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Books

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Abstract: Introductory remarks by F. Dale Robertson, the Associate Chief of the U.S. Forest Service, and presentation by New Hampshire Governor Sherman Adams given at the 1986 meeting of the Newcomen Society of the United States.

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Abstract: A history of New Hampshire's forest fire protection system. Includes examination of the Weeks Act's importance to fire protection efforts in the White Mountains.

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Abstract: Biographical portrait of John W. Weeks, focusing on his life and work in New Hampshire.

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Shands, William E. and Robert G. Healy. *The Lands Nobody Wanted: A Conservation Foundation Report*. Washington, DC: The Conservation Foundation, 1977.

Abstract: A comprehensive report on the fifty national forests east of the Rocky Mountains.

USDA Forest Service. [*The John Weeks Story: A Chapter in the History of American Forestry*](#). Washington, D.C.: GPO. 1961. 15 pp.

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Abstract: As a Massachusetts congressman Weeks (1860-1926) sponsored forestry legislation--most notably the Weeks Act of 1911 which provided for national forests in the East.

Articles

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Abstract: On the work of the National Forest Reservation Commission since the passage of the Weeks Law in 1911.

Ayers, Philip. "[Our Eastern National Forests: Record Steady Progress in Acquisition Under the Provisions of the Weeks Law](#)." *American Forests and Forest Life*, vol. 36 (July) 1930: 438-9, 483.

Abstract: Examines the lands purchased during the first nineteen years of the Weeks Act

"[The Battle for the Weeks Bill](#)." *American Forestry*, vol. 16 (March) 1910: 133-144.

Abstract: Presents the debates surrounding the proposed Weeks Bill in 1910.

Butler, Ovid, ed. "The National Forests of the East." *American Forests* vol. 41 (September) 1935: 508-509.

Abstract: Traces the development of national forests in the eastern U.S. from the passage of the Weeks Act in 1911 to the status in mid 1935.

Carlson, Martha. "Private Lands--Public Forest: The Story of the Weeks Act." *Forest Notes* (Summer) 1986: 3-9.

Abstract: Discusses how the logging and fires on New Hampshire's White Hills helped encourage the writing and passage of the Weeks Act of 1911.

Carlson, Martha and Richard Ober. "Our Second Century: The Weeks Act." *Forest Notes* vol. No. 218 (Summer) 1998: 2-7.

Abstract: Describes how concerns over forest conditions in New Hampshire's White Mountains led to the passage of the Weeks Act of 1911, a national conservation law that authorized the U.S. Congress to appropriate funds for the purchase of forest lands across the nation.

Gibson, Henry H. "The National Appalachian Park." *Hardwood Record* vol. 34 (August 25) 1912: 25-36.

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Graves, Henry S. "[The New National Forests of the East.](#)" *The Southern Lumberman* vol. 79 (December 18) 1915: 98-99.

Abstract: Chief Forester Henry S. Graves looks at what has been accomplished under the Weeks Law during the first four years of its existence.

Kneipp, Leon F. "Uncle Sam Buys Some Forests: How the Weeks Law of Twenty-Five Years Ago Is Building up a Great System of National Forests in the East." *American Forests* vol. 42 (October) 1936: 443-446, 483-484.

Abstract: Looks back at the first 25 years of the Weeks Act, from 1911 to 1936.

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Abstract: A history of the passage of the Weeks Act, as well as the law's impact and legacy over its first century in action.

Morgan, George T., Jr. "Conflagration as Catalyst: Western Lumbermen and American Forest Policy." *Pacific Historical Review* vol. 47 (May) 1978: 167-187.

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Ober, Richard. "Our Second Century: 'This Forestry Work Must Not Stop!'" *Forest Notes* vol. No. 220 (Winter) 1998/99: 2-9.

Abstract: Describes the wasteful logging practices and lack of protective legislation that eventually led to the establishment of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests during the 1900s. Discusses the group's early efforts to foster responsible forest policy and forest management, and their role in promoting the 1911 Weeks Act.

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Pratt, Joseph Hyde. "Twelve Years of Preparation for the Passage of the Weeks Law." *Journal of Forestry* vol. 34 (December) 1936: 1028-1032.

Abstract: Looks at the movement to create national forests in the Appalachian Mountains, from 1899 to 1911.

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Smith, Charles D. "Gentlemen, You Have My Scalp." *American Forests* vol. 68 (February) 1962: 16-19.
Abstract: On the struggle for eastern national forests, 1899-1911, and the ultimate capitulation of House Speaker Joseph Cannon to the conservationist forces leading to the Weeks Act of 1911.

West, Terry. "Creating the Eastern Forests." *Journal of Forestry* vol. 90 (September) 1992: 36.
Abstract: Discusses the early 20th century events surrounding the passage of the Weeks Act.

West, Terry. "The Weeks Act and the Eastern Forests." *Conservation Legacy* vol. No. 21 1992: 12-13.
Abstract: Brief account of Forest Service history and the Weeks Act.

Williams, Jerry. "Henry S. Graves: Second Chief of the Forest Service, 1910-20." *History Line* (Summer) 2004: 16-18.
Abstract: Describes Henry S. Graves' 10-year stint as the second USDA Forest Service Chief from 1910 to 1920, stating that his tenure was characterized by stabilization of the national forests, the successful launching of a national forestry policy, purchase of lands that would become new eastern national forests, and strengthening the foundations of forestry by emphasizing a scientific basis.

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Ogden, Gerald R. "Forestry for a Nation: The Making of a National Forest Policy Under the Weeks and Clarke-McNary Acts, 1900-1924." University of New Mexico, 1980.