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WSSAF to Study Wildlife and Forest Management Interactions

BY ROGER HARDING

The 2004 WSSAF annual meeting will take place in scenic Port Angeles on May 12-14. WSSAF members will receive additional meeting details and registration form by mail. To take advantage of early registration fees, payment must arrive by May 3. Conference details and on-line registration are available at www.forestry.org.

The North Olympic and Admiralty Inlet chapters are jointly hosting this program to study and become more informed about the wildlife in the forests that we manage. This instruction will take place in the form of three panel discussions on Thursday and a five-stop, all-day field tour on Friday.

The meeting is to be held in the Port Angeles Red Lion Hotel, which is very easy to locate. A block of rooms

at reduced rates is available by calling 1-800-RED LION (1-800-733-5466) through April 20, and mention that you are with the SAF meeting in Port Angeles. Our special room rates are \$69/night for non-view and \$89/night for water view rooms, plus tax. These rates are effective for overnight stay from May 11-May 15.

The Port Angeles area, with the historic harbor site, scenic drives and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, abounds with things to see and do, not to mention the ferry to Victoria.

Overview

Wednesday: Executive Committee meeting, vendors, posters, and



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Come to WSSAF Annual Meeting May 12-14 in Port Angeles. Meetings will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, which was recently voted the number one hotel on Washington's scenic Olympic Peninsula.

Foresters' Fund set up, history of the waterfront and icebreaker.

Thursday: Panel discussions on Policy/Vision, Biology/Science and Existing Management Plans, plus the banquet.

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Strong Roots—Strong Future Focus of Meeting

BY MARY SMELCER

Are you ready for a forestry meeting that's not focused on fire issues or collaboration processes? Read on! Are you curious what the latest technology findings are on how engineered wood products withstand earthquakes? Read on! Would you like to know how some forest managers are incorporating new forest practices to increase their profits, better utilize wood products, and incorporate the latest research developments?

Join us at the 2004 Annual Meeting of



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Forest Research,
Practices, and Products
"Strong Roots, Strong Future"**

the Oregon SAF, to be held May 5-7. The theme of this year's conference, Forest Research, Practices, and Products: *Strong Roots—Strong Future*, will feature presentations on past, present and future perspectives from leading scientists, land managers and forest products experts from across the country.

The host Siskiyou Chapter has brought together an exciting venue of speakers and events that will connect SAF members to current forest policy, the latest research and product devel-

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Friday: WSSAF Business Meeting and Field Tour.

Wednesday—May 12

At 1:00 p.m. the WSSAF Executive Committee will gather in the Juan de Fuca Room for their regularly scheduled meeting as vendors start to set up in the Olympic Room.

In the evening, Jack Zaccardo will show us the early days in Port Angeles via slides and photos, followed by a walk down the waterfront trail to point out the sites of those pictures.

This is followed by a hosted (no cost to registered participants) ice-breaker and no-host bar. The Foresters' Fund activities will be in full operation. All chapters and members are encouraged to bring items for the Foresters' Fund raffle or silent auction. My wife always donates a couple of jars of her very good western berry syrup. Remember, the Foresters' Fund is a good cause for all

of us! If you wish to send items for the Foresters' Fund, ship them to Harry Bell, general chair, WSSAF Annual Meeting, 805 E. 8th St., P.O. Box 2469, Port Angeles, WA 98362.

Thursday—May 13

This day starts off at 7:00 a.m. with an optional breakfast to get you ready for a full day of study, discussion and learning.

At 8:00 a.m. the meeting opens with a welcome and introductions by Harry Bell, general chair, Tom Swanson, North Olympic chair, and Glenn Wiggins, master of ceremonies for the day.

The keynote address will be given by John Helms, SAF vice president and professor-emeritus, University of California, Berkeley, who will explore the roles of SAF and professional foresters in the policy decision process of forestry/wildlife issues.

The remainder of the morning will be devoted to the Policy/Vision Panel, facilitated by Kristina Vogt from the University of Washington. It will address such questions as: "What are the roles of various landowner classes

(state, federal, private) to provide wildlife habitat? How should wildlife management agencies and tribes interact to achieve these roles?"

Panel members include Peggy Kain from the USDA Forest Service, Peter Heide representing the Washington Forest Protection Association, Bruce Mackey of the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, Mel Moon from the Quileute Tribe, and Jack Smith of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

During lunch (included in your registration fee), Victoria tourism representatives will provide us information on what to do and see in the area.

After lunch, facilitator Norm Schaaf from Merrill & Ring will convene the Biology/Science Panel to address the question: "How are wildlife/forestry interactions planned, integrated, modeled and monitored?" Panel members are Gene McCaul of West Fork Timber and the Mineral HCP; Tom Spies representing the Coastal Landscape Analysis and Modeling Study; Steve Stinson from the Southwest Washington Small Landowner HCP; and Kevin Ceder with the UW Landscape Management System.

Norm Schaaf will also facilitate the last panel of the day, Existing Management Plans, which will respond to the question: "What have we learned about specific wildlife/forestry integrations?" Panel members are John Cook, NCASI, talking about an elk forage/cover study; Jim Rochelle, consultant, discussing forest fragmentation; Michael Rule, Turnbull Wildlife Refuge, describing experiences in multiple species groups; and Steve West of UW on the response of small mammals and bats study.

Following the panels John Helms will provide concluding remarks and a summary of the day's discussions.

The Awards Banquet, which is also a part of the registration fee, will start at 6:30 p.m. Ross Hamilton, a world-class photographer from Sequim, will present his spectacular slides of the Olympic Peninsula. This is a show to see.

Friday—May 14

Again the day starts off at 7:00 a.m. with an optional breakfast in prepara-



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Next Issue: Fire in the Forest

tion for a well-planned field tour, but first we will have a WSSAF Business Meeting led by State Chair Pete Heide.

The field tour buses will leave by 9:30 a.m. The theme for the tour is "Wildlife Response to a Managed Forest." The route is circular and is entirely on hard-surfaced roads with experienced drivers. At the west end of Port Angeles we turn north off US Highway 101 onto State Route 112 through commercial forestland with a few farms and houses along the way. We continue past the small community of Joyce, along some beautiful saltwater lands to Pysht. Route 112 then goes southwest following the Pysht River up the hill to Burnt Mountain, after which we turn a more southerly route onto State Route 113. We continue going south through private forestland, then before coming to US Highway 101 at Sappho, we pass through a mix of private, federal and state-managed lands. At Sappho we head east going by Lake Crescent and Lake Sutherland. While riding in the bus our tour speakers will be able to talk on loud speakers about the forest stands and history of the area as we pass by them.

The first tour stop is at the Pysht Tree Farm where Kenneth Raedeke will discuss the effects of big game populations in managed forest situations. Then we will eat our box lunches (part of the tour cost) at the Pysht Merrill & Ring Lodge.

Our second stop will be at the Solduc Valley near Sappho. Dan Varland of Rayonier will talk about the inoculation of trees to develop cavity-nesting sites.

At the third tour site in the Mary Clark Road area, Scott Hamilton, a DNR employee and UW doctoral candidate, will show us a site that was designed to replicate an old-growth habitat to study owls, murrelets and other wildlife.

Stop number four is in the Cooper Ranch area where PNW Research Station Chief Research Biologist Andy Carey will discuss a thinning silvicultural prescription and address the question: What animals benefit from this site?

The fifth and final stop is in the Fairholm shelterwood area not far from the west end of Lake Crescent. Dave Cole and Mark Jackson from



PHOTO COURTESY OF HARRY BELL

This photo shows the mixture of private, state trust and federal forestland above the town of Port Angeles.

DNR will lead the discussion on layout ideas that lead to harvest within owl circles and relate to the question: Did target species benefit?

The Wrap-Up

Thursday's panel discussions and study, together with the Friday field tour, will give meeting participants a look at the most current thinking regarding wildlife and forest management interactions.

We would like to offer a special invitation to foresters newly joining SAF and to student members. Non-members will be able to apply a portion of their registration fee to SAF membership when they submit a membership application form at the registration desk. Student members will be able to avoid hotel costs by staying with Port Angeles SAF members. Call Tom Swanson, North Olympic Chapter chair, at 360-417-3664 to make arrangements for housing.

We are also looking for posters relating to managed forests and wildlife. People interested in presenting a poster at the meeting should email Lyle Almond at lylealmond@lycos.com. Vendors wishing to be a part of this meeting should contact Wes Wasson at 253-279-5293 or wsu@olynet.com.

The North Olympic and Admiralty Inlet chapters encourage you to come to this annual meeting and enjoy the Olympic Peninsula on May 12-14. You may even want to stay for the weekend—the Red Lion will extend your special room rate through Saturday. Remember, the deadline for early registration is May 3. See you there! ♦

Roger Harding is chair of the WSSAF Publicity Committee. He can be reached at 360-379-9683. The general chair of the meeting is Harry Bell, and he can be reached at 360-452-3325 or harry@greencrow.com.



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OSAF Annual Meeting

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opments, and a practical application of these in forest management practices. The program will be of interest to foresters, managers, researchers and students alike.

The site for the conference is Southern Oregon University in Ashland, which has great access to restaurants, theatres and shopping. State society members will receive registration information by mail and must register by April 23 to take advantage of the early registration fee. Continuing Forestry Education credits will be awarded for both field trips (1.5 credits each) and the conference portion of this event (9 credits). For online registration and all the details you will need, visit the Oregon SAF website at www.forestry.org/or/annual. Registration information will be mailed to all OSAF members.



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Many forestland managers in southern Oregon face the challenges of treating forests in areas of increasing residential development, trying to address forest health issues and managing forestlands for a profit. One field trip will tour several examples of dealing with these issues near the City of Ashland.

Exhibitor and Poster Displays

In the current 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 exhibitors will be visible beginning Wednesday evening and throughout the conference. To sign up for an exhibitor/vendor space, contact Rich Conner at conner5@mind.net.

Conference poster displays from participants, organizations and companies are also encouraged. Max Bennett is organizing prominent display of posters and can be contacted at max.bennett@oregonstate.edu.

Foresters' Fund, Raffle and Silent Auction

These activities will occur throughout the conference from Wednesday evening through Friday morning. The proceeds will be split equally between the OSAF Foundation and the national Foresters' Fund.

The OSAF Foundation grants forestry scholarships to Oregon State University students and supports other worthy education projects.

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.

Think forestry education! Think support! Please help contribute to these worthy causes by making a monetary or raffle item donation. If you would like to make a donation, contact Paul Kangas at pkangas@charter.net.

Get Your Name in the Program

If you or your business might be interested in advertising in the on-site program, please contact Steve Wetmore at 541-474-3152 or swetmore@odf.state.or.us. The rates are \$25 for a business card size ad, \$35 for 3.5" x 3", \$50 for 6.5" x 4" or \$100 for 5" x 8".

Agenda Highlights

Some highlights of the upcoming conference include a pre-conference tour and briefing on the Biscuit fire and recovery efforts on Tuesday, May 4. Sign ups for this special tour will be available through the registration process.

The OSAF Executive Committee will hold its regular board meeting on Wednesday morning, May 5, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Southern Oregon University.

A choice of three field trips will be offered Wednesday afternoon to give a field perspective on several local sites featuring research, practices and products, setting the stage for the conference theme. Participants can choose one of the following tours to attend: fire and fuels in the Ashland Watershed; a research project along a scenic highway corridor where managers are concerned with restoring vigor to old-growth sugar pine trees; or a laminated veneer lumber (LVL) manufacturing operation.

Wednesday evening fun will begin with an icebreaker social, exhibitor and poster displays, and registration.

Thursday's session will start with an alumni breakfast, followed by program kickoff by keynote speaker Hal Salwasser, dean, College of Forestry, Oregon State University. The rest of

the day will be a walk through historic, present day and future views of research, practices and products.

The luncheon program will interest everyone, as Jeff LaLande, historian, archaeologist and author, talks about the impact of Native American use of prescribed fire on western forests. Other confirmed or invited speakers throughout the day include Erin Dunn, director of Pacific Lumber Company, Steve Hobbs, OSU, and Tad Mason, vice president, Biomass Consultants, to name a few.

Thursday afternoon will include a special guest, Oregon's new state forester, Marvin Brown, who will speak to the group about the Tillamook Forest Plan and Oregon's strategic planning efforts. Marvin has been a strong leader in state forestry throughout the United States and has participated in a number of international efforts as well.

One special guest speaker of note is Mark Rey, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, who will give an outlook on where we are going with the Healthy Forest Restoration Act and the implications to managers and our forests. Mark is scheduled to speak at the conference on Friday morning. Our Washington, D.C. leaders have made great efforts recently to bring positive change and an opportunity to better address healthy forest and fire



PHOTO COURTESY OF USDA FOREST SERVICE

Using various silviculture treatments, research is being conducted to address insect and disease issues affecting large sugar pine trees along scenic corridor Highway 62.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JENNIFER REILLY, OSF

This year's Oregon SAF annual meeting will be held in Ashland, an area rich in history. Today, Ashland is a crossroads of education, cultural and outdoor activity. The city is home to Southern Oregon University, where the meeting will take place, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Lithia Park and the Rogue River National Forest.

management issues in western forests.

Following Thursday's program will be a banquet and awards event, with entertainment that includes a lively comedic show called *Trees are Funny*.

Friday morning will begin with the

OSAF Business meeting. Friday's program will continue our futuristic view of forestry including invited speakers Tom Quigley, director, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Leslie Lehman, president, Oregon Forest Resources Institute, and Jim Reeb, director, OSU forest Products Research Lab, to name a few.

Looking back, moving forward is a good way to summarize the theme for this meeting. Forestry in the Northwest has a rich history of leading the way to future change in our profession. This conference will highlight for participants, once again, that we face the challenge of change in forest management, learning from our past to build a successful future.

To view the full slate of speakers and topics visit the OSAF web page at www.forestry.org. ♦

Mary Smelcer is chair of the OSAF Annual Meeting Public Relations Committee. She can be reached at 541-618-2440 or mary_smelcer@blm.gov.

Field Tours

On Wednesday, May 5, OSAF foresters will host three separate tours for attendees, guests and spouses. One tour will focus on insect and disease research issues along a scenic highway corridor where managers are concerned with restoring vigor to old-growth sugar pine trees. A second tour is offered to view fire, fuels and forestry practices in the Ashland Watershed and interface lands led by a local consulting forester Marty Main. The third tour will be hosted by Boise and will tour Laminated Veneer Lumber (LVL) Manufacturing. It will be led by Denny Houston, Engineering Wood Products Sales and Marketing manager, and Ken Cummings, chief forester, Boise.

Spouse/Guest Activities

The Ashland area and Southern Oregon offer outstanding recreational and cultural opportunities. Make this an event to bring along spouses or friends, or plan for an extra day in the area to take advantage of the many popular activities. On Thursday, the meeting will host a special backstage tour of Ashland's notorious Shakespearean Theater, combined with shopping and lunch in historic, scenic downtown Ashland.



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The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is the nation's oldest and largest theatre in rotating repertory. It presents an eight-month season of 11 plays—five by Shakespeare and six by classic and contemporary playwrights—in rotating repertory in three theatres.

Initiative Petition 56: "Son of 64" in Oregon Would Require Maintaining 60 Trees per Acre

BY STEVE WILENT

Although the presidential election campaign and the failed Measure 30 tax-increase initiative have dominated the attention of Oregon's voters so far this year, a measure that would dramatically alter that state's forest-management practices may make headlines this November. The Oregon Forest Restoration Initiative 2004, otherwise known as Initiative Petition (IP) 56, would essentially ban the practice of clearcutting on state and private lands through significant changes to Oregon's Forest Practices Rules.

IP 56 would require that forest managers retain "no fewer than 60 well-distributed trees [per acre] that measure at least 11 inches diameter at breast height" and "no less than 80 square feet of basal area per acre" on harvest units west of the Cascades, and 50 trees and

60 square feet of basal area per acre east of the Cascades. For computing basal area, trees larger than 20 inches diameter at breast height would be considered 20-inch trees.

The initiative would also make several other changes to the Forest Practices Rules (see Table 1) and require the Oregon Board of Forestry to develop "sustainable forest practices" as outlined in the initiative.

In 1998, Oregon voters overwhelmingly rejected a similar initiative, Measure 64, by a 4-to-1 margin. Measure 64 would have required the retention of 70 11-inch trees and 120 square feet of basal area per acre on the westside, and 60 trees and 80 square feet of basal area per acre on the eastside. In addition, it would have prohibited the harvest of trees more than 30 inches in diameter and banned the use of chemical herbicides and other pesticides for regeneration of forest cover or for protection of forest health.

IP 56, which some call the "Son of 64," has been registered with Secretary of State, but has not yet qualified for the November 2, 2004, ballot. The measure's sponsor, the Eugene-based Sustainable Forestry Project, must col-

lect 75,630 valid signatures to qualify the measure. Gary A. Kutcher, head of the Sustainable Forestry Project, is the chief petitioner for IP 56. He was a key proponent of Measure 64 in 1998 and similar initiatives in 2000 and 2002 that did not qualify for the ballot.

Dan Green, SAF member, Certified Forester and consulting forester with Woodland Management Inc., of Lake Oswego, Ore., says he is concerned about the trees-per-acre provision because reforestation would be difficult with shade-intolerant species.

"The most likely scenario is that you would not get 60 trees growing under the 60 big ones you left, and those 60 small trees would grow slowly," said Green. "So once you thinned the existing stand down to 60 trees per acre, you would be done with forestry on those acres for as long as this law existed."

Green also sees problems with the basal area requirement.

"That is 122 trees per acre for 11-inch trees, 102 trees for 12-inch trees, 75 trees for 14-inch trees, and 58 trees for 16-inch trees. So the trees per acre part of the requirement is not important unless the average size of the trees is 16 inches or greater. In each case, the basal area

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Table 1. Initiative Petition 56 changes to Oregon's Forest Practices Rules.

Harvest Limits	Requires retention of at least 60 11-inch DBH trees and 80 square feet of basal area per acre (westside), 50 trees and 60 square feet eastside.
Basal Area Computation	Trees larger than 20 inches DBH counted as 20-inch trees.
Organic Chemicals	Requires herbicides and pesticides to be organic, as specified by the Director of Agriculture.
Slash Burning	On-site burning of slash prohibited.
Wildlife Habitat	Requires retention of "sufficient numbers" of large live trees, snags, and large downed logs on at least 50 percent of each harvest unit.
Harvest Permits	Required for all harvesting, including pre-commercial thinning.
Exemptions	Owners of 160 acres or less may request exemption from IP 56 provisions, except for organic herbicides/pesticide requirement, if the provisions would cause "undue economic hardship."
Citizen Lawsuits	Allows any Oregon resident to bring suit in state court to enforce IP 56 provisions.

required defines a decent thinning, not a regeneration harvest of any sort. You simply cannot expect to start a new stand under that level of stocking of large trees," said Green.

Landowners limited to the practices in IP 56 may be forced to abandon forest management in favor of some other use, said Tom Ortman, SAF member, Certified Forester and Natural Resource coordinator for Clackamas County.

"If this initiative becomes law, it will greatly encourage forest landowners to quit tree farming and plant houses, or convert forestland to some other use," Ortman said. "Therefore, one might question the validity of the words 'Forest Restoration' in the initiative's title."

Green suggests that IP 56's Exemptions clause, which would allow timberland owners who own a total of 160 acres or less in Oregon to apply for exemption from the law if they could prove undue economic hardship (which is not defined by the measure), would result in the breakup and sale of large forested properties.

"If I owned thousands of acres of forest and had to live under this law, I would harvest my timber down to 60 trees per acre and then sell it in 160 acre parcels," said Green. "The glut of this type of sale would be large, so the price would be poor, but it would be better than not getting anything for my land.

Once the area is reforested—if it can be—it might be resold to owners who could create large tracts again or it could be converted into home sites or

recreational properties. Oregon law allows a home on every 160 acre tract of forestland."

Ortman said the measure's Citizen Suit Provision, which would allow "any resident of the State of Oregon [to] bring suit in State court to enforce any provision" of the measure, would lead to a flood of legal action.

"Any resident of the state could sue you for practicing forestry, and you would pay the bill. There are law firms in Oregon that are looking for work ever since the federal government greatly reduced their timber sale program. This will guarantee full employment at the forest landowner's expense," said Ortman.

You can read the text of Measure 56 at the Sustainable Forestry Project's website at www.efn.org/~forestry/measure.html. ♦

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Council Focusing on the Future

BY DARREL KENOPS

John Beuter brought his keen mind, business sense and passion for forestry to the table as he led us in his first meeting with Council as president of our Society of American Foresters. In a thoughtful manner, he kept us on course, challenged us and kept us efficient in our meeting tasks. He was like the crisp wind and clear blue sky that greeted and invigorated us at Wild Acres at our SAF National Governing Council's February meeting.

John Beuter, SAF Vice President John Helms and SAF Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Goergen provided candid assessments, key questions, provocative dialogue and decisions to work with Council strategically to seek practical approaches to meeting the goal to "Sustain the Society of American Foresters in the 21st Century."

We continue to evolve our 2003-2009 SAF strategic plan to guide our overall and grassroots efforts. This year I serve as chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, which is assessing progress to date and preparing strategic priorities for 2005. Following discussions on the importance of recruiting and retaining members to achieve our objective of a being a strong, forward-thinking organization, Council charged its own Cultural Diversity Committee to continue its work. President Beuter appointed Ann Forest Burns (District I), Gary Nakamura (District III) and Lee Spradlin (District VIII) to the commit-



tee. Ann will chair the committee during 2004, in addition to her duties as a member of Council Executive Committee and Council liaison to the Renewable Natural Resources Foundation negotiating committee.

Ann and I thank you for your responses to Ann's invitation for input on the Code of Ethics that appeared in the last *Western Forester*. Concerns continue to be heard about the Code, especially from forestry consultants. These concerns were reviewed and we have asked our national Ethics Committee to provide advice for our review at the June Council meeting.

Meanwhile, Ann and I have some other questions for you to consider and comment on:

- If you were to invent SAF today, what would it look like? Who would be its members? What would be its mission? How would that mission be accomplished?
- How would we interact with society at large in those special places where we apply our professional skills?
- What would be our relationship with our colleagues in our profession as well as those allied with us?
- What would make us all more effective?

What's ahead and what's needed in 2004-05?

1) Under the leadership of former SAF President David Smith, a committee is working to review and evaluate our volunteer organizational structure. The committee expects to have its recommendations to Council in 2004.

2) Our membership emphasis is to gear up in 2004 so we can meet our "one new member" goal in 2004. It sounds easy to attain, but as we know,

it is challenging and requires focus and our best work.

3) Our SAF policy program has made great gains the past few years. The program needs to continue to be a central focus for all members. At the national level, the Committee on Forest Policy and staff have a work plan that includes follow up on the National Fire Plan, 2002 Farm Bill and Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003. The committee is working with the Forest Science and Technology Board to develop a document to assist decision makers in evaluating the scientific validity of information and to utilize sound scientific information in the policy process.

We recognized and celebrated SAF Executive Assistant Barbara Weitzer for her successful credential as a Certified Administrative Professional from the International Association of Administrative Professionals. Barbara keeps us together and functioning effectively in so many ways.

In 2005, SAF and other partners will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the USDA Forest Service and Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the Forest Service who also founded the Society of American Foresters. Continued effective and active SAF programs and services will assure that we have forestry professionals in America that are effective and contemporary problem solvers and seekers of solutions! Through our individual and collective efforts, we will keep SAF vital and relevant.

Ann and I wish you the best and applaud your work across the tree-lined neighborhoods and forests of cities, suburbs, working rural landscapes, wildernesses and reserves, all of which are so special to the quality of life, community and economic well being of the Pacific Northwest.

And another thanks to John Beuter, John Helms, Michael Goergen and Barbara Weitzer for a well-run and productive SAF Council meeting that ended on time! ♦

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Familiarize yourself with your state society's position statements that are posted, or check out the activities of your neighboring chapter in the chapter section. Curious about what other SAF societies are doing? You can peruse their sites by going to our Links page. Upcoming meetings, seminars, workshops and calendar of events are online, as is the CFE form to record all of the classes you're taking to stay current!

Make a point to browse the website; you'll be amazed at what you see. Suggestions are always welcome and can be sent to your state chair (Pete Heide, WSSAF, 360-705-9287, pheide@wfpa.org; John Herbst, OSAF, 541-663-0509 or jhforest@uci.net) or webmaster Leslie Batten at lbatten@swiftnet.com. ♦

Edmonton to Host Foresters

The year's largest gathering of forest practitioners in North America will occur when forestry professionals from Canada and the United States meet October 2-6 in Edmonton, Alberta.

Organized under the theme *One Forest Under Two Flags*, the program for this international gathering offers attendees new discoveries and insights about the forests that extend into both countries and will enhance the collegiality and camaraderie between forest practitioners on both sides of the border. The meeting will be organized by the Society of American Foresters (SAF) and the Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF/IFC).

The meeting will offer numerous scientific and technical sessions and opportunities, including field workshops, for professional development that are available nowhere else.

For more information about the CIF/IFC and SAF Joint 2004 Annual General Meeting and Convention, visit the SAF website at www.safnet.org/convention/index.cfm or the CIF/IFC site at www.cif-ifc.org. ♦



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Ice Elected to SAF Science Board

George G. Ice of Corvallis, Ore., one of the nation's foremost experts on forest water quality, has been elected to the science board of the Society of American Foresters.



As a member of the six-person Forest Science and Technology Board, George will help shape the science program of the scientific and educational association representing the profession of forestry in the United States. The mission of the Forest Science and Technology Board is to provide SAF an effective means for the development, dissemination and use of forest sciences.

"The work of SAF and the forestry profession hinges on its credibility as a science-based organization," says Ice. "Foresters serve society by providing sound scientific knowledge and professional management skills. We can't effectively accomplish that mission without a strong foundation built on science."

George Ice has been a research forest hydrologist and principal scientist with the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI) in Corvallis for more than 25 years. He manages the NCASI forest watershed program. The program supports numerous projects addressing topics like fish passage through culverts, temperature requirements of fish, and the effect of forest practices on water quality.

Ice has pursued research on a number of forest water quality issues. Some of these include forest management options to minimize sediment from forest roads and streamside management to achieve water quality objectives for controlling stream temperatures and minimizing sediment impacts.

Ice is an SAF Certified Forester, a

registered Professional Forester in California, and a Registered Professional Hydrologist by the American Institute of Hydrology. He

received a B.S. in forest management and an M.S. in wildland resource science from the University of California at Berkeley. Ice earned a Ph.D. in forest hydrology from Oregon State University. ♦

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Roy Silen 1918-2004

Roy Silen of Corvallis died January 24 on the island of Rorotona, Cook Islands, where he was on a snorkeling trip. He was 85. Born in North Bend, Ore., he lived in Oregon most of his life, including the past

50 years in Corvallis. He joined SAF in 1947, was elected SAF Fellow in 1985, and received the Oregon SAF Research award in 1988.

He began a career in forestry work following high school, including summer work as a fire lookout. He earned a bach-

elor's degree in silviculture from Oregon State College in 1943, a master's degree in forestry from Yale University in 1946, and a doctorate in forestry from OSU in 1956.

He served with the Army's 42nd Rainbow Division in Europe during World War II.

He joined the Pacific Northwest Forest and Range Experiment Station in 1946. In 1954 he became the first head of the newly formed Forest Genetics Research Project in Corvallis, where he served as a project leader for 30 years and made significant contributions to Christmas tree genetics.

Although he officially retired in 1985, he continued as a volunteer scientist in his research unit until his death, writing his last manuscript in 2003.

In his late 1970s, he started windsurfing and golfing, which he continued to enjoy until his death. He belonged to and volunteered for many social, environmental and financial organizations, including a campaign for extra pollution controls at the Halsey paper mill.

Survivors include his children, David and Joy Silen and Sandy Gell of Corvallis, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Ethel, in 1997.

A service was held on February 3. Memorial donations can be made to the Vina Moses Center or OSU Thrift Shop.

Robert E. Metzger 1935-2003

Bob Metzger passed away December 16, 2003. He joined the Society in 1964 and was elected SAF Fellow in 1993.

Mr. Metzger received his bachelor's degree in forest management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry—Syracuse in 1956. That same year he began his career with the BLM as a field forester in Eugene, Ore. In 1986 he earned a master's degree in natural resource economics from Colorado State University. He then resumed his BLM career and served in the agency's Washington, D.C., office as a forest economist in Sacramento and in Portland, Ore., where he was chief of forestry.

After his retirement in 1990, he worked as a forestry consultant on several international projects and was a board member of the Public Lands Foundation.

Mr. Metzger was very involved in Oregon SAF, serving as state chair, policy chair and Council. He received the OSAF Lifetime Achievement award in 1995. ♦

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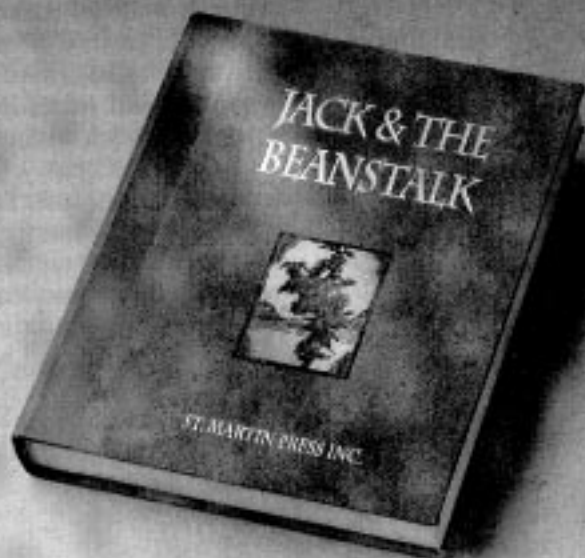
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Free Workshop on Forest Practices Rules Concerning Forest Roads	May 6	WSU	Colville, WA
IUFRO Foliage Meeting	June 13-19	OSU	Corvallis, OR
Balancing Ecosystem Values: Innovative Experiments for Sustainable Forestry	August 15-20	OSU	Portland, OR
Ponderosa Pine: Management, Issues and Trends	October 18-21	OSU	Klamath Falls, OR

OTHER EVENTS

GPS for Mobile Professionals, April 21, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury Consultants.

36th Annual Air Pollution Workshop, April 26-29, Rhineland, WI. Contact: David F. Karnosky at 906-487-2898 or karnosky@mtu.edu.

Wildlife Damage Management for Natural Resource Managers, April 27-28, Olympia, WA. Contact: WFCA.

Washington Farm Forestry Association Annual Meeting, April 29-May 1, Lake Chelan, Wash. Contact: Maurice Williamson at 509-684-8550 or general@williamsonconsulting.net.

Forestry Databases: Optimizing Databases for Queries, Analyses and Reports, May 4-5, Wilsonville, OR. Contact: WFCA.

Oregon SAF Annual Meeting, May 5-7, Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR. Contact: Steve Armitage at 541-618-2333 or sarmitag@jeffnet.org.

Alaska State SAF Meeting, May 5-8, Sitka, Alaska. Contact: Richard Abt at 907-747-4226 or rabt@fs.fed.us.

Forest Seedling Root Development: From the Nursery to the Field, May 12-13, Eugene, OR. Contact: WFCA.

Washington State SAF Annual Meeting, May 12-14, Port Angeles, WA. Contact: Harry Bell at 360-452-3325 or hbell@greencrow.com.

SuperACE98/Users Seminar, May 19, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury Consultants.

ArcReader Training, May 20, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury Consultants.

Cable Logging, May 25-28, Vernon, BC. Contact: Forest Engineering.

Unit Planning & Layout, May 31-June 3, Vernon, BC. Contact: Forest Engineering.

Idaho/Washington Forest Owners Field Day, June 26, Nora Creek Farm, Idaho. Contact: Kirk David at 208-666-8626 or kdavid@idl.state.id.us.

Western Forestry and Conservation Nursery Association annual meeting, July 26-29, Medford, OR. Contact: WFCA.

Ecological Society of America, National Meeting, August 1-6, Portland, OR. Contact: Fred Hall at 503-285-8729 or

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Effects of Management Practices on Productivity of Western Forests: A Forest Products Focus, September 20-23, Olympia, WA. Contact: WFCA.

Professional Timber Cruising, October 20-21, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury Consultants.

GPS for Mobile Professionals, October 27, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury Consultants.

Native Plants, December 14-17, Eugene, OR. Contact: WFCA.

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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.

DNR Sustained Yield Project

Advances. Washington's Board of Natural Resources continues to work with the Department of Natural Resources and the public to develop land management policies that will drive a sustained yield calculation. Public hearings were held in December and public work sessions occurred in December, January and February, with more scheduled. The Board now believes it will have a preferred land management alternative by March 2 and will meet its deadline of an early summer 2004 decision on the sustained yield calculation. The board is leaning toward land management policies that will be more aggressive than those of the recent past. All alternatives meet standards imposed by DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan. Contact: Bob Dick, WSSAF Policy co-chair, 360-352-3910; bdick@afrc.ws.

DNR Certification Hits Legislature.

FSC certification proponents have been frustrated by attempts to force Washington trust land certification at the Board of Natural Resources level. More recently they asked the Washington legislature to force FSC certification in a bill that is dead for the moment. Certification proponents appear to seek their objectives of reduced DNR production using FSC requirements for old-growth protection, long rotations, expanded staffing requirements, etc.

At the same time the above scenario was playing out, Public Lands Commissioner Doug Sutherland announced he would identify and remove from most management activities those lands that contain old-growth timber as defined by DNR's HCP. The ensuing uproar missed the fact that most of the proposed acreage already was off base, but the proposal is still controversial. The last shot in this discussion has not been fired. Contact: Bob Dick, WSSAF Policy co-chair, 360-352-3910; bdick@afrc.ws.

Planning Process Begins. The Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee national forests have begun the forest plan revision process, which should run through 2007. Known as the COW planning process, planners hope to produce one EIS and two plans, one for the Colville forest and one for the Wenatchee/Okanogan forests. Planners have said they will not rewrite old plans from the ground up, but will seek to find "what's broke," and deal in detail with those issues. Public meetings indicated fire management, access, thinning and more efficient USFS decision making as key issues. More information can be obtained at the Wenatchee National Forest website at www.fs.fed.us/r6/wenatchee. Contact: Bob Dick, WSSAF Policy co-chair, 360-352-3910; bdick@afrc.ws.

OSAF Members Strongly Endorse New and Revised Position

Statements. Based on the fall 2003 referendum, OSAF members gave very strong support to four position statements approved earlier in 2003 by the OSAF Executive Committee. The positions include: Active Management to Achieve and Maintain Healthy Forests; Salvage Harvesting; Clearcutting; and Using Pesticides in Forests. With a return rate of 32 percent, member support for the individual positions ranged from 96 to 99 percent. Although not required under SAF policy guidelines, OSAF uses the referendum approach to strengthen the credibility and member understanding and ownership of the positions. Given the timeliness and visibility of the forest health and salvage harvesting issues, OSAF members are encouraged to make use of the positions to help convey their professional forestry views to key decision makers and the interested public. All of the statements are on the OSAF website (www.forestry.org). Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@oregonstate.edu.

Two Ballot Initiative Petitions Approved for Signature Gathering.

Two forestry related ballot initiatives were approved for signature gathering, and two others may be approved by the time this is

printed. All are statutory measures, which require 75,630 valid signatures by July 2, 2004, in order to qualify for the November 2, 2004, statewide ballot. Initiative Petition #65 has been called the Tillamook-Clatsop "50-50 Plan," as it would require that 50 percent of these state forests be managed for "old-growth timber restoration" and the balance for timber production. Although not yet approved for signature gathering by mid-February, Initiative Petitions #119 and #120 were filed by one of the chief petitioners of #65, and thus appear to represent a "ballot title shopping" case in which similar petitions are used to identify one with the greatest support from the public and other key groups.

Petitions #65, #119 and #120 would override the Board of Forestry's policymaking authority in its recent adoption of an updated management plan for the Tillamook-Clatsop Forests. Alternatively, the initiatives would require the administrators of three university biology departments to appoint a team of technical specialists whose recommendations would direct the development of a new plan with measures required to create permanent old-growth preserves on 50 percent of the land area.

Initiative Petition #56 "requires, defines sustainable timber harvest practices and organic pest controls on state and private forest land." The Chief Petitioner of #56 was a co-petitioner for Measure 64, and #56 retains some language and emphasis of the latter, including major restrictions on clearcutting and chemical pesticides (see article on page 6).

The text and status of Initiative Petitions #56, #65, #119 and #120 can be found at the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.state.or.us/elections/other.info/irr.htm. Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@oregonstate.edu.

Update: Idaho Federal Lands Pilot Project.

The Clearwater Basin pilot project legislation has been introduced in the current federal Congress session in both the House (H.R. 835, by Rep. Otter for himself and Rep. Simpson) and in the Senate (S. 433, by Sen. Craig). The lead bill will probably be the Senate bill. However, at this writing the bill has not been scheduled for a committee hearing or otherwise progressed substantially further toward enactment. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jayo@uidaho.edu.

Forestry Day at the Idaho

Legislature. The Inland Empire SAF and the Intermountain SAF jointly sponsored an information program and luncheon for Idaho legislators on Presidents Day, February 16. This was the seventh year in a row the SAF has conducted an outreach education activity for legislators. The pro-



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gram featured an update from Director Winston Wiggins on the Idaho Department of Lands intention to increase the sustainable harvest level and to develop a Habitat Conservation Plan under the ESA. Your correspondent presented highlights from a forthcoming report on trends in Idaho's forest products industry and effects on Idaho's economy and forest resources (online at www.cnr.uidaho.edu/pag/pdfs/econ-fpi_feb04.pdf). Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jayo@uidaho.edu.

Update: President's Healthy Forests Initiative. The USDA Forest Service website (www.fs.fed.us/projects/HFI.shtml) is a good source for keeping up to date on the many policy activities associated with the President's Healthy Forests Initiative, including the Healthy Forests Restoration Act signed into law in December 2003. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jayo@uidaho.edu.

Update: Stewardship Contracting. The Forest Service and BLM have issued final guidance to their field offices on how to develop, implement and monitor stewardship contracts and agreements. Through broad-based community public and community involvement, stewardship contracting is intended to achieve key land-management goals that improve, maintain or restore forest or rangeland health; restore or maintain water quality; improve fish and wildlife habitat; reestablish native plant species and increase their resilience to insects and disease; and reduce hazardous fuels that pose risks to communities and ecosystem values through an open, collaborative process. Stewardship contracting authority includes agreements with nonprofits, best-value contracts, designation by description, end results and goods for services. The guidance document, fact sheet, Q&As, and other information can be accessed online at www.fs.fed.us/forestmanagement/projects/stewardship/handbook/index.shtml. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jayo@uidaho.edu.

National Policy Event. SAF's second annual Legislative Days are scheduled to be held June 15-16 in Washington, D.C. This is not only for personal development, but also for the development of state societies, divisions and chapters. Attending this event will provide an opportunity for you to represent your state on a national level with members of Congress, as well as make contacts and learn tricks of the trade that you can then use as you engage in policy issues in your state. Contact: Rita Neznok, associate director, SAF Forest Policy, 301-897-8720 x115; neznok@safnet.org. ♦

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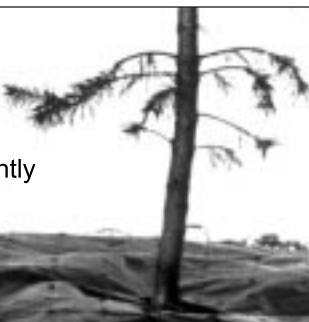
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