: The last 4 years have been the greatest time of my life. The people I've met will never be forgotten. We've shared so many great memories and I'm looking forward to many more.





Brian Stoddard

Nicknames: Stoops

Hometown: New Fairfield, CT

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry

Quote: "Peep the 'sitch"

Official Clubs/Organizations: Bear Brew Pub

Activities/Hobbies: Snowboarding, surfing, fishing, plants

Favorite Memory: Forestry summer camp, cruising woodlot in Carroll, ME for capstone project.

Other Thoughts: I would like to say thank you to all of the faculty that have helped me over the past 4 years, and especially Dr. David Field.

Timothy Taylor

Nicknames: Kingman

Hometown: New Fairfield, CT

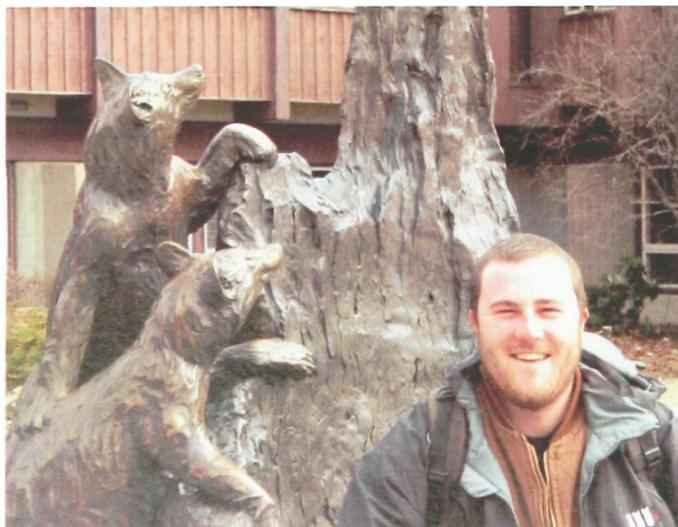
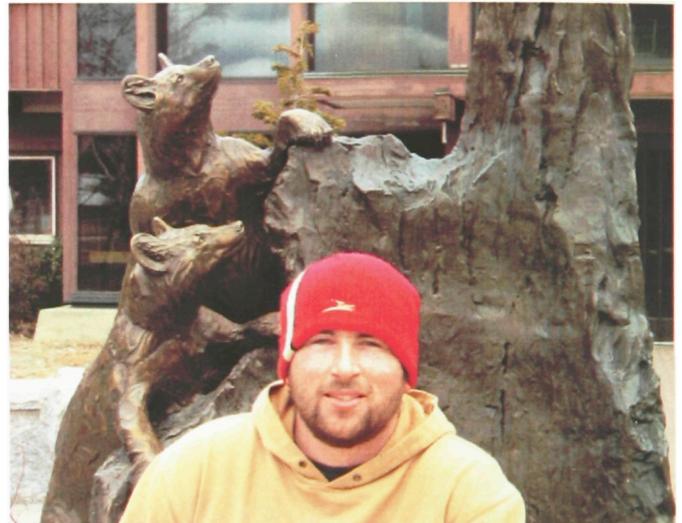
Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry

Quote: "You aren't drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on."

Official Clubs/Organizations: President of Men's Lacrosse Club

Activities/Hobbies: Snowboarding, lacrosse, camping, hiking

Favorite Memory: Mike's version of "Like a Prayer."



Michael Tippet

Hometown: Readfield, ME

Major(s)/Minor(s): Forestry

Quote: "Is it Plausible?"

Activities/Hobbies: Skiing, fishing, the outdoors, trees, relaxin with friends

Favorite Memory: May term forestry summer camp, cruising for capstone project in Carroll, ME

Other Thoughts: Thank you to all the faculty who helped me through the last 4 years, special thanks to Dr. White and Dr. Field.