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State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

Programs	FY 2003 Final SPF	FY 2003 Final NFP	FY 2004 Estimate SPF	FY 2004 Estimate NFP
Coop Forest Health Management	245,000		236,847	50,000
State Fire Assistance	236,582	644,204	300,175	245,153
Volunteer Fire Assistance	39,999	59,376	48,118	53,900
Forest Stewardship Program	616,927		340,400	
Stewardship Incentives	300,000			
Forest Legacy Program	7,130,000		3,476,000	
Urban and Community Forestry	420,600		225,000	
Economic Action Programs	139,518	75,000	30,000	
PNW Assistance Program				
Forest Resource Information and Analysis				
Forest Land Enhancement Program	465,700			
TOTAL	\$9,594,326	\$778,580	\$4,656,540	\$349,053

The cooperative programs are administered and implemented through a partnership between the State of Maine, the USDA Forest Service and many other private and government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Maine forest lands and rural economies. Emphasis focuses on timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices. The goal is to maintain and improve the health of Maine urban and rural forests and related economies. These programs:

- **Increase cost effectiveness** through the use of partnerships in delivery,
- **Increase values** through sustained productivity of forests, and
- **Are voluntary**, and use non-regulatory approaches.

KEY ISSUES:

Key issues which State and federal programs will address together in the next few years include:

- Forest sustainability on private lands
- Stewardship - Non-industrial private forestland (NIPF) woodlot programs
- Forest Legacy - conservation easements
- Water quality protection
- Information on forest health monitoring and forest inventory

Forest Facts and 2003 Accomplishments

SELECTED FACTS		FY 2003 ACCOMPLISHMENTS	
Population	1,294,464	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year)	163
Acres of Forest Land	17,699,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year)	26,452
Acres of NonIndustrial Private Forest Land	9,281,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years)	597,864
Number of NIPF Landowners	255,300	Multi-resource practices implemented on NIPF - Acres	43,187
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection		Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted SPF NFP	250
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	1,760,000	State Fire – Communities Assisted SPF NFP	2,992
Number of Rural Fire Departments	410	Coop Forest Health – Acres Protected SPF NFP	0
Number of Cities and Towns	273	Coop Forest Health – Acres Surveyed SPF NFP	53,205,768
Forest Based Employment	21,752	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition - Acres	27,750
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	1	Urban Forestry-Participating communities	207
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	\$10,450,000	Urban Forestry –Volunteer Assistance Generated-Days	2,220
		EAP-Communitis working under broad-based local strategic plans	0
		PNW-Communities working under broad-based local strategic	0

Program Highlights:

Urban and Community Forestry:

Project Canopy purchased five personal data assistants for loan to communities doing tree inventories, helping to alleviate financial and technical challenges in these cities and towns. The computers and inventory software greatly reduce the volunteer time needed to complete tree inventories, one of the pillars of any strong community forestry program.

Cooperative Fire Protection:

State Fire Assistance helped provide training for 1,700 firefighters, personal protective and communications equipment, 80 dry hydrants, and 14 weather stations to complete a statewide network. Prevention programs reached 25% of K-3rd graders. Federal Excess Property worth \$25 million is on loan to VFDs. The Maine Forest Service reviewed its Fire Aviation Program and acquired an excess floatplane. Volunteer Fire Assistance grants assisted 250 communities.

Landowner Assistance:

High demand from private landowners for the Be Woods Wise kits on stewardship underscores the importance of private forestry in the State. To serve these landowners with the economic incentives they need to make long-term commitments to sustainable forest management, the State finished its Priority Plan for implementation of the Forest Land Enhancement Program.

Forest Health Protection:

An extensive network of foresters and forest health specialists is working on a balsam woolly adelgid population surge. Experts continue to assess introductions of hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) in the southern part of the State, taking proactive steps to prevent HWA from taking hold, including introduction of HWA predators and a strong

public information campaign.

Economic Action Programs:

Theresa Hoffman, director of the Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance and a member of the Penobscot Nation, received a prestigious international prize in Geneva, Switzerland for her work. Responding to economic pressure on its natural resource based industries, Maine has initiated steps both business and government can take to help rebuild this vital, heritage-rich sector of its economy.

Forest Legacy Program:

More than 24,412 acres were protected in four projects in and around Mt Blue State Park/ Tumbledown Mountain, the largest contiguous ownership of sustainably managed forest in southern Maine.

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