

# Policy Team Update

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Brand Promise

Personality

Values

Evolving  
Forest  
Management

Excellence

Engaged

Responsive

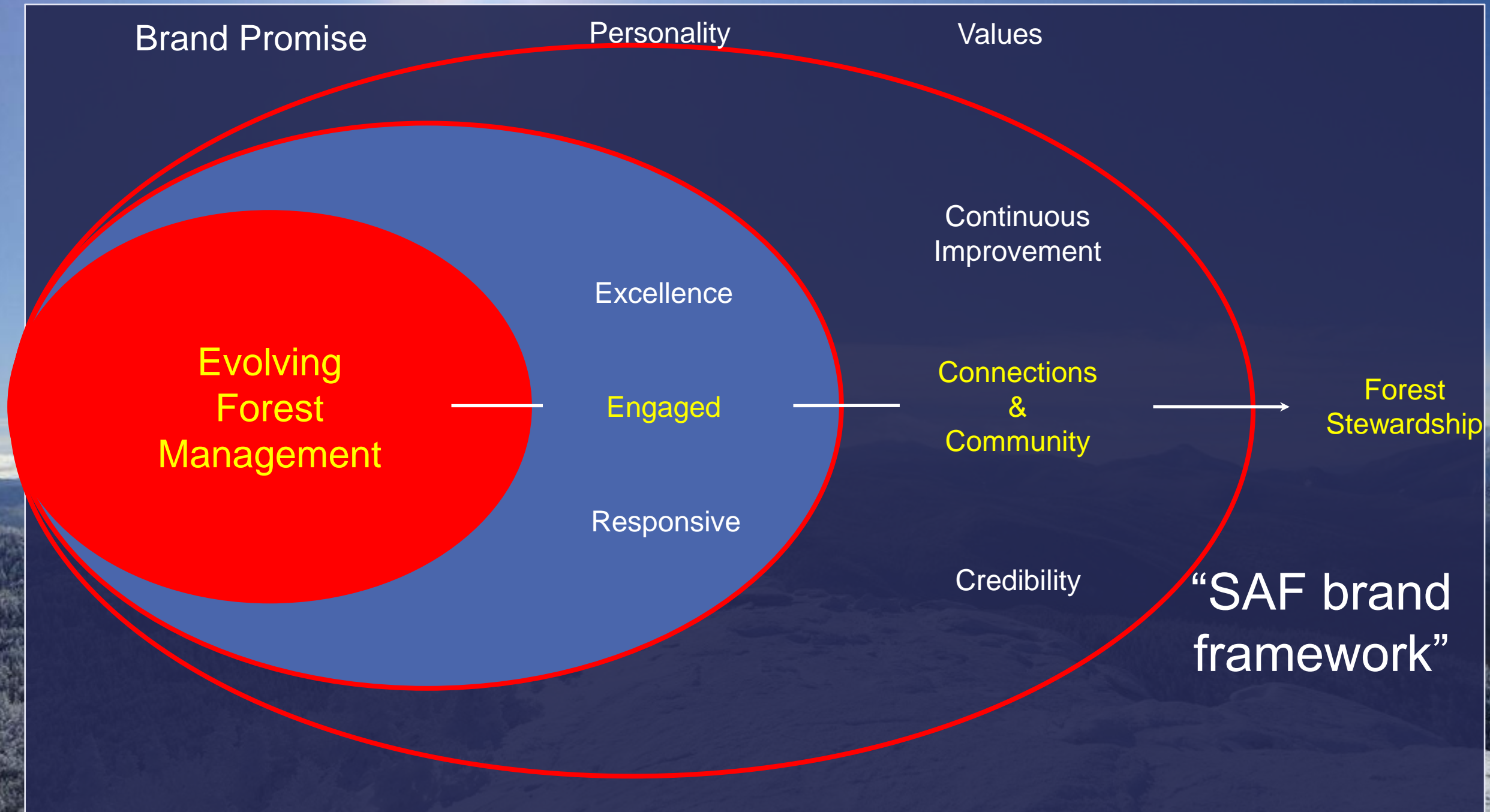
Continuous  
Improvement

Connections  
&  
Community

Credibility

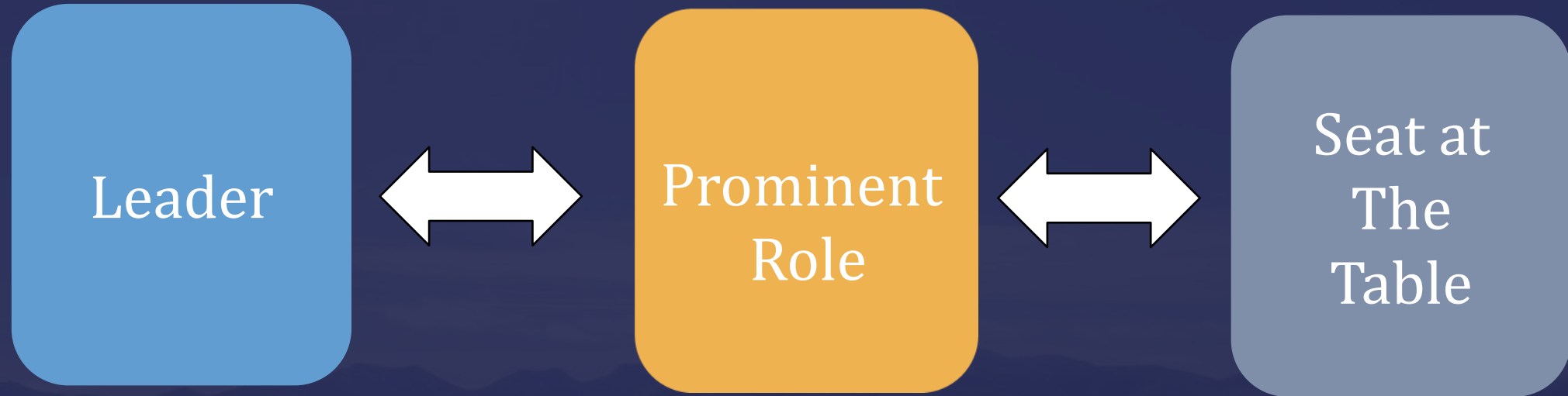
Forest  
Stewardship

“SAF brand  
framework”





# Issue Prioritization: 3 Bucket Method



- ☐ Appropriations – USFS/BLM
- ☐ Wildland Fire Management
- ☐ National Forest Management
- ☐ Carbon Accounting

- ☐ Tax reform – Timber/ Estate
- ☐ Good Neighbor Authority
- ☐ Input to APHIS and FWS
- ☐ Urban Forestry

- ☐ Forest Certification
- ☐ Building Codes
- ☐ State Level Regulations and Budgets

# Policy: Appropriations



- Provided oral testimony to the House of Representatives
  - Worked with partners to highlight priorities: SAF focus USFS R&D and FIA
  - Highlighted a need for fire fix to address problems wildfire suppression presents
  - Raised concerns about the BLM 5900 Account FY 2015 sunset provision
- Followed testimony with a series of meetings
  - Able to highlight a number of other appropriations priorities
  - Offers the opportunity to collaborate on other plans

Credibility



# Policy: Biogenic Carbon Emissions



- SAF Carbon Accounting Response Team
- Continued momentum of *Managing Forests Because Carbon Matters*
- Upcoming article in SAF journal – latest science can support a simple framework
- [Briefing](#) with Resources for the Future: “Considering the Contributions of Forests in the Management of Greenhouse Gas Emissions,” January 29, 2014 in Washington, DC

# Farm Bill Success...



- Forest Roads language permanently prohibiting permits
- Stewardship Contracting
  - Permanent reauthorization
  - Fire liability protections
- Healthy Forest Restoration Act Amendments
  - Categorical Exclusion for 3000 acres affected by insect or disease
- Good Neighbor Authority Extended
  - Additional 193 million acres



# Policy: Active Engagement



- Build stronger connections with state and regional SAF leaders
  - Soliciting input on the Wildland Fire Management Position Statement and the Herbicide Position Statement
  - Hosting a dinner at Convention and distribution of policy packet
- Working with the CFP to raise the profile of our policy activities
  - Getting CFP members on meeting agendas for short presentations
  - Determining how to make these interactions valuable for all involved

Connections

# 2014 SAF National Convention and CIF/IFC AGM & Conference

## REMODELING THE FOREST SCIENCE-MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP

- Co-located with the IUFRO World Congress in Salt Lake City, UT
- October 6-11: IUFRO World Congress
  - Must register for IUFRO to attend events on the 6-7th
- October 8-11: SAF/CIF Convention
  - Registrants for either meeting can attend all programming 9-11th



# 2014 SAF National Convention and CIF/IFC AGM & Conference

- Registration currently open: <http://www.safconvention.org>
  - Early bird deadline: [August 10th, 2014](#)
  - Presentation abstract submission deadline: [March 9, 2014](#)
  - Poster abstract submission deadline: [September 1, 2014](#)
- IUFRO [field tours](#) take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)
  - SAF/CIF [will not have](#) separate field tours
  - SAF/CIF registrants can [purchase tickets](#) through IUFRO <http://iufro2014.com/>

# Henry Clepper Forest Policy Internship

Located at SAF's national office in [Bethesda, MD](#). Available graduate or upper-level undergraduate students enrolled in accredited forestry programs, other natural resource programs, or in public policy programs with a forestry background. Interns serve as assistant to the SAF policy staff and will be expected perform duties such as preparing background reports, monitoring legislation, and serving as a liaison to other natural resource organizations. Knowledge of the programs, positions, and services of the Society of American Foresters is a plus.

Stipend: [\\$1400 per month](#).

Time Commitment: Flexible with a minimum term of 3 months preferred

[To apply](#): Send cover letter, resume, writing sample, and list of references to our Assistant Policy Director Danielle Watson at [watsond@safnet.org](mailto:watsond@safnet.org)

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# Questions?

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