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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

November Meeting

Date: Tuesday November 19th, 2013
Location: GATEWAY BUFFET REST.,
3198 Gateway Street, Springfield
Time: 4:30 PM Exec. Meeting
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program
Speaker: Doug Decker – Oregon State
Forester
Topic: State of Oregon's Forests

December Meeting

Date: Tuesday December 17th, 2013
Location: GATEWAY BUFFET REST.,
3198 Gateway Street, Springfield
Time: 4:30 PM Exec. Meeting
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program
Speaker: Dominique Bachelet – Senior
Climate Change Scientist Dept. of
Biological and Ecological
Engineering, OSU
Topic: Climate Change in the PNW

January 2014 Meeting

Date: Tuesday January 21st, 2014
Location: GATEWAY BUFFET REST.,
3198 Gateway Street, Springfield
Time: 4:30 PM Exec. Meeting
6:00 PM SOCIAL, 7:00 PM Program
Speaker: Emmor Nile – ODF Salem
Topic: Lidar – tools and analysis
opportunities

Dale Claassen Presented with National SAF Presidential Field Forester Award



Dale Claassen was recently announced as the recipient of the SAF Presidential Field Forester Award for District 2 (Oregon). The award recipients were identified by district council members, Bob Alverts for district 2, who were asked to identify outstanding field foresters from their district.

Dale has served SAF since being the chapter chair at OSU in 1982. He is currently chair of the Emerald Chapter. His broad experience over 25 years in the professional field ranks makes him an excellent choice to represent the quality and ethic that exemplifies Oregon's professional foresters.

Dale was presented with this honor during the 2013 SAF National Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.

Evite Reminders

Please respond to Evite invitations and reminders from The Emerald Chapter of SAF when you receive them. Your responses help us give good information to the restaurant host where we gather.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

The Douglas Complex fire was located in southern Douglas County and raged from late July through early August of 2013. This was just one complex of fires burning within private and ODF protected properties in Oregon during a season that turned into the worst for those properties since 1951.

Dennis Sifford, Douglas Forest Protective Association Assistant Director, was Incident Commander of the Douglas Complex during the heat of the battle against this 48,679 acre burn. Started by lightning in late July at 3:00 AM, this complex of fires grew out of control quickly as the region had seen a long term drought continue throughout 2013. DFPA saw many cooperators from partner agencies and landowners, both public and private, share resources and leap into action against the onslaught of lightning started fires. Many were extinguished very early. Some were in extremely difficult positions and efforts were unsuccessful to keep them from growing together while endangering firefighting personnel in the first few days.

The complex provided several interesting challenges unique to the area. A vital railroad system runs through the Cow Creek canyon, where the two main fires were centered, and required serious repair after large debris crashed down. Old mine shafts were covered with spray foam type insulation in some places providing for a very unique and dangerous safety problem. Rattlesnake sightings were common.

Although more than 3,000 personnel were on the fire during its height, there were very few injuries with none being of serious nature. A stellar safety record while keeping one foot in the black during fire suppression efforts across 70% of the fire area, is an extremely good accomplishment. Dennis takes pride in those statistics considering the challenge of protecting Oregon's forests during such an intensely dry season.

Several members of the SAF group in attendance gave Dennis recognition for the excellent effort. It was well deserved.



Photo Courtesy of Douglas Forest Protective Association

Emerald SAF Executive Committee News

Information from the October meeting of the Executive Committee.

- 1) The Emerald Chapter will host the 2015 SAF State meeting. Formal leadership committee for this event is being planned. An event such as a state meeting takes many volunteers. Your help will surely be needed. Program considerations currently: a joint meeting with the Wildlife Society (TWS) in the first or second quarter of 2015, potential registration of 400 + attendees from SAF and TWS.
- 2) Program planning for membership meetings for the spring of 2014 is underway. If you have a suggestion for an interesting topic or tour please speak up.
- 3) Emerald SAF is looking for a Chair-Elect for 2014. Dale will be contacting current members.
- 4) SAF Council reports Michael Goergen, Executive Vice President of SAF, is leaving SAF. An international search is underway for the next executive leader of the organization. See a letter from him in the September edition of The Forestry Source.

Next Exec Meeting: November 2013 immediately preceding membership meeting.

ForestEd - SAF's Online Forestry Information Repository...now in Beta

<http://forested.org/>

SAF is pleased to announce that its forestry information and learning portal is now online and ready for beta testing. The website, called ForestEd, will aggregate online forestry content in a single repository to provide the most streamlined possible learning and social experience. Content is broken down into topics, where relevant content from a range of media types and sources including news articles, SAF publications, policy, and SAF's national convention are all in one easy to navigate location. Eventual goals for the site include incorporation of a continuing education calendar and quizzes, encouraging user-driven content by teaching SAF members how to create and manage their own topics, adding content from other educational groups/organizations such as webinars, other publications, course materials, and more. The site is currently open to members, and we are eager for your feedback. If you have questions or comments, please e-mail starrsc@safnet.org (the above item is from a recent Oregon SAF Facebook posting--just one more effort to connect with all of our members!)

2014 OSAF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2014 annual meeting will be hosted by the Umpqua Chapter from April 30th through May 2nd at the Seven Feathers Resort and Casino in Canyonville, Oregon.

Quotable Quotes

“Do you want to know who you are? Don’t ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you.” Thomas Jefferson



Successful fall broadcast burn near Elkton - 2013. Photo Courtesy of Ted Reiss

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