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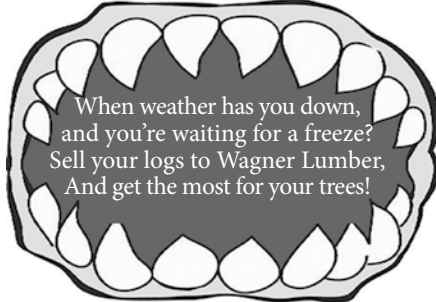
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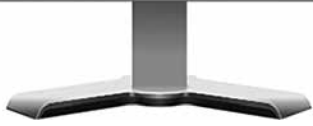


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# in the northern logger...

This story from the December 1973 issue of *The Northern Logger* caught our eye. How things have changed...

## There's Lipstick Under That Forester's Hard Hat

Up until the historic "lib" year of 1973, the deep woods of eastern Maine were a place for husky male foresters to safely roam, but eight young women employed by the Georgia-Pacific Corp. woods department at Woodland (Maine) have changed all that. The girl foresters who breached the all-male bastion recently wound up 10 weeks of woods work that earned them an "excellent" rating from the company's divisional chief forester, Oscar Selin.

He has had some of the girls working with survey crews mapping out the construction sites for a new lumber mill and a planned secondary treatment lagoon at the pulp and paper mill to further improve quality of the adjacent St. Croix river. Others have been measuring permanent timber plots to check annual growth rates and timber inventories. A few of the girls

have been wielding Swedish axes to thin over-abundant new timber growth on areas harvested by the company.

Woods department men who work with them and have watched their progress praise the girls for their en-

thusiasm, adaptability and work-quit attitude. Working in steel-toe safety boots and under hard hats, with some very unfeminine attire in between, the girls started every eight-hour work day at 7:30 a.m. Despite the tough work, they all say they enjoyed the summer experience; some of them for the chance to earn money, others to prove they could do a man's work and, in the case of Patricia Casciere, because she has chosen forestry as a career.

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The felines in the woods (front, from left) Christie Hames and Denise Huntley, and (standing, from left) Darlene Smith, Donna Crosby, Linda Call, Pat Casciere and Janet Duval, and not pictured was Betsy McCluskey.

The story begins:

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Many of the young women were there to earn money or gain work experience, but only one of the eight women, Patricia Casciere, had chosen forestry as a career, and graduated the following year from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse, NY.

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