FENIMORE ASSET MANAGEMENT INC Form SC 13G/A

January 31, 2002

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.9)*

CONMED CORPORATION (Name of Issuer)

COMMON STOCK (Title of Class of Securities)

207410101 (CUSIP Number)

*The remainder of this cover shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsquenent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

- 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 - S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON FENIMORE ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC. 14-1564237
- 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) Joint filing pursuant to Rule 13d-1 (f) (1) See Item 2 (b) X
- 3. SEC USE ONLY
- 4. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION INCORPORATED IN NEW YORK STATE

NUMBER OF 5. SOLE VOTING POWER SHARES

BENEFICIALLY 6. SHARED VOTING POWER 873,772

OWNED BY

EACH 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING PERSON

WITH 8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 873,772

- 9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON $873,772\,$
- 10. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* $\ensuremath{\mathrm{N/A}}$
- 11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 $$3.47\ensuremath{\,\%^{\circ}}$$

12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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 N/A
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- 12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

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Schedule 13G Additional Information

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1. (a) Name of Issuer: CONMED CORPORATION (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 310 Broad Street Utica, NY 13501 2. (a) Name of Person Filing: FENIMORE ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC. (b) Address of Principal Business Office for Each of the Above: 384 N. Grand Street, Box 310 Cobleskill, NY 12043 (c) Citizenship: INCORPORATED IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK (d) Title of Class of Securities: COMMON STOCK (e) CUSIP Number: 207410101 3. This statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b). The person filing is a: (a) [] Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (b) [] Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (c) [] Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (d) [] Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act (e) [x] Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (f) [] Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provsions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund (g) [] Parent Holding Company, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7) (h) [] Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H) 4. Ownership: (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 873,772 (b) Percent of Class: 3.47% (c) Number of shares as to which such person has: (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote 873,772 (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition οf 873,772

5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof, the reporting person has ceased to be the benificial owner of more than 5% of the class of securities, check the following:

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- 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person: $_{\rm N/A}$
- 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company: N/A
- 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: $_{\rm N/A}$
- 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group: $\ensuremath{\text{N/A}}$
- 10. Certification:

By signing below, the undersigned certify that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: January 28, 2001 Date: January 28, 2001

Signature: By /s/ Joseph A. Bucci Signature: By: /s/Thomas O. Putnam

OSEPH A. BUCCI THOMAS O. PUTNAM

JOSEPH A. BUCCI SECRETARY AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER

FENIMORE ASSET MANAGEMENT, INC.