Changing Times for Maine’s Pulp and Paper Industry
There is good news in the paper industry
Down East Magazine

Back from the Brink

Rumors of the Maine paper industry’s demise are exaggerated.

Cynthia Anderson - January 2011
‘This is not your grandfather’s paper mill’: Innovation offers hope to Maine’s paper and pulp industry

Whit Richardson – February 28, 2014
“Maine’s paper industry woos students with scholarships, jobs

The annual Paper Days event stresses that most mills are still vibrant and offer internships and good careers.”

Whit Richardson - April 2014

PAPER DAYS 2015

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Bangor Daily News

‘You can’t replace tissue paper’: Woodland Pulp mill strengthens with expansion

Tim Cox – March 13, 2014

• $120M investment
• 80 Direct jobs
• 200 indirect jobs
Sappi Somerset Operations Rebuilds Former on PM3

Marika Mattila

PM3 at Sappi’s Skowhegan mill sees improved quality level and reduction in use of wet end fillers and coating materials after former rebuild

Sappi invests $12.5M
New ownership

“New owner poised to restart Old Town pulp mill”  Bangor Daily News, January 2015

“Canadian company to buy paper mill in Rumford”  Portland Press Herald, October 2014
Impact of Land Ownership Changes

Pulp and Paper Ownership Objective:

Pulpwood above all other land values

TIMO’s and REIT’s Objectives:
• More interested in sawlog value
• Real estate
• Conservation easements
• Recreational values
Concerns on the Horizon

- Spruce Budworm
- Logging Contractor Capacity
- Lower stocked stands due to avoidance of clear cutting
- High stocking levels in Southern Maine but only 38% are interested in harvesting
- Firewood, pellet, and biomass demand increasing
Most diverse markets in the US

Pellets, pulpwood, wooden sticks, saw logs, biomass chips
Some interesting Maine facts

• Forest products are 27% of Maine’s exports and paper is still #1
• Maine has the highest wood costs in the nation according to RISI report
• Total economic impact - $8 billion
• National leader in forest conservation easements - 3.5M acres with 60% working forests
• Highest non-hydro renewable electrical generation in the US
• Maine leads the nation with 10.3 million acres that is certified as sustainably managed (SFI, FSC)
Conclusion

Maine’s forest products industry is alive and well

And………………

Diverse markets give foresters the opportunity to utilize forest management to meet a variety of landowner objectives