Inland Empire Society of American Foresters (IESAF) Annual Meeting

Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel
Worley, Idaho
September 18, 2015

IESAF invites you to attend our Annual Meeting scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. on September 18. See the Program on the next pages to see the excellent line-up of speakers and the agenda for this important meeting.

The meeting will be held at <u>no cost</u> to those attending except the price of the evening meal at the Coeur D'Alene Casino Resort Hotel. We will be ordering off their menu for the Red Tail Bar and Grill. See their web page for a copy of the menu items and prices: http://www.cdacasino.com/restaurants/redtail-grill.php (Click on the big + sign above the Facebook and Share icons to see the menu). IESAF will be picking up the 19% tip for a large group.

For those wishing to stay overnight at the Casino, special room rates have been granted. Room rates is $79.95 plus 7% tribal tax by if made by September 4.   After that the rate may or may not be honored. Please mention to mention you are with Inland Empire Society of American Foresters in order to get this room rate.   For reservations, contact the Casino at http://www.cdacasino.com/hotel/roomrates.php or by calling: 1-800-523-2464

PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR PLANNED ATTENDANCE BY SEPTEMBER 14 SO WE CAN LET THE RESTURANT KNOW THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES.

Please confirm your reservation for attendance by simply responding to this announcement via e-mail to Phil Aune, IESAF Chair at psaune@gmail.com or call 509 464-1409. We would like to have your name as you would like to see it printed on your name tag including your current employer or previous major employer if retired. Spouses are also welcome to attend this meeting. Please let us know that you plan on attending by September 14th. We will have fill in name tags for those who do not submit that reservation by September 14th.

PROGRAM

This year's Annual Meeting Program will feature three speakers, our Annual Meeting and awards for outstanding contribution to SAF and the Inland Empire. The program will begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. as described in the following agenda.

3:00 - 3:15. Welcome and introductions. Phil Aune, Chairman IESAF for 2015.

3:15 - 4:00   Dr. Andrew Nelson, University of Idaho, has been appointed as the new Silviculture Professor at the University of Idaho in 2015.   Dr. Nelson will talk about his background, his previous work, and some of the projects he plans to begin in Idaho, outlining his ideas for what he sees as important topics to study. He will leave room for discussion, where he can hear from the group about some of issues faced by foresters in the region:

4:00 - 4:15   Break

4:15- 4:45   Dr. Keith A. Blatner is Professor and Program Leader for Forestry in the School of the Environment at Washington State University. Keith joined the faculty in 1983 bringing with him professional experience in the Midwest and southern United States. During his tenure at Washington State University he has worked on a variety of research and consulting projects in the Pacific Northwest as well as in Russia, Southeast Asia, Africa and Latin America. Dr. Blatner chaired the former Department of Natural Resource Sciences from 2001 through 2011 and served as Associate Director for Undergraduate Education in the School of the Environment from 2012 through September 2014. Keith is currently guiding the re-establishment of the forestry major at WSU, which was previously phased out in 2011. He also teaches a senior level course in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy. Dr. Blatner serves as the District 1 Director for SAF Board of Directors.   Dr. Blatner will update IESAF on the WSU forestry program and national SAF issues and programs.

4:45 – 5:45   Inland Empire SAF Annual Meeting

5:45 – 6:30   Reception and good times

6:30 – 7:15   Dinner

7:15 – 7:30   Awards. Dr. Ron Mahoney, University of Idaho and Phil Aune, IESAF Chair

7:30 – 8:15   Keynote Speaker – Tom Partin, American Forest Resource Council, Portland, Oregon.

IESAF is very fortunate to feature Mr. Tom Partin, President of the American Forest Resource Council, as our Keynote Speaker tonight. He has had a long and distinguished 40 year career as a forester. He recently announced his upcoming retirement at the end of 2015. He will be spending quite a bit of time with his replacement Mr. Travis Joseph who previously worked for Congressman DeFazio, (D) Oregon.

AFRC is a regional trade association whose purpose is to advocate for sustained yield timber harvests on public timberlands throughout the West to enhance forest health and resistance to fire, insects, and disease. AFRC does this by promoting active management to attain productive public forests, protect adjoining private forests, and assure community stability. AFRC works to improve federal and state laws, regulations, policies and decisions regarding access to and management of public forest lands and protection of all forest lands.

Tom has 40 years of experience in various Forestry and Forest Industry positions. As President, of AFRC, he is responsible for the preparation of a strategic and operating plan that reflects the needs and preferences of the membership. He is also in charge of reviewing AFRC's staffing and work assignments of the fifteen employees of the organization. As President, Mr. Partin must also have a thorough knowledge and understanding of his member's needs, and to ensure full sharing of important and needed information. Mr. Partin is also responsible for overseeing the AFRC budget. Before joining AFRC, Mr. Partin worked for 25 years in the timber industry in positions that included forester, logging manager, resident plant manager, regional manager overseeing multiple facilities, and vice-president.

Tom will focus his remarks on observations over his career, current federal and state issues, policy alternatives under consideration and the outlook for the 2016 election year concerning the major forestry and natural resource issues and candidates. He will also discuss current AFRC monitoring programs on the national forests in Idaho and eastern Washington.