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Foresters Heading to Salem for OSAF Meeting

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Join foresters from around the state on May 7-9 for the 2003 Annual Meeting of the Oregon SAF set in the capitol city of Salem and catch up on current events in our profession. The host Capital Chapter has brought together an exciting venue of speakers and events that will connect SAF members to current forest policy, policy-makers and emerging issues. The program should be stimulating to foresters, managers, researchers and students alike.

This year many events have come together to provide a rich source of discussion. The theme of the meeting, *Fire, Water, Politics and Foresters*, was a natural since Oregon elected a new governor last fall, the legislature is in session, Oregon suffered record-breaking catastrophic fires last summer, and public attention is highly focused on water quality and biodiversity issues.

The site for the annual meeting is the Red Lion Inn, which is centrally located to the State Capitol Mall, museums, restaurants and shopping. State society members have received registration information by mail and must register by May 1 to take advantage of the early registration fee. For online registration and all the details

you will need, visit the Oregon SAF website at www.forestry.org.

Agenda

After the Legislator Reception on Wednesday, May 7, the OSAF Executive Committee will hold its regular board meeting from 2-5 p.m. at the Red Lion Inn. This is followed by the icebreaker social with a light supper, registration and a chance to view the exhibitor displays and poster session.

The raffle and silent auction will commence with the Wednesday Icebreaker and conclude

after the Thursday Banquet.

On Thursday, May 8, the Alumni Breakfast is followed by the OSAF business meeting at 7:30 a.m., which leads into an exciting all-day program packed with contemporary topics. The evening is capped with a no-host social hour and banquet/awards dinner at the Red Lion Inn.

After a Friday morning pep-up Breakfast on May 9, participants load buses for a day-long field tour of three very interesting but very different tour stops.

Legislator Reception

Kicking off Wednesday will be a noontime Legislator Reception held inside the State Capitol Galleria. This

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WSSAF to Look at Wood Markets and More

BY BOB OBEDZINSKI



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Douglas-fir export logs in Longview, Wash.

Kelso, Washington, is the site of the 2003 annual meeting of the Washington State Society of American Foresters. This article is an overview of the program and other events associated with the May 14-16 meeting. WSSAF members have received information by mail and must register by April 14 to take advantage of the early registration fee. Conference details, including online registration, are available by visiting www.waforestry.org.

Southwest Washington has a unique history as a center for wood products manufacturing. This year's program,

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OSAF Annual Meeting

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is a great opportunity to join OSAF leadership to meet and greet Oregon legislators and discuss with them your views on forestry (for talking points, see SAF position statements online at www.forestry.org/policy/index.html). Forestry exhibits to be proudly displayed within the Galleria include forestry professionals (by SAF), Oregon Salmon Plan (by ODF), and sustainable forest management (by OFRI). You may choose to visit your representative or senator in their office (advance appointments recommended). You can find and contact your legislators at www.leg.state.or.us/findlegsltr/findset.htm.

Field Tour

On Friday, May 9, OSAF foresters will board buses for a forestry tour of the Mid-Willamette Valley. The group will tour Rob Miller's Mt. Jefferson Farm near Scio. The Miller's Farm is located along the banks of the Santiam River. Foresters will see how innova-

tive streamside restoration used hybrid plantings to curb costly soil losses. Over the years, Santiam River erosion has reduced the farm by 200 acres. In a novel effort to check the river's regress while providing valuable



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At the OSAF annual meeting, foresters will have an opportunity to meet and greet Oregon legislators and discuss views on forestry.

habitat, the Millers have successfully planted large areas of black cottonwoods and other trees.

The next stop will be the Ron Bentz family's Blue Den Ranch, the recently crowned 2002 National Tree Farm of the Year. The Bentz family has over the past 20-plus years nurtured a brush-covered farmland into a thriving and multiple-use producing forest. The group will tour the Bentz tree farm, forestry and agricultural operations, their fish hatchery, and a fascinating museum of forestry and farm equipment. The museum's rumored to have the best collection of snoose cans west of the Mississippi.

The final tour stop is the uniquely beautiful Oregon Garden near Silverton. Garden tour guides will provide a personalized excursion of the spectacular seasonal gardens, highlighting the Rediscovery Forest and Oregon's only Frank Lloyd Wright House, the Gibson House. For those who have not yet visited the state's newest destination tourist attraction, which drew thousands last year, this tour should not be missed.

Speakers

Three highlighted speakers will describe their vision for forestry of the future. The keynote speaker for the annual meeting is Jim Brown, Governor Kulongoski's top natural resources advisor and former state forester of Oregon. Jim Brown, famous for his vision and political savvy, will illuminate current forest policy matters confronting foresters statewide. The luncheon program will feature Howard Sohn, recently elected chairman of the Oregon Board of Forestry, who will present his vision of challenges and opportunities that Oregon's forest and business community face. The evening banquet speaker, Oregon's own national SAF Vice President (President-elect), John Beuter, will address his view of the new paradigms of the forestry profession.

Also included in this action-packed program is a morning session that promises to undress three critical forest policy issues—watersheds, fish recovery and spotted owl status. The afternoon offers delegates the option of breakout sessions on biodiversity



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Next Issue: Forestland Security: Awareness and Prevention

and reforestation, or considering changes in forest fire protection.

The afternoon's capstone program, "Fire on the Mountain" is a past, present and future look at lessons learned from the Northwest's largest catastrophic forest losses—Tillamook Burn, Mount St. Helen's blast and last summer's Biscuit Fire. Hal Salwasser, OSU College of Forestry dean, will moderate this panel as it contrasts and compares how contemporary forestry tackled the challenges of these catastrophic events.

A few of the speakers included in these sessions are: Leslie Lehmann, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, Mark Labhart, Oregon Department of Forestry district forester, Larry Irwin, lead owl scientist at National Council for Air and Stream Improvement, Paul Adams, OSU Forest Watershed Extension specialist, and Denny Lavender, professor emeritus of Forest Science, OSU and UBC. To see the full slate of speakers and topics, visit the OSAF web page at www.forestry.org.

Exhibitor Displays

In the current forestry business climate every opportunity should be explored to get better results. Exhibitors will offer services and products that will spark new ideas for ways businesses and agencies can get their message out and operate more effectively. The trade show will be visible during the icebreaker on Wednesday evening and all day Thursday, located within the break arena.

Thursday Spouse/Guest Cultural Tour

Your guest will find the guided cultural tour stimulating and delightful. The van's first stop will be our State Capitol built in 1938, highlighting the modern Greek structure with its four different types of marble and depression era art. The legislature is in session, so lots of exciting activities will be observed.

A short walk and you will find the Historic Elsinore Theatre with its gothic arches and vaults framing the North Grand Staircase. The lobby's high ceiling is painted and lighted to appear as a starry night sky. The Tudor gothic design is in tune with architectural style of Shakespeare's day and the only example in Oregon. Built in 1925, it

was a center for drama and music, later vaudeville and motion pictures, and now a popular venue for world-class entertainers. For lunch there are many delectable establishments within easy walking distance.

What better way to cap the afternoon than to tour the Willamette

Valley Vineyards, located in the heart of the Willamette Valley? Oregon's premier landmark winery began in 1983 creating delicious, award-winning wines that have captured the hearts and palates of wine enthusiasts worldwide. Of course, the winery tour is "finished" with the opportunity to taste Willamette Valley Vineyards' wine.

Raffle and Silent Auction—A New Twist

The Capital Chapter is excited about the raffle and silent auction this year. The money collected through these two activities will be split 50-50 between the Foresters' Fund and Oregon's Talk About Trees program.

As many of you know, the Foresters' Fund, established in 1962, provides grants and opportunities to better educate the public about forests, professional forestry and natural resource management. Foresters' Fund grants help pay for projects that local chapters develop and propose to our national organization.

The Talk About Trees program, introduced in 1991, brings forests to the classroom through hands-on activities taught by facilitators emphasizing trees, forests and the benefits they provide through science-based forest



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Tree and soil damage after 23,500-acre Eyerle Fire in Central Oregon, summer 2002.

management. Talk About Trees reached 141,209 Oregon students last year and is available at no cost to K-6th grade teachers in every county throughout Oregon.

With the need so great to "get the word out" about forestry, we look forward to your support of these two worthy projects.

We are hopeful that each of you will consider donating interesting and fun items, large or small (call Joe Misek at 503-945-7414). Of course, we also look forward to your taking an active part in the auction as well as purchasing tickets for our raffle. Both activities will be active on Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. and Thursday from 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m. The raffle items will be drawn throughout the times listed and you must be present to win. The silent auction will conclude at 9:00 p.m. Thursday and you do not need to be present to win. Think Oregon. Think Forestry Education. Think Support! ♦

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WSSAF Annual Meeting

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hosted by the Longview Chapter, is appropriately titled: *Wood Markets: Are We Growing the Right Kind of Wood?* and promises to be both informative and exciting to all those interested in the future of the forest products industry in the Northwest.

The site for this meeting is the Red Lion in Kelso, which has easy access located just off Interstate 5. A block of rooms at a reduced rate is available at the Red Lion through April 14 by calling 360-636-4400 and mentioning the Washington State SAF annual meeting. Single rooms are \$55 plus tax and doubles are \$65 plus tax. After April 14, rooms will be at the regular price. Government rates for rooms will be honored at any time.

The Agenda

The meeting starts out on a relaxing note. Wednesday, May 14, will allow those coming in early to get in a round of golf at the Mint Valley Golf Course. This course provides plenty of challenges for those with a penchant for the links. Tee times start at 1:00 p.m. and you will need to call the golf course at 360-442-5442 to reserve a spot.

A free walking tour of the Aldercrest Landslide area will be available from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Relive the story of how an ancient landslide became reactivated following the heavy rains of the 1997-1998 "El Nino" winter. In terms of homes involved, this is considered the second worst landslide in U.S. history. The walk includes some steep sections, so bring sturdy walking shoes if you plan to participate. At 7:30 p.m. the official icebreaker begins at the Red Lion. A South of the Border buffet-style dinner will be served featuring a number of tasty delights in an informal and relaxing atmosphere. So bring your sombrero and get ready for

Call for Posters

Limited space will be available for displaying informational posters on current research or projects. If you are interested, please contact Ellie Lathrop at 360-414-3441 or ellie-s.lathrop@weyerhaeuser.com.



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A panorama view, left to right, of the Lewis and Clark Bridge, Port of Longview, Longview Fibre Co. and Longview, Wash.

some good food, good times, and renewing old acquaintances and meeting new ones.

Thursday, May 15, will begin with a continental breakfast in the exhibit area. Vendors, posters and Foresters' Fund raffle items will be on display and participants can browse this area throughout the day.

The program begins at 8:00 a.m. with a series of plenary sessions that run until 5:00 p.m. Annual awards will be announced during the buffet lunch. The main social event will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the exhibit area. Several no-host bars will be setup along with lots of delicious finger foods so you can nibble your way around the room. Drawings for the Foresters' Fund raffle will occur throughout the evening along with a silent auction of selected items.

Friday, May 16, starts with a continental breakfast, followed by a Washington State SAF business meeting. At 10:30 a.m. we will get our lunches, hop on a bus and head out for the field tours, which will take place until about 5:00 p.m. A no-host dinner for interested members at a local restaurant will follow the tours.

On Saturday, May 17, the WSSAF will hold its executive committee meeting.

Speakers

After some introductory comments by Ellie Lathrop, annual meeting chair,

Ed Orcutt, Washington State Representative for the 18th Legislative District, consulting forester and fellow SAF member, will provide a welcome. Then our first speaker will take us on a journey with a history of log markets and sawmilling in the Pacific Northwest. Various speakers will wind us through the current inventory of wood available in westside forests, trends for current and future use of this material both from a local and a global perspective, and the effectiveness and costs of silvicultural treatments. All this will help us answer the question "Are we growing the right kind of wood?"

Our first speaker, Dave Bowden of Longview Fibre, will set the stage for looking at the future of the wood products industry by looking at the past. Andrew Gray, Pacific Northwest Research Station, will review the current inventory of westside forests.

Next, Wade Boyd, Longview Fibre, will moderate a panel of speakers including Terry Brown, Oregon State University, on sawmilling; Kevin Binam, Western Wood Products Association, on trends in solid wood products; John Perez-Garcia, CINTRAFOR, discussing the impacts of global markets; and Glenn Pearson, Pacific Lumber and Shipping, describing current export log markets.

The afternoon session will feature a variety of interesting topics and speakers. A representative from the Hardwood Commission will start the panel off. Dick Courter, GeneTechs, will provide the small landowners' perspective on marketing logs. Dan Cress, Northwest Tree Improvement Cooperative, will enlighten us on the direction and improvements tree

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genetics has to offer. We will then hear from David Briggs, University of Washington, on silviculture to sawlogs—connecting wood quality to cultural treatments. The panel finishes with two Weyerhaeuser speakers, Cheryl Talbert and Bud Bigelow, on silviculture decision-making in the face of uncertain markets. It promises to be an information-packed day.

Field Tours

Two concurrent field tours are offered this year that will focus on some of the different markets available to landowners and foresters representing them.

One of the tours will focus on red alder. The first stop will be to an alder plantation where Weyerhaeuser research forester Alex Dobkowski will discuss the establishment and silviculture of an alder plantation. A member of the Northwest Hardwood Commission will attend and add to the discussion about marketing alder. Our second stop will be at the Northwest Hardwood Mill in Longview where we will see the variety and quality of products produced from red alder and maple. In addition, we will visit the log receiving area and discuss log quality and how log values can be enhanced.

The second tour will consist of studying the range of products from a tree. Our first stop will be at the Pacific Fiber Products (PFP) plant in Longview. A very progressive organization, PFP has developed markets around pulpwood and landscaping materials, as well as merchandising pulpwood for higher value. We will also visit Longview Fibre's export log yard at PFP. PFP's operation is very complex and interesting to visit and demonstrates the variety of values available to the forest manager. The next stop for this tour will be a walk through the Norpac newsprint plant in Longview. Using wood chips and recycled newsprint, Norpac produces newsprint for North American and Asian markets. Norpac is a modern, high-speed mill that will amaze those who are not familiar with the current technology in this industry.

Registrants will have the option of choosing which tour they wish to attend. Due to limited space for these tours, a "first come-first choice" rule

will be enforced regarding the availability of the tour you choose. So get your registration in early to get the tour of your choice!

Vendors

Participants will have the opportunity all day Thursday, May 15, to meet with the companies and businesses that are our reliable partners and technology specialists. These companies are always excited about sharing information on new products, technologies and ways to assist us in forest management. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity beginning at 7:00 a.m. For additional information on exhibiting, contact Wes Wasson at 360-249-4495 or wsu@olynet.com.

Spouse tours and options

A special option has been created for guests who do not plan to attend



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An all-day spouses/guests tour to Mount St. Helens on May 15 will allow participants to get an up-close look at the mountain and hear stories behind the 1980 blast.

the meeting, but would like to explore the area around Longview. On Thursday, May 15, an all-day Spouses and Guests Mount St. Helens tour will be offered. This tour will travel up the Spirit Lake Memorial Highway and stop at various visitor centers that provide an up-close look at the mountain and the stories behind the 1980 blast.

For those that want to just explore the area on their own, a number of options are available.

Approximately 30 minutes to the south is Vancouver, Wash., an area filled with historical and fun things to do and see. A main attraction is Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. Fort Vancouver was the administrative headquarters and main supply depot for the Hudson's Bay Company's fur-trading operations. The 366-acre site includes the restored original fort, along with Officers Row, and a muse-

um that describes conditions when Lewis and Clark called the area home.

If you would like a place to relax and view the wildlife in the area, the Ridgefield Wildlife Refuge has a two-mile hiking trail along the Columbia River where visitors can view Canada geese, great blue herons and sandhill cranes.

Just across the Columbia River is Portland, Ore., where great shops and restaurants abound.

To the north about 30 minutes are the Centralia Factory Outlet stores where a number of brand name companies offer great opportunities to shop and pick up great deals.

Further details on these spouse and guest options will be available when you pick up your registration packet at the Red Lion Inn.

For those wishing to extend their stay in the area, the Red Lion will honor the reduced room rates for three days before and after the meeting. A possible activity on Sunday, May 18, is to visit the interpretive centers along the Spirit Lake Memorial Highway. May 18 is the 23rd anniversary of the Mount St. Helens eruption and all USDA Forest Service visitor centers are FREE!

Don't forget to sign up by April 14 to take advantage of the reduced registration rate. See you in Kelso. ♦

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Call for Foresters' Fund Raffle Items

A Foresters' Fund Raffle and silent auction will be held in conjunction with the Thursday night social. Come prepared to buy lots of raffle tickets and to bid on some great things. Also, please consider contributing high-quality items to be raffled or auctioned. Just bring your items to the meeting.

All of the proceeds go into the national SAF Foresters' Fund account from which grants are awarded all over the country for projects to promote forestry.

Working Forests Topic of Alaska Meeting

The Cook Inlet Chapter of the Alaska SAF is hosting the 2003 state meeting in Anchorage from April 23-26. Technical sessions on the top-

ics of invasive pests and plants, conservation education and planning, and birch syrup production will be held April 23 at the Millennium Hotel.



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Other lectures are being scheduled.

After a morning executive committee meeting on April 24, afternoon opening sessions will begin with discussions on forestry in Alaska and the changing policies of the national and statewide administration with respect to timber production. That evening, our annual icebreaker invitations will be extended to local industry representatives and forest products business owners.

On Friday, April 25, the meeting will continue closer to our natural landscape: the hillside forests surrounding the Hilltop Ski Chalet. The day begins with our state business meeting and continues with discussions on fire mitigation and management throughout Alaska with respect to changes in forest ecology. We will close the formal meeting with a pig roast banquet and bonfire.

Saturday's tour will take us through parts of Anchorage where wildfire mitigation strategies have been implemented at the wildland urban interface. The tour will continue with a site visit to Alaska's newest mill that is currently manufacturing over 10,000 board feet of birch per day—truly a tribute to the potential that the Southcentral region holds for resource development and sustainable forestry.

For additional information on the annual meeting, contact Sue Rodman, Cook Inlet Chapter chair, at 907-267-4902 or rodmansu@ci.anchorage.ak.us, or visit the Alaska SAF website at www.aksaf.org. ♦

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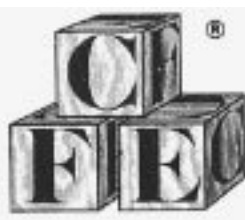
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How Does This Whole "CFE" Thing Work Anyway?

BY KELLEY M. DUFFIELD

The Society of American Foresters has a long-standing program of continuing education for natural resources professionals. It began with the Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) Certificate. This is a challenging, self-directed program that culminates with a recognition award for achieving a special combination of 150 contact hours of CFE credits in a three-year period. Besides attending educational events and professional conferences, there are also credits for service to the Society, publication of articles, and even an on-line *Journal of Forestry* quiz that offers credits. A member may apply for the CFE Certificate through their State CFE coordinator. Applicants use a special folio/form in which they keep track of all their accumulated continuing education credits. Visit www.safnet.org/educate/conforedu.htm for more information and to download a form.

Another way CFE credits are used is in maintaining Certified Forester® status with the national Society. Every three years, Certified Foresters (CFs) are required to attend no less than 30 contact hours of Category 1 CFE, and at least 30 contact hours in all other categories combined. CFs are given an opportunity to submit their accumulated credits annually to the national office using a special form. In return, the national office keeps a tally of each CF's credits and sends progress reports and



reminders. For more information, go to www.safnet.org/certified/cfprogram.htm.

To support each of these programs, the national organization established Science and Education staff. They provide logistical support and special expertise on professional continuing education. The staff is responsible for web pages and publications pertaining to continuing education for members. Information on educational opportunities is published in the *Forestry Source*. Members are also likely to receive informative email messages regarding workshops, courses and conferences that offer CFE credits. These folks also provide one-on-one support of members who call or send them email questions. For additional information, visit www.safnet.org/educate/staff.htm.

Closer to home, a CFE State coordinator position is assigned annually from within the ranks of each state society. The state coordinator is the person to whom applications for CFE Certificates are sent. State CFE coordinators review submitted events for evaluation and assignment of contact hours. Each CFE coordinator is provided specialized training, a reference handbook, membership in a special national communication network, and has state society executive committee responsibilities. Coordinators provide Contact Hour Forms to event sponsors for distribution to attendees. They regularly transmit event accreditation information to the national office. Event sponsors are encouraged to contact their state coordinator far enough in advance of the event to assist them in maximizing the educational content of their programs. Having an event credited with CFEs in advance allows the event sponsors the ability to advertise credits in their promotional material and generate additional attendees. For a list of state CFE coordinators, go to www.safnet.org/educate/cfecordinators.htm.

The demand for SAF CFEs is growing. With the expanding number of

Certified Forester professionals and the increasing level of accountability required of all natural resources managers, the quality and quantity of continuing education opportunities is on the rise. Members who attend training or conferences that are not offering SAF CFE credits should consider contacting their state coordinator to have the event evaluated. If events do not qualify for CFE credits, members may want to consider whether they are attending an event that is of the professional caliber that they need.

For an informative "snapshot" of CFE information visit www.waforestry.org/cert.html. ♦

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WSSAF Starts Year with Strong Policy Activities

BY NANCY PECKMAN

One of the goals of the Washington State SAF (WSSAF) 2003 Executive Committee is to raise the profile of SAF in Washington State. One way we are trying to do this is through the policy area with both the state legislature and the state's various natural resource related agencies. We have two very enthusiastic policy co-chairs, John Ehrenreich and Bob Dick, to help in our efforts.



In January, the opportunity arose for WSSAF to testify before the Senate Natural Resources Energy and Water Committee on Forest Health. A Senate Joint Memorial (SJM 8002) is working its way through the legislature on forest health, and John Ehrenreich was approached by the committee and encouraged SAF to testify on SJM 8002 as the professional voice of forestry. Although we didn't have an official WSSAF policy statement on forest health, the executive committee felt it was important to pull information together quickly. We worked with the Inland Empire Society and the National

Office to develop some excellent testimony. Our comments were very well received and the committee was appreciative that we were getting involved.

Key points of the testimony included:

- WSSAF supports commercial and non-commercial timber harvesting on federal lands. Current harvest levels on these lands are insufficient to maintain forest health, meet the goals for hazardous fuel reduction to reduce wildfire risk, and provide economic and community benefits.

- WSSAF supports active management to address forest health. Reintroducing fire, particularly in wildland interface areas, as the only means of improving forest health is not a viable option. Professional foresters must be allowed to utilize all appropriate management techniques, on both public and private forests, to reduce fuel loading and improve our forests' resistance to insect and disease epidemics.

- High levels of fuel have increased wildfire risks, and unnaturally intense and severe wildfires pose high risks to human life, property and a variety of ecological, economic and social values.

- SAF recommends a long-term strategy on all forest ownerships to reduce risks associated with wildfire through a comprehensive and proactive silvicultural approach to fuels

management, using prescribed burning and mechanical fuel treatments including thinning, logging and commercial timber sales.

- For effective and efficient fuels treatments, policies inhibiting active resource management need to be revised, including inadequate budgets and regulations or standards limiting the use of prescribed burning and logging in areas where fuel levels pose unacceptably high risks for severe and intense wildfires.

- Federal land management is too often hampered by decision gridlock. SAF supports the proposed creation of two categorical exclusions under NEPA as part of the President's Healthy Forest Initiative.

Full text of this testimony is available at www.waforestry.org, then click on the following link: Testimony of WSSAF to Senate Resources, Energy and Water Committee, January 23.

In February, WSSAF testified before the Board of Natural Resources on the position statements that were approved by the membership last fall. Two of these relate directly to Department of Natural Resources management. Again, our comments were very well received and the committee was appreciative of our efforts. To view text from this testimony, go to www.waforestry.org and click on Testimony of WSSAF to Board of Natural Resources, February 4. Copies of the position statements are also available on the website.

Several next steps for the WSSAF to take in the policy arena have been identified. The Southwest Washington Chapter hosted our first effort at a legislative dinner on March 13. We plan to revisit our expired position statements and decide if they should be renewed or revised. The process to identify other current/future issues that WSSAF should develop position statements on is also underway. Having position statements on current topics approved by the membership will make it easier to provide testimony on issues as opportunities arise. ♦

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Strategic Plan Hot Topic at Council Meeting

BY ANN FOREST BURNS

Council met at Wild Acres, Bethesda, Maryland, February 22 and 23, for the first of the four meetings scheduled for 2003. The viewpoint of Northwest foresters was fully represented, not only by the presence of your Council representatives, but by the active participation of Vice President John Beuter.



In line with efforts to utilize long-term planning as a tool to improve Council effectiveness, the agenda was built around the 2003 strategic plan (www.safnet.org/who/2003strategicplan.htm). In giving our respective district reports, Darrel Kenops (District II) and I were proud to be able to report so much activity in our state societies and local units that has furthered SAF's strategic objectives. In discussing this with Council, it was Darrel's and my conclusion that the strategic plan has the potential to assist local and state units in focusing precious volunteer time and scarce financial resources on projects that will bring results and freedom for creativity in accomplishing the goals of local SAF units. We would appreciate hearing your comments on the usefulness of the 2004 strategic plan (www.safnet.org/who/strategicplan04letter.htm) in your SAF activities.

Council's principal agenda item under Strategic Outcome #3, Enhanced Leadership Capability, was the future of the national Leadership Academy. Because of the need to reduce expenses in the current financial climate and based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, funding for the academy was not included in SAF's 2003 budget. A committee chaired by HSD Past-chair Mike Lester spearheaded an effort to find other funding for

the academy. Mike presented Council with a proposal to hold the academy in May 2003. In order not to operate at a loss, an attendance of 50 full paying participants would be needed. Recent academies have not attracted nearly that number of non-scholarship enrollees. Because of the narrow marketing window to assure that level of participation, Council, which would become the financial guarantor against any short fall, reluctantly voted not to hold the academy in 2003. Council passed a motion memorializing its full commitment to holding the Leadership Academy in 2004, with funding sources identified by June 2003, and exploring the feasibility of holding the academy annually in the future. All funds raised toward the 2003 academy will be used for the 2004 academy. The decision not to hold the academy in 2003 was a painful one. Its importance to all levels of SAF in enhancing leadership capability is now clearly recognized by Council.

Under Strategic Outcome #2, Enhanced Professional Education and Services, we received a report on the growth in the Certified Forester® ranks during 2002. Once staff has processed the flood of end-of-year applications, the number of Certified Foresters is expected to exceed 3,000. Plans are underway to conduct the written exam now required for certification in at least two locations this calendar year. One of these will be during the national convention in Buffalo, NY, in September.

The Buffalo convention (*"Forest Science in Practice"*) will take place October 25-29, with HSD, Working Group officers, Council and national committee meetings taking place October 24-25. It will follow the enriched format model of the Winston-Salem convention, with ample opportunities for professional development and fun for all attendees. Plan now to participate in this rewarding experience.

Darrel and I are particularly proud of our state societies in their local participation in Effective Engagement in Forest Policy (Strategic Outcome #4). At our meeting, Council ratified an interim action approving a position

statement on Biological Diversity, as well as comments submitted to the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management regarding those agencies' respective appeal regulations and to the Natural Resource Conservation Service rules on qualifications of technical service providers. If you would like copies of any of the comments to agencies, please contact Interim Policy Director Rita Neznok at neznokr@safnet.org.

The search for Bill Banzhaf's replacement as executive vice president continues. The initial round of applications contained some highly qualified candidates. Because of the importance of this position to the future of SAF and the forestry profession, Council has directed the Search Committee to continue to seek applications from candidates of excellent caliber. Applications will continue to be accepted and processed until the position is filled. For further details, see www.safnet.org/market/safjobs.htm. I am honored to be among those serving on the Search Committee. I would welcome your thoughts and comments, as well as nominations of candidates whose interest in the position we should explore.

Council meets next June 7 and 8 at Wild Acres. Darrel and I will be looking forward to reporting the success of our state society meetings and other activities that reflect the core values of the Society:

1. Forests are a fundamental source of global health and human welfare.
2. Forests must be sustained while simultaneously meeting environmental, economic, and community aspirations and needs.
3. Foresters are dedicated to sound forest management and conservation.
4. Foresters serve landowners and society by providing sound knowledge and professional management skills.

Please contact us with your comments and concerns. ♦



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Precision Forestry Conference Slated

The second annual Precision Forestry Symposium is scheduled for June 15-18 at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Precision forestry uses high technology sensing and analytical tools to support decision-making for the forestry sector. It provides for highly repeatable measurements, actions and processes to initiate, cultivate and harvest trees, as well as enhance riparian zones, wildlife habitat and other environmental resources.

The symposium will bring together scientists to present state-of-the-art information on topics such as precision sensing techniques and their use for decision making.

An optional field tour that will circumnavigate Mount Rainier and highlight "preservation" and "production" forestry in western Washington is also available.

For details, contact the University of Washington Forestry Continuing Education program at www.cfr.washington.edu/outreach/prefor/index.html, 206-543-0867 or forestce@u.washington.edu. ♦

Finland/Estonia Tour Offered

The 2003 SAF International Study Tour will visit Finland and Estonia May 31-June 12.

The tour starts in Helsinki and then goes to Joensuu to visit the European Forestry Institute, industrial and nonindustrial private forests, and manufacturing facilities.

In Estonia there will be a week-end in a national park and visits to a sawmill, the Estonian Agricultural University forestry school, and a day at the Jarvselja Forestry Experimental Center. There will be sightseeing and an optional extension to Russia.

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Interior Secretary Presents Award to Chesley

Department of Interior Secretary Gale A. Norton presented George Chesley, interagency fire management officer for Central Oregon Fire Management Services, an award January 15 for excellence in implementing the National Fire Plan. Chesley is a Central Oregon Chapter SAF member and treasurer of the Oregon SAF.

Secretary Norton presented the award to Chesley at a fire plan conference in New Orleans, LA, for his efforts at improving firefighter safety, training and preparedness within Central Oregon Fire Management Services (COFMS). Chesley has led the local Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service fire organization since 1994, when it was mandated with protecting 4.65 million acres in

central Oregon.

"Improving our forests and rangelands can only happen with the hard work and determination of the men and women on the ground," Norton said. "All of today's award winners deserve special recognition for their efforts to better protect our nation's public lands and the people and wildlife who call them home."

Norton also honored the Western Governor's Association, Nature Conservancy and National Wildfire Coordination Group at the ceremony. She presented awards in categories based upon the

plan's goals of enhancing firefighting safety and effectiveness, rehabilitating and restoring forests, reducing fire risks to communities and resources,



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George Chesley receives an award for excellence in implementing the National Fire Plan from Interior Secretary Gale Norton.



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In November, Deschutes National Forest Supervisor Leslie Weldon nominated Chesley for the award, partly for spearheading efforts to combine federal fire, aviation and fuels management resources in central Oregon under COFMS. The organization's suppression and fuels responsibilities now stretch from the Columbia River south to the Klamath Marsh, and from the Cascade crest east to the Blue Mountains.

"This award is the culmination of the efforts of more than 200 firefighters within COFMS," Chesley said. "It represents a team effort on their part and our many partners throughout central Oregon."

The COFMS organization responds to wildland fires in an area larger than New Jersey and is one of the nation's biggest integrated Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management units. Its firefighters prevented the spread of 355 fires last year.

In 2002, the organization also reduced hazardous fuels and fire danger on more than 26,335 acres on the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests.

In addition, during the past two years its managers helped allocate \$2,189,000 in National Fire Plan grants in central Oregon to meet goals ranging from reducing fuels in the wildland urban interface to finding cost-effective ways to utilize small-diameter wood products.

Chesley's efforts at fostering interagency cooperation also led to development of the Central Oregon Dispatch Center, which serves all Central Oregon wildland fire agencies.

He has shaped the organization into a fiscally sound unit capable of effectively meeting National Fire Plan congressional accountability requirements. It routinely responds to information requests from the U.S. Congress, General Accounting Office, Oregon Legislature and county officials.

Chesley has worked for the Forest Service since 1971. He was district ranger on the Deschutes National Forest's Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District from 1978 until taking the COFMS helm in 1994. He retired from the agency on March 3. ♦

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SAF Continues Search for New Executive Vice-President

The Society of American Foresters is conducting a nationwide search for a new executive vice-president. The search follows the October 11 announcement that current Executive Vice-President and CEO William H. Banzhaf ended his 14-year tenure as of December 31, 2002.

The executive vice-president is the lead staff person for the Bethesda, Maryland-based organization and manages a staff of 26 people and a budget of approximately \$3.5 to \$4 million, with land, buildings and reserve assets of more than \$10 million.

The Society of American Foresters

(SAF) represents the profession of forestry through accreditation of university forestry curricula, certification of forestry professionals, continuing education, positions on forest policy, public communications, member leadership development, and the publication of five peer-reviewed scientific journals and one newspaper. The organization has 17,000 members, 33 state or multi-state societies, and 250 local chapters. SAF has 28 nation-



al working groups representing the various disciplines within the profession, such as ecology, wildlife management, economics and policy. SAF also has 10 standing committees to assist in carrying out volunteer activities.

The executive vice-president serves as SAF's chief executive officer, responsible to the SAF Council, the organization's governing body. The EVP also directs the staff, programs and activities of the Society in accordance with the strategic plan and within the operating policies established by the Council.

After Banzhaf's departure, Michael T. Goergen Jr., SAF's senior director of policy and programs, was named interim executive vice-president and chief executive officer. Goergen will hold the position until the search for a new executive vice-president is completed. Goergen assumed his new duties on January 1.

The search committee has commenced its work and will accept and review applications, and conduct interviews until the position is filled. The members of the search committee are: Kenneth E. Addy, CF (Texas), at-large member; John H. Beuter, CF (Oregon), SAF vice-president; Ann Forest Burns, CF (Washington), SAF Council member; Lori Gardner (Maryland), SAF national office staff member (nonvoting); William R. "Bob" Lazenby, CF (Georgia), at-large member; Charles A. Levesque, CF (New Hampshire), at-large member; and Brigitte A. Parsons (Virginia), 2000 National Student Assembly chair. Chairing the search committee will be SAF Immediate Past-President David Wm. Smith, CF (Virginia).

Interested candidates and nominators of candidates should contact SAF President David Wm. Smith, CF, c/o Barbara Weitzer (weitzerb@safnet.org), Society of American Foresters, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814-2198. More details are available on the SAF website at www.safnet.org/market/safjobs.htm. ♦

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Louis Bateman 1921-2002

Louis Bateman died September 27, 2002, from prostrate cancer. He was born in Gales Creek, Ore., the youngest of nine children. His studies at Oregon State were interrupted by serving three years in the army during World War II. He returned to Oregon State and graduated with a degree in forest management. He worked for 33 years for the Department of Revenue in their timber appraisal section.

He was a member of the Capital Chapter of the Society of American Foresters, Oregon Small Woodlands Association, Chemeketans and the Unitarian Universalist Congregation. He was a scoutmaster for several years and loved fishing, photography and his tree farm.

Ted Maul 1913-2002

Ted Maul passed away on October 6, 2002. He was born in Copeland, Idaho, and raised in Placerville, Calif. He attended the University of California at Berkeley before he enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Patton's Third Army and received three Bronze Stars. After the war, he attended Oregon State University and graduated

with a degree in forestry. He worked as a forester for 30 years and retired as assistant state forester for protection in 1977.

He was a member of the Society of American Foresters. He enjoyed gardening, golfing and making hand-dipped chocolate candies.

Contributions may be made to OSU Foundation, Administration Services Building A 524, Corvallis, OR 97331 in the name of Ted Maul.

Mason Blackmer Bruce 1909-2002

Mason Bruce, age 93, of Fort Myers, Florida, and Puyallup, Wash., died October 18, 2002.

He was a long-time employee of the USDA Forest Service with assignments in different areas of the country. He received a degree in forest management from the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University in 1933 after attending the New York State Ranger School in 1926 and working for the International Paper Company in Eastern Canada.

He entered employment with the Forest Service during the CCC era, moving on to various ranger district assignments on the White Mountain, Green Mountain and Monangahela National Forests. He participated in the Timber Production

War Project. He was supervisor of the Olympic National Forest and assistant regional forester of the Alaska Region where he also chaired the Alaska SAF. He concluded his forestry career as assistant chief of the Division of Timber Management, USDA Forest Service in Washington, DC. He was a Golden member of the SAF.

After retirement Mr. Bruce and his wife Catherine lived in Fort Myers, FL, for 30 years. They recently moved back to Washington state to be close to his daughter and his family.

Prosper Ostrowski 1925-2002

Prosper F. Ostrowski died unexpectedly from complications of chronic lymphocytic leukemia on December 31, 2002, in Seattle, Wash., at age 77.

Mr. Ostrowski served in the U.S. Army with the 1st Cavalry Division from 1946 to 1948, and spent 15 months with the Army of Occupation in Tokyo, Japan. After graduating from the College of Forestry at the University of Washington in 1951, he moved to Grays Harbor County, Wash. He was a forester for Rayonier, West Tacoma Newsprint Co. and Boise Cascade Corp. The family moved to Port Angeles in 1976, where he worked for the Milwaukee Land Company as an area forester and as its last general manager. He worked as an independent forestry consultant for more than 12 years until his death.

Mr. Ostrowski was active in local government in Aberdeen and Port Angeles. He served on the Aberdeen City Council from 1962 to 1976. In Port Angeles he served on the City Council from 1989 through 1997, the last two as mayor. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Hospice of Clallam County and served two years as president. He was a member and past president of the Juan de Fuca Kiwanis Club. He was a district chairman of the Grays Harbor Boy Scouts of America, and a member of the Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce.

He was a member of the Society of American Foresters, serving as chapter chairman and two years as state chair of the Puget Sound Section. He was also actively involved with the Washington Forest Protection Association, Keep Washington Green Association and Western Forestry and Conservation Association.

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Arbor Day Fair	April 30-May 2	UW	Seattle, WA
Tree Farm Certifier Training	May 13	OSU	Klamath Falls, OR
Summit 2003: Private Forests Forum Conference on Sustaining Washington's Private Forests	May 27-28	UW	Olympia, WA
Natural Resources Institute Module 4: Integrated Problem Solving for Natural Resources Professionals	June 2-12	UW	Seattle, WA
Introduction to ArcView (version 8.2) Applications in Natural Resources	June 12-13	OSU	Corvallis, OR
Second International Precision Forestry Symposium	June 15-18	UW	Seattle, WA
4th North American Forest Ecology Workshop	June 16-20	OSU	Corvallis, OR
Riparian Buffer Strip Conference	June 23	OSU	Corvallis, OR
GPS Workshop	June 23-25	UW	Eatonville, WA
Introduction to ArcView (version 8.2) Applications in Natural Resources	August 7-8	OSU	Corvallis, OR
Oregon Forest Institute for Teachers	August 11-15	OSU	Mehama, OR

OTHER EVENTS

Alaska SAF annual meeting, April 23-26, Millennium Hotel, Anchorage, AK. Contact: Sue Rodman at 907-267-4902 or rodmansu@ci.anchorage.ak.us; www.aksaf.org.

Oregon Small Woodlands Association annual meeting, April 23-26, Newport, OR. Contact: Joe Steenkolk at 541-875-1541 or Kari Murk at 541-444-7336.

Coos Chapter, OSAF, Workshop, Fire in the Forest, April 24, Coos Bay, OR. Contact: Shaun Harkins at 541-267-1855 or shaun.harkins@plumcreek.com.

Oregon Society of American Foresters annual meeting, May 7-9, Salem, OR. Contact: Dennis Creel at 503-364-8400 or denniscreel@hamptonaffiliates.com. Register online at www.forestry.org.

Oregon SAF Fellows Luncheon, May 14, Peavy Lodge, Corvallis, OR. Contact: Aimee Sanders at 503-224-8046 or aimee@safnwo.org.

Washington State Society of American Foresters annual meeting, May 15-17, Kelso, WA. Contact: Ellie Lathrop at 360-414-3441 or ellie-s.lathrop@weyerhaeuser.com.

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SuperACE98/FLIPS98 User Meeting, May 21, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury.

XII World Forestry Congress, September 21-28, Quebec City, Canada.

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SAF National Convention, October 25-29, Buffalo, NY. Contact: SAF at 301-897-8720 or www.safnet.org/calendar/conv2003/2003convention.htm.

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Blue Mountain Honors 50-Year Member

Congratulations to Gordon George of Pendleton, Ore., and the Blue Mountain OSAF Chapter on over 50 years of membership in SAF. Gordon (left) receives his Golden Member award from Tim Keith, Blue Mountain Chapter chair, at a recent meeting.

Officially, SAF has him as a member since 1951, but he was actually a student before that at Oregon State University, joining in 1948. Altogether, he has 54 years of membership in SAF. Gordon worked his entire career with the USDA Forest Service, first in Sisters, then in Pendleton, where he eventually retired from the Forest Service.



Spring Coos Workshop Focuses on Fire

Fire in the Forest is the topic of a one-day workshop to be held April 24 at Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay. It is sponsored by the OSAF Coos Chapter.

Tom Atzet of the USDA Forest Service will start the day describing the fire ecology of southwestern Oregon. Greg Filip, OSU Forest Science Department, will lead into how insects and disease take over after a fire. Steve Fitzgerald, OSU Forest extension agent from Deschutes County, will discuss the urban interface, and Carl West, USDA Forest Service, will address national fire perspectives.

The afternoon segment will begin with Dan Robertson of Professional Reforestation telling us about being on the fireline from a contractor's perspective. Mike Robison, district forester for the Coos Forest Protective Association, will then give his views on risk management and fire liability. The workshop will finish up with speakers on logger's broad form insurance and fire weather forecasting.

The registration fee is \$50 for SAF members, \$60 for non-members and \$30 for students. Lunch is included.

The workshop qualifies for six credit hours toward CFE or Oregon Professional Loggers certification. For registration or further information, contact Shaun Harkins at 541-267-1855 or shaun.harkins@plumcreek.com. ♦

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Washington Chapters Tour Yakama Lands

BY KELLEY M. DUFFIELD

Eric Keller of Boise Cascade and Steve Andringa, program manager, Yakama Nation Forest Development, coordinated a truly interesting tour for SAFers last September 10. The Yakama Tribe provided a continental breakfast and orientation session at the Yakama Nation Cultural Center Restaurant in Toppenish, Wash. Before heading to the vans, Steve explained how the Yakama lands were deeded through treaties, the changes on the landscape over time, and how land management decisions are made within the tribal government.

Tour stops featured the following: 1) a vista from the forest fringe and discussion on overall management of the Yakama forest; 2) ponderosa pine seed tree harvest with an understory prescribed burn; 3) understory harvest within a spotted owl core area and discussions on how the Yakama Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs coordinates with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4) uneven-aged management in mixed conifer stands; and 5) recent selective harvesting for ground-based and cable-based harvest systems.

The group held lunch at Signal Peak Lookout, a 4,500-foot peak centrally located with a vista over the 600,000-acre Yakama forest. Tour speakers included Yakama Agency staff Mark Petruncio, inventory forester; Nick Swan, scaling supervisor; Everett Isaac, fuels forester; Jack Riggin, forest development forester; Philip Rigdon, forest development forester; and Steve Rigdon, timber sale officer.

The tour wrapped up in late afternoon with a drive past the Yakama



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Central Washington Chapter and South Puget Sound Chapter members joined foresters from the Yakama Nation on a tour of the reservation's forests.

Forest Products (YFP) mill. YFP recently expanded its operations and plans to process upwards of 115 million board feet of Yakama timber.

The "take home" message was that the Yakama have determined that future management of their forest and range lands should center on returning the species composition and fire regime to a natural state, requiring a 50- to 100-year planning horizon. Repeated insect and pathogen damage to non-native commercial species, such as Douglas-fir, has proven to be a major influence on future management of the land. Forest health decline has brought renewed concern for wildfire hazard. And, wildlife habitat issues figure strongly in the transition because hunting and range are prominent uses of the land by many of the Yakama people. Add to this the uncertainty of wood markets and the economy in general, and it is clear that the Yakama Nation has many challenges. However, the foresters we met on the tour were a dedicated group of professionals devoted to providing the benefits of managed

forest and rangeland for future generations of their people. ♦

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Policy Scoreboard

Editor's Note: To keep SAF members informed of state society policy activities, Policy Scoreboard is a regular feature in the Western Forester. The intent is to provide a brief explanation of the policy activity—you are encouraged to follow up with the listed contact person for detailed information.

OSAF Position Statements Now Under Review. Seven OSAF position statements scheduled to expire in December 2003 have been prioritized for review and revision by the Policy Committee. Work is underway on the positions on clearcutting, forest health and

chemical use. The revised positions that are supported by the Executive Committee will be presented to OSAF voting members for their endorsement in a referendum to be held in late 2003 or early 2004. Although not required under SAF guidelines, OSAF takes this step to strengthen the credibility and member understanding and ownership of the positions. Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@orst.edu.

Salvage Harvest Position Drafted by OSAF. Salvage harvesting on federal lands is now routinely opposed and delayed by certain groups using administrative appeals and the courts. Most foresters are concerned when management practices are opposed without exception, as an array of options is most effective for diverse objectives and site conditions. Successful salvage also requires prompt action and those who delay action can fully

stop harvests even when their concerns have little or no scientific merit. Such issues are addressed in a position on salvage harvest drafted by members of the Central Oregon SAF Chapter with input from the Policy Committee. A final draft will be brought to the Executive Committee for their potential endorsement later this year. Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@orst.edu.

OSAF Executive Committee Adopts Revised Position on Landslides. The OSAF Executive Committee approved a revised position statement on "Forestry and Landslides." The original position was written in 1997, and under SAF guidelines, such statements must expire within five years or be formally re-endorsed. The revised position updates the text and citations to include recent policy changes and research on this issue. It also refines the core position and background discussion, including stronger and more specific points about landslides as a natural process, the local scale of slide hazards and improved forest practices. The position can be viewed at www.forestry.org/policy. Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@orst.edu.

Forestry and Salmon. The SAF regional position statement on Forestry's Role in the Protection of Pacific Salmon Habitat in Forested Watersheds (www.safnet.org/policy/nwsafsal.html) is scheduled to expire in September 2003. Renewal or revision will depend on the involvement of SAF units in Alaska, California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. SAF Council members, state-level executive committee and policy chairs have been contacted to determine their level of interest and involvement, and to smoke out someone to lead the effort. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jayo@uidaho.edu.

Idaho Pilot Project Experiment Reintroduced in Congress. Idaho Representatives C.L. "Butch" Otter and Mike Simpson introduced the Clearwater Basin Project Act in the 108th Congress in February. It is identical to the proposal introduced in the waning days of the 107th Congress. Sen. Larry Craig has promised to introduce the proposal in the Senate. The Inland Empire and Intermountain SAF sections have developed a joint position statement supporting pilot project tests of innovations in public land management. See www.iesaf.org and click on policy. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jayo@uidaho.edu.

Idaho SAF Luncheon for

Legislators. On President's Day in February, the IESAF joined forces with the Intermountain SAF, Intermountain Forestry Association and Idaho Women in Timber to provide an information program for state legislators. Your correspondent was one of three speakers. After five years of these outreach efforts, this was our most successful. Approximately 25 legislators attended, including Lt. Governor Jim Risch, a University of Idaho forestry graduate. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jayo@uidaho.edu.

Forest Policy "Fly-In" Planned. The SAF Committee on Forest Policy is arranging an event in Washington, D.C., this June for unit forest policy committee members to learn the ropes on Capitol Hill. At this writing dates have not been determined. If you want to go, start pitching your executive committee or someone else for travel funds. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jayo@uidaho.edu.

WSSAF gets Airtime. WSSAF recently testified before the state's Senate Natural Resources Committee about the importance of forest health and good forest management. WSSAF Chair Nancy Peckman was one of several professional foresters and others who testified about forest health concerns in Washington's forests. Several presentations used visual aids to emphasize the concerns, providing an element of urgency to the testimony. Chair Peckman testified shortly thereafter to Washington's Board of Natural Resources, and presented two position statements that support DNR's land management and suggest ways to improve the sustained yield project. Chair Peckman's testimony was warmly received by the board, which usually is pummeled by citizens critical of their actions. (See article on page 8 for additional information.) Contact: Bob Dick, WSSAF Policy co-chair, at 360-866-4065 or bdick@afrc.ws.

WSSAF to Hold Legislative Dinner.

At press time, WSSAF will hold a legislative dinner March 13. The event will be hosted by the Southwest Washington Chapter in Olympia. Legislators will be in session and a dozen members have been invited, primarily from natural resources committees. The program will include a social hour, dinner, short presentation and question-and-answer period. The presentation will include an introduction to SAF and brief discussions on three or four issues of concern to the SAF. Legislators will be provided with the currently approved WSSAF position statements. Contact: John Ehrenreich, WSSAF policy co-chair, at 360-705-9285 or jehrenreich@wfpa.org.

DNR's Whatcom Lake Alternative

Out. For several years the DNR has worked on a landscape-level plan for its Lake Whatcom ownership. A separate citizens' committee, created by the legislature, presented five alternatives that concentrated on water quality and lengthened rotations, but dramatically reduced revenue production from DNR's ownership. A working draft alternative recently released by DNR establishes five principles, ranging from the obvious, "Comply with laws and policies," to the difficult, "Seek to balance (not maximize) ecological, social, cultural and economic values." The draft uses citizens' committee Alternative Two as a base and modifies that alternative to address public input. Timber production provisionally is estimated at 2.7 million board feet as compared to a biological baseline level of 11.2 million board feet and a "follow all the rules" level of 5.5 million feet. Contact: Bob Dick, WSSAF Policy co-chair, at 360-866-4065 or bdick@afrc.ws.

SEPA Stuff. For those who struggle to understand the constantly morphing Washington Forest Practices Act, there is a new game in town: The State Environmental Policy Act. Department of Ecology will consider changing Section 305 of DOE's SEPA rules to affirm the legislature's exemption of Class I, II and III forest practices from SEPA. Environmentalists argue that other parts of Section 305 nullify that exemption, which, they further argue, makes ALL forest practices subject to SEPA. The Washington Environmental Law Center, perhaps in anticipation of DOE's action, recently petitioned Washington's

Forest Practices Board to adopt DOE's standards, which probably will be dropped by DOE. More to come. Contact: Bob Dick, WSSAF Policy co-chair, at 360-866-4065 or bdick@afrc.ws.

WEC Lawsuit Gets a Hearing.

Washington Environmental Council, et al. filed suit against DNR, et al. last July, alleging the department had not followed the State Environmental Policy Act while renewing the sustained yield analysis. They also alleged the timber sales program did not adequately analyze cumulative effects and a variety of other claims. WEC also argued the DNR trust lands were held in trust for all state citizens and, thus, were held as a true public trust, an argument that clearly was at odds with several court decisions and the state constitution. Plaintiffs dropped the lawsuit's "public trust" element when over 20 trust beneficiaries entered the suit.

The next skirmish was in February when DNR and co-intervenors asked Judge Glenna Hall to dismiss the suit on technical grounds. Judge Hall ruled the claim (challenged the sustained yield project and Forest Resource Plan update on SEPA violation grounds) remained valid, but then dismissed the second claim. The dismissed claim contained numerous references to cumulative effects analysis on individual timber sales and argued all timber sales should be subject to SEPA, etc. The remainder of the suit is scheduled for trial in late 2003. Contact: Bob Dick, WSSAF Policy co-chair, at 360-866-4065 or bdick@afrc.ws. ♦



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