

McMILLAN MAKES GOOD BEGINNING

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Newly appointed Environment Minister Tom McMillan has made two quick moves to establish rapport with the conservation community. With the announcement of his new portfolio, McMillan told reporters that national parks would be safe from miners and loggers and that "beginning today" he would move to establish closer ties with environmental groups.

By day three he had made good on the second promise, telephoning the Canadian Nature Federation to introduce himself and request the CNF's help in carrying out his mandate.

Greg Sheehy, Conservation Director for the Nature Federation said that "Mr. McMillan has taken some very positive first steps. We look forward to having him as an ally to achieve our conservation goals."

POLLUTION DAMAGE TO FORESTS SLOWS

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BONN (Reuter) - The rate of damage to West German forests from pollution slowed in the last year for the first time since 1982 but more than half the country's trees were still affected, the Agriculture Ministry said Wednesday.

The ministry said in a report that by the end of August, 52 percent of West German trees were dead, dying or damaged. That compares with 50 percent last year and 34 percent in 1983.

"The rapid increase in forest damage observed since 1982 has, in overall terms, not continued...but it would be wrong to speak of a standstill," the report said, noting favorable weather of the last two years.

FOOD PREFERENCES OF FEEDER BIRDS

SPECIES	STAPLE FOOD	OTHER FOOD	WHERE
Woodpeckers	suet millet	-----	hanging feeders
Blue Jays	sunflower seeds, cracked corn	suet	anywhere
Chickadees and Nuthatches	sunflower seeds	suet	anywhere but prefer feeders off the ground
Mockingbirds	hulled sunflower seeds	suet, raisins and doughnuts	ground
Blackbirds	cracked corn, seeds;	-----	ground
Grosbeaks and Cardinals	sunflower seeds	-----	ground
Small Finches	sunflower seeds and thistle seed	-----	anywhere
Sparrows	seeds and cracked corn	-----	ground