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DURHAM, N.H. -- The University of New Hampshire's Center for Integrative Regional Problem Solving (CIRPS), the Center for Environment and Population and the National Wildlife Federation will host an Evening Forum on Population, Environment, and Growth in New England at the UNH Elliot Alumni Center 1925 Room, Thursday, Oct. 23, 2003, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The "New Hampshire Report on Population and the Environment," the first in the new series of "U.S. State Reports on Population and the Environment," will be unveiled at the event. A limited number of complimentary copies will be available.

The forum is free and open to the public, and registration is not required. Light refreshments will be served.

Speakers for the panel include:

- Vicky Markham, founding director of the Center for Environment and Population (CEP), presenting the recently released "New Hampshire State Report on Population and the Environment"
- Beth Della Valle, coordinator of the Maine State Planning Office's Land Use Team, presenting on the state of population growth and smart growth efforts in Maine
- David Soule, Northeastern University, Massachusetts, Center for Urban and Regional Policy, discussing land-use trends at the national, regional, and state levels, and their impact on quality of life and the environment

Doug MacPherson, reporter for New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR) will moderate.

Following the presentations, audience members are invited to participate in a discussion with the speakers to examine the benefits and challenges of taking a regional approach to address the issues of population, environmental impact and sustainable community development.

Local co-sponsor is the New England Coalition for Sustainable Population (NECSP).

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