



Society of American Foresters

Dear SAF Members,

The Montana State Society of American Foresters 2008 Annual Meeting is coming up! Make plans to attend now and save some money with early registration and hotel arrangements.

When: **March 6 & 7, 2008** (Thursday & Friday)

Where: **Polson, MT** at the **KwaTaqNuk Resort** on the shores of Flathead Lake

Conference Theme: Restoring Our Forests

Keynote Speaker: Jim Peterson of Evergreen Magazine

Panels: Forest Management and Restoration Efforts on Tribal Lands
New Tools and Future Thoughts for Accomplishing Forest Restoration

Field Trips: Tribal Nursery, Wilderness Management, Twin Lakes
Timber Sales, Restoration Projects, and Healthy Forest Reserve Projects

Invited Speakers: Governor Brian Sweitzer and Senator Jon Tester

Other Events: Banquet Dinner and Tribal Entertainment, SAF awards, Business Luncheon

Tree Farm Inspector Refresher Training: Wednesday 5-7pm, March 5, 2008, 2 hour course

Hotel Room Reservations:

KwaTaqNuk Resort - 800-822-6363 toll free, 406-883-3636 local

Make reservations by February 22, 2008 for guaranteed room rates;
\$69 regular room or \$79 lakeside room (mention SAF when reserving);

Hotel website: www.kwataqnuk.com

Register Now using the Attached Form

Questions - Call Henning Stabins (406) 892-6313 or Henning.Stabins@plumcreek.com

RESTORING OUR FORESTS

MONTANA STATE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS 2008 ANNUAL MEETING

Date: March 6th & 7th, 2008.

Place: KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson, Montana

Tentative Meeting Structure:

3/5/08 Wednesday Afternoon, 5:00-7:00 P.M. National Tree Farm Inspectors Refresher Training.
Requirements for certified inspectors will be covered in this short course and updates are part of the course as well. Call Paul McKenzie @ 892-4141 or pmckenzie@stoltzelumber.com with questions.

3/5/08 Wednesday Evening, 7:00 P.M. – SAF Executive Committee Meeting.

3/6/08 Thursday Morning, 7:00-8:15 A.M. – Registration and Coffee.

8:15 A.M. Traditional Salish / Kootenai prayer and tribal drum group; welcome from the Tribal Rep / Council Person.

8:30 A.M. Introductions and Housekeeping: Craig Thomas, SAF State Chair.

Restoring Montana's Forests.

Moderator: Tim Love (Seeley Lake Ranger)

Key Note Speaker, Jim Petersen of Evergreen Magazine. Tribal Foresters across the Nation offer great examples of Forest Restoration. How do we go about bringing more of our public forests back to a healthy state and agree on the method and process? How would we restore forestland with wilderness values like the Mission Mountains. How do we maintain natural disturbance patterns in the face of air quality / smoke management issues.

Morning Break 9:30 – 9:45 A.M.

9:45 A.M. Panel Discussion :

*Forest Management and Restoration Efforts on Salish-Kootenai-Pend d' Oreille Tribal Lands.
(20 minutes each and room for questions at finish).*

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| 9:50-10:10 | Early Tribal History, IRMP, Forest Management Plan and Fire Management.
Steve McDonald and Tony Harwood, CSKT Forestry |
| 10:10-10:30 | Tribal Forestry, Mill infrastructure and buyers. Ann. 18.1 MMBF Allowable Cut.
Duane Plant and Eric Schallock, CSKT Forestry |
| 10:30-10:50 | Tribal Forest Development & Restoration Nursery
Jean Matt, CSKT Forestry |

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10:50-11:10 Mission Mountains Wilderness Management
Tom McDonald & Lester Bigcrane, CSKT FWR & Cons.
11:10-11:30 Jocko River Restoration Project
Seth Makepeace, CSKT NRD
11:30-11:50 Adrian Leighton, Professor of Forestry, Salish Kootenai College.
11:50-12:00 Time for Panel Questions and Discussion.

3/6/08 Thursday Afternoon.

12:00-12:15 Lunch and Fieldtrips. Table set up for putting together sack lunches and boarding the busses.

12:15-5:00 P.M. Three Stops Scheduled For Day 1 Field Trips.

Stop One: CSKT Forest Development Nursery (Old Hwy 93)

Presenters: Jean Matt

Stop Two: Mission Mountains Wilderness Mgmt. (Ravalli Hill Hwy 93 Rest stop)

Presenters: Tom McDonald, Lester Bigcrane, Tony Harwood

Stop Three: Twin Lakes

Presenters: Duane Plant, Eric Schallock, Mark Couture

3/6/08 Thursday Afternoon (Technical Session)

5:00 – 5:30 P.M. NCDC Imaging & Mapping, Jason San Souci, GISP from Colorado Springs to share his company's satellite imagery applications and mapping techniques.

Another parallel presentation by a vendor or group?

3/6/08 Thursday Evening,

5:30-6:30 P.M. Social Hour and No Host Bar with U of M Poster Session.

6:30 P.M. Banquet Dinner and Entertainment.

Speaker / Entertainer for Supper: Storyteller, Steven Smallsam.

Awards and Speeches (*What Can SAF do to Influence Restoration Practices?*)

Mike Mortimer, Policy Director for Society of American Foresters in Bethesda, Maryland.

Rod Brevig – SAF Council Representative from Idaho.

3/7/08 Friday Morning: Coffee and Continental Breakfast (6:30 – 8:30 A.M.)

University of Montana Alumni Breakfast 6:30 A.M.-7:30 A.M.

Annual State Business Meeting 7:30 – 8:10 A.M.

8:10 – 8:30 Steve Arno will present “Northwest Trees--Nature Writing Informed by Forestry.” Steve's new book, “*Trees of the Northwest*” will be available at the Registration Table throughout the conference with proceeds to benefit SAF.

8:30 A.M. “New Tools & Future Thoughts For Accomplishing Forest Restoration”

Lead Moderator: Dennis Davaz, R.Y. Timber.

8:30-9:00 **Introduction to “The Montana Forest Restoration Committee”**
Spokesmen, Gordy Sanders of Pyramid Mountain Lumber and
Bob Ekey of The Wilderness Society.

9:00 – 10:30 **Panel Discussion on Restoring Montana Forestlands:**

- Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation – David Groeschl, Forest Management Bureau Chief for DNRC.
- Tom Tidwell, Regional Forester for U.S. Forest Service Region One - Idaho & Montana.
- Montana Logging Association – Julia Altemus, Resource Specialist.

Mid Morning Break 10:30-10:45 A.M.

10:45 – 12:00 P.M. Panel Discussion on Recent Forest Restoration Projects:

Late Morning Moderator: Dennis Davaz continued.

- Craig Thomas, Forestry Consultant from Missoula and Chuck Seeley, Recently retired Smurfit-Stone Resource Manager to speak on Burnt Fork where the timber sale was a stand alone economically viable management project.
- U.S.F.S. Scott Tomson, biologist at Seeley Lake Ranger District, to speak on forest restoration effects on wildlife populations.
- Private Land Perspective – John Rossignol and John Ottman on recent forest restoration project.

3/7/08 Friday Afternoon:

12:00 – 1:00 P.M. Luncheon and SAF Awards issued by Past Past Chair, Tim Love and current Chair, Craig Thomas, both standing in for Peter Kolb, immediate past Chair.

Luncheon Speakers (invited):

Governor Brian Schweitzer to speak on the Future of Forest Restoration in Montana.

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Senator Jon Tester to speak on Forest Restoration as it relates to the Farm Bill.

DAY TWO FIELD TRIP: Friday March 7, 2008 (1:30-4:30)

Stop One: Crow Post Timber Sale, Fire HFR Projects.

Presenters: Duane Plant, Eric Schallock, Fire Mgmt Reps.

Stop Two: Jocko River Restoration Project. Presenter: Seth Makepeace.

(Maps will be provided for those who choose to drive in their own vehicles and go home after the stops).

Conference Attendance is worth 2-4 C.F.E. Credits.

See backside for information on the Tree Farm Inspector Refresher Training....



ATTENTION ALL TREE FARM INSPECTORS AND
PROSPECTIVE TREE FARM INSPECTORS

TREE FARM INSPECTOR REFRESHER TRAINING AND
TREE FARM PROGRAM UPDATE

March 5, 2008,
5pm-7pm KwaTaqNuk Resort, Polson, Montana
With Montana State Society of American Foresters Meeting

Montana Tree Farm System will be offering Tree Farm Inspector update training in conjunction with the 2008 Montana Society of American Foresters meeting to be held in Polson on March 5-7, 2008. This refresher training is required of all inspectors every five years. We will review the inspection process as well as discuss some changes in the process and opportunities for Inspector incentives. The training will also provide an update on Tree Farm activities such as PEFC Certification, Softwood Lumber Agreement grant, Stewardship Certification update, State Activities and more.

This would be a great time to get re-certified as an inspector, even if you have had training within the last five years, there have been some significant changes to the program that you need to know about. This is also an opportunity to ask questions and provide feed back to the Montana Tree Farm Steering Committee on ways to improve the inspection process.

We encourage you to join us for this refresher training. Door prizes will be awarded!

Please contact Paul McKenzie (892-7012) or Gary Johnson (728-3028) with questions or for more information.

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