

EMPLOYEES of the WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Integrity in Conservation Award

The Integrity in Conservation Award recognizes an individual or organization working with natural resources who demonstrates adherence to principles and high standards in the face of adversity.

The White Mountain National Forest (WMNF), established in 1911 under the Weeks Act, encompasses approximately 796,800 acres in New Hampshire and Maine, and is within a day's drive of 70 Million U.S. citizens. The WMNF currently employs about 110 permanent and seasonal staff who are dedicated to sound land stewardship. They are adept at balancing the pressures of today's challenges and are resilient and responsive to change.

The revision of the 1986 Forest Plan began in 1997, and after eight years of planning the 2005 Forest Plan was approved. Comments from several endorsers noted the following: the development of this plan should be a model for all National Forests; the staff did incredible research, including a comprehensive environmental impact assessment; engaging all stakeholders in an extensive public input process; and the staff was persistent in their work to achieve a balance of uses acceptable to interested parties while managing the land based upon the best available science. Notable is that the plan was adopted without appeal representing a testament to the efforts of WMNF staff and interested parties to work through the many issues and seek consensus and compromise.

One endorser noted, "As a participant in the planning process I readily admit that we are not completely happy with the final outcome. Although, when I speak with those in the preservation community they tell me they are not completely happy with the final outcome either. But, everyone involved (particularly those at the local level) admits the plan strikes a good management balance and is something we can all live with."

Management within the WMNF continues under "adverse operating conditions" as individual timber sales continue to be challenged with injunctions and litigation from national special interest groups.

One endorsement noted, "The natural resource professionals of the WMNF are managing this public resource in an outstanding manner, balancing the competing forces of multiple use management, while under the intense glare of public scrutiny." Another noted, "To bring parties together with differing opinions and points of view takes trust and integrity, something Forest Supervisor Tom Wagner and his staff have."

Integrity in Conservation Award Recipients

1998 – Max McCormack, Jr.	1999 – Roger Milliken, Jr.	2000 –
2001 –	2002 – George Darey	2003 – Leo C. Laferriere
2004 – David Houghton	2005 – Edward Griffith	2006 – <i>Northern Woodlands</i>
2007 – Richard Carbonetti, Peter Condaxis, William Samal, and Jonathan Wood		
2008 – Maine Department of Conservation, Baxter State Park Authority, and Trust for Public Land, Maine Office		
2009 – John M. Hagan, III		

LAWRENCE ROUSSEAU

James W. Toumey Outstanding Service Award

*The James W. Toumey Award is given for outstanding achievement in service to the New England Society of American Foresters. Toumey was one of the founding fathers of the New England Section in 1920, author of **Seeding and Planting and Foundations of Silviculture**, one of the first two regular staff members at the Yale School of Forestry. Henry S. Graves noted in a memorial "Almost at once he took a prominent place in the forestry movement and throughout his career was in the foremost ranks of the leaders of the profession."*

Larry has provided service to the New England Society of American Foresters (NESAF) at a variety of scales over his career. He served a term as vice chair and chair for the Connecticut Chapter, five years as Secretary/Treasurer of the Yankee Division, and then a seven year stretch as NESAF Treasurer.

As one endorsement noted, "Larry is a consummate professional, bringing the same dedication and skills to SAF positions as he does to his job as the Environmental Protection Forester (Service Forester) for the western third of Connecticut. Larry has worked for the CT Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry for the past 31 years.

The NESAF Executive Committee never had to wonder if things were accounted for properly or if the rules of our own somewhat convoluted budgeting system were being followed. Larry kept the books and kept them well as NESAF Treasurer. At multiple annual NESAF Business Meetings he had the dubious limelight of explaining our assets, liabilities, and transactions of what happened and what was planned with member dues and other income. A past NESAF chair noted that Larry fulfilled this fiduciary responsibility with a transparent and accountable system, a position Larry willingly condemned himself to, but performed with pride and a rightful sense of obligation.

The final nomination letter notes, "Larry exhibits the best personal and professional qualities in his daily activities for the State of Connecticut, and has long been an exemplary representative of our profession to the public. I have always found Larry to be diligent, honest, forthright, and thorough both in my professional interactions with him and in the course of SAF business."

Larry is a graduate of the University of Maine, with a B.S. in Forest Management.

James W. Toumey Award Recipients

1989 – James Wilkinson, Jr.	1990 – Fred B. Knight	1991 – A. Bradford Wyman
1992 –	1993 – David B. Kittredge	1994 – Max McCormack, Jr.
1995 – Russell S. Reay	1996 – Gary F. Salmon	1997 – James B. Cullen
1998 – Joseph C. Mawson	1999 – Philip Bryce	2000 –
2001 –	2002 – Fred Borman III	2003 – Robert M. Ricard
2004 – Ingeborg V. Seaboyer	2005 – Kenneth M. Laustsen	2006 –
2007 – Raymond J. Toolan	2008 – Ronald C. Lemin, Jr.	2009 – George F. Frame



JOHN A. O'BRIEN

Austin Cary Practicing Professional Award

The Austin Cary Award recognizes New England SAF members who have shown exceptional achievement as practicing forest managers. Austin Cary (1865–1936) graduated from Bowdoin College and introduced northern landowners to forest sampling, growth estimation, and simple silvicultural techniques. Cary's Woodsman's Manual, written in 1909, continued to be used as a textbook until the 1960's.

For over the past 28 years, John O'Brien as owner and president of O'Brien Forestry Services, a forestry and wildlife consulting firm, has managed 30,000 acres of land in the Upper Connecticut Valley region of NH and VT. John's clients range in size from large institutional ownerships like Dartmouth College and Hanover Water Works to town and school forests and many family forests, including the 1994 and 2004 NH Outstanding Tree Farms.

A nominator noted that, "John thoughtfully weighs if he can philosophically carry out the management of a landowners goals and objectives. If the highest silvicultural standards for the property are not of paramount importance, he suggests that the landowner seek the services of another consulting forester."

In another venue, John has served as the inspection "Czar" and is known as the "Inspector General" of the New Hampshire Tree Farm Program, keeping foresters motivated to complete a consistently high percentage of re-inspections and contacts. He regularly attends committee meetings and conventions and was awarded the inaugural Wesley Mears award as Tree Farm Inspector of the Year in 1998. Like several previous Austin Cary awardees, John was recognized in 2007 with the SAF Presidential Field Forester Award

John received an A.S. Forestry degree from the Thompson School of Applied Science in 1963, a B.S. in Forest Management from the University of New Hampshire (UNH) in 1966, and a M.S. in Forest and Wildlife Management from UNH in 1973. In addition, John is a U.S. Army veteran serving 4 years of active duty and then 18 years in Reserves in the NH Air National Guard, retiring as a Commander/Lieutenant Colonel in 1990.

Several comments from his nomination package, "His continued efforts in forestry and land management practices insure healthy forests for generations to come;" and "John O'Brien is a credible and tireless advocate for, profitable and multi-purpose forest management. For his entire laudable career, he has practiced what he has preached. Never compromising his forestry principles for his own personal gain, his work is truly illuminative of the canons of our profession."

Austin Cary Award Recipients

1989 – Lynn Levine	1990 – Stephen Orach	1991 – William H. Rivers
1992 – Paul Memmer	1993 – Charles Gadzik	1994 – Don & Nina Huffer
1995 – John McNulty	1996 – Bruce Spencer	1997 – D. Jensen Bissell
1998 – Charles Moreno	1999 – Fred A. Huntress	2000 – Michael Bartlett
2001 – Anne Marie Kittredge	2002 – Joel B. Bronson	2003 – Glenn Freden
2004 – Leland H. Sanders	2005 – Anthony Filaura	2006 – Geoffrey T. Jones
2007 – George F. Ritz	2008 – Si Balch	2009 – Kevin Evans

SUSAN M. AYGARN

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award

The Ernest M. Gould Jr. Technology Transfer Award is given for outstanding contributions to natural resource science and management through education, extension, or youth service. Gould achieved wide acclaim for his expertise in analyzing and resolving forest resource policy issues while on the faculty of Harvard University. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire.

Over the last 5 years, as Chair of the MESAF Forestry Awareness Committee (FAC), Sue has transformed its focus from a 6th grade poster contest to a "Forestry Education Network," a listing of sixty-six foresters available to provide a resource and response to individual teachers throughout the state.

Through her volunteer efforts on the FAC, Sue has created a partnership with the ME Project Learning Tree Program, getting foresters trained as facilitators to assist schools in setting up Forest Inventory Growth (FIG) plots, bringing forest measurements into the school curriculum. Another partnership is with the Maine Association of Conservation Districts and their Envirothon Program, Sue helped find judges for the competition and more importantly connected MESAF professionals with participating high school students. One endorsement commented, "She trained teachers to set up forestry plots, to ID trees, and to use forestry tools to collect and analyze data. This is where I can honestly say that Sue is an educator!"

These recent efforts by Sue and the longer term efforts by her predecessors were recognized last fall, by the SAF House of Society Delegates as the "2009 Success Story." The culmination of her endeavors is that in the five years of her leadership, the various FAC activities have reached over 5,000 students.

Another nominator noted, "Sue's efforts to educate students about forestry will impact tomorrow's decision-makers about the value of forests, which will benefit us all."

Sue has over 30 years experience in the forest industry, serving landowners and manufacturers. Currently, Sue is the Regional Forest Manager for LandVest's Timberland Office in Bangor, ME. In 1978, she received a B.S. in Forestry with a minor in soils from the University of Maine, and she also holds a ME Real Estate License.

Ernest M. Gould Jr. Award Recipients

1989 – Stephen Broderick	1990 – Stanley Knowles	1991 – Christina Petersen
1992 – William B. Leak	1993 – Christopher Murdock	1994 – Thomas J. McEvoy
1995 – Ancyl Thurston	1996 – Virginia Barlow	1997 – Donald W. Quigley
1998 – Phil Auger	1999 – David Kittredge, Jr.	2000 – Elizabeth Postlewaite
2001 – Marc J. Tremblay	2002 – Richard Weyrick	2003 – Karen P. Bennett
2004 – Jeffrey S. Ward	2005 – Phil Auger (1998)	2006 – Michael C. Snyder
2007 – Mariko Yamasaki	2008 –	2009 – Northam (Nory) Parr



JACOB W. METZLER & SPENCER R. MEYER

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award

The Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award is presented to a member of NESAF less than 40 years old who has shown leadership in a program or project benefiting the practice of forestry. Beattie was Vermont Commissioner of Forests, Parks, and Recreation, Deputy Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources, and ultimately became Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Beattie was active in SAF. She co-authored *Working with Your Woodland*; she is remembered for her tireless devotion to conservation, integrity, and quiet courage.

For the first time, two individual are being dually recognized and receiving the Young Forester Award. Since there is no real fair way to rank or order their individual accomplishments, they will be presented alphabetically as M&M.

In a 4-year span starting in 2006, Jake Metzler ran through most of the elected MESAF positions; 2 terms as member-at-large, vice chair, chair, and at MESAF behest attended the 2006 SAF Leadership Academy. Jake is currently the Forestland Stewardship Manager for the Forest Society of Maine (FSM). FSM holds 15+ easements that range from 200 to 300,000 acres and Jake's responsibility is to benchmark compliance of the fee owner to their unique easement terms. He is using a new science, geospatial analysis, to bring application to this on-the-ground oversight task.

Over a similar timeframe, Spencer completed a M.S. degree in Forestry at the University of Maine and began work for the Cooperative Forestry Research Unit, where he now serves as Associate Director. He also served a term as MESAF Member-at-Large, is now into his second 2-year term as the Maine State Representative to the NESAF Executive Committee, and attended the 2008 SAF Leadership Academy. Spencer has co-organized/developed several successful technical programs including the 2009 "Spruce Budworm: What's Past is Prologue" and the 2008 Eastern CanUSA Forest Science Conference.

Together Meyer and Metzler (the M&M boys) were program co-chairs for the 2009 NESAF Annual Meeting. One endorser noted, "I was some glad to have their growing leadership skills in place, and to observe their technology and collaboration talents in providing a diverse program."

They have influenced respective Executive Committee "grey hairs" to utilize video and voice conferencing, local on-line meeting registration, and other new technology with unabashed enthusiasm. They are recognized, respected, and trusted as leaders within SAF, by their employers, and by their professional peers.

Mollie H. Beattie Young Forester Leadership Award Recipients

1989 – Charles Levesque	1990 – David Kittredge	1991 – Charles Niebling
1992 – Anne Marie Loud	1993 – Alan Calfee	1994 – Carrie Tripp
1995 – Carol Redelsheimer	1996 – Robert Ricard	1997 – Patrick D. Hackley
1998 –	1999 – Kevin Evans	2000 – Sara Packer
2001 – Cynthia S. Wood	2002 – Tom O'Shea	2003 – David Irvin
2004 –	2005 – Amanda Farrar	2006 – Laura Kenefic
2007 – Ben Machin	2008 –	2009 – Margaret Machinist



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