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Items of interest to Maine's Forestry Community Brought to you by the [Maine Forest Products Council](#)

Lynx and Hare Habitat - CFRU Open Meeting

The [Cooperative Forestry Research Unit](#) at the University of Maine will be hosting an open meeting on **Thursday, August 24 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm in 204 Nutting Hall** at the University of Maine to present and discuss information about lynx and hare habitat in Maine. Specifically, this meeting will provide a venue for landowners, stakeholders and funders to discuss the recent results from CFRU-sponsored research by Laura Robinson, as supervised by Dan Harrison and Bill Krohn. Come get the latest information and discuss this important work's potential implications for forest management.

Please contact Spencer R. Meyer, CFRU Research and Communications Coordinator (contact information below) with any questions or concerns regarding this timely event.
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Northern Forest Partnership 2006 Grant Program

The North East State Foresters Association (NEFA), the Northern Forest Center and the USDA Forest Service have collaborated to offer a competitive grant program for community-based projects in 2006. The program is open to for-profit member companies and individuals and non-profit organizations. This year larger grants up to \$ 30,000 may be applied for under the guidelines of the program. That can be equipment for a logger or sawmill or marketing program. Last year several for-profit businesses received awards (including one that bought equipment for a wood products manufacturing facility).

Application deadline is September 15, 2006. All applications must be completed online.
For more information, visit: <http://www.northernforest.org/nfpgp/index.html>

Workers' Compensation Board Invalidates Injury Reporting Policies

From a recent Pierce Atwood Client Alert: Many employers have policies that require the "prompt" or "immediate" reporting of accidents and injuries. They exist so employers can quickly address hazardous work conditions, ensure prompt medical and case management in cases that involve work injuries, and in some instances discourage the reporting of off the job injuries as work related events.

The Maine Workers' Compensation Board appears to have invalidated all such policies. In a July 31 reversal of a decision by Hearing Officer Glen Goodnough, the Board's majority held that employers cannot require employees to report work-related injuries any sooner than the 90 day period in the Act.

To see the full alert, go to: <http://www.pierceatwood.com/showarticle.asp?Show=387>

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Peavey Manufacturing Suffers Fire Loss

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a wood fired boiler and the boiler building at Peavey Manufacturing in Eddington on Sunday, August 13. No one was injured in the fire. Firefighters were able to contain the blaze to the boiler building and none of the other structures on the site were damaged.

Rodney Buswell, Sr., company owner and long time MFPC member, estimated the loss of the year-old structure at \$100,000 or more. He said they plan to rebuild and repair the boiler, which burned sawdust to produce steam for kilns used to dry lumber for the wood handled tools and other products the company manufactures. Peavey plans to resume normal business as soon as possible and will be using an older boiler for their steam needs.

Issues Confronting Family Forest Owners in the 21st Century

The American Forest Foundation's (AFF) has published Issues Confronting Family Forest Owners in the 21st Century, a document that outlines the demographics, current trends, and future concerns of America's family forest landowners. To view the document, visit the [AFF](#) website.

Forestry Resource Guide

The University of Maine's Fogler Library maintains a forestry resource guide at <http://library.umaine.edu/science/forestry.htm> The guide contains an extensive selection of forestry information resources available in Fogler Library, through the Fogler Library home page, and on the Web.

Easy Rider II ??

Pam Morrill, former MFPC Administrative Assistant, and her partner Ike, have spent the summer on a cross country motorcycle adventure. You can follow Pam's journey on their website: <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzerc3n0/> A cult movie in the making?

Upcoming Events

MFPC Member Breakfasts:

Thursday, August 17th
Jackman, 4 Seasons, 417 Main Street

Monday, August 21st
Gray, Cole Farms, 64 Lewiston Rd.

Tuesday, August 22nd
Bethel, Bethel Inn, 21 Broad Street

Wednesday, August 23rd
Norway, Trolley House, 237 Main Street

Thursday, August 24th
Belfast, HutchinsonCenter, 80 Belmont Avenue
(Rte. 3)

Breakfast Sponsors

Plum Creek

LaValley Lumber
LandVest

Chadbourne Tree Farms
E.D. Bessey & Son

Newpage

Robbins Lumber
Viking Lumber
E.D. Bessey & Son
Matthews Brothers

Log-a-Load for Kids Golf Tournament Friday, Sept. 15
MFPC Annual Meeting Sept. 24-25
Maine Forest Expo Sat., Oct. 14

JATO Highlands, Lincoln
Greenville
Portland