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OSAF Meeting Focuses on Oregon's Forest Economy

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During the last 20 years, many significant changes have occurred



causing shifts in the forest economy of Oregon. Some examples include reduced harvest levels on federal forestlands, forest certification, increased utilization of smaller logs and new trends in forest products. These transformations have led to evolving silviculture practices, challenging forest management decisions and changes in land ownership.

Join fellow foresters at the 2006 Oregon SAF annual meeting in Coos Bay (Oregon's Bay Area) and discover "What's Driving Oregon's Forest Economy: Market Forces, Silviculture Practices and Land Management Decisions." The conference will be held April 26-28 at the Southwestern Oregon Community College—Hales Center for the Performing Arts. The Red Lion Hotel in Coos Bay will be our host hotel and location for the awards banquet on Wednesday, April 26.

Agenda

The conference will open on Wednesday morning, April 26, with the OSAF Executive Committee meeting, a welcome from Annual Meeting Chair Shaun Harkins and a keynote

address by Marvin Brown, SAF president and Oregon state forester. These speakers and others will lead an exciting all-day program discussing market forces. Other speakers include Hal Salwasser, dean, OSU College of Forestry; and Paul Adams and Darius Adams, professors, OSU College of Forestry. The evening will be capped with the awards banquet, and Bill Lansing, CEO of Menasha Forest Products, will give a presentation on his book "Seeing the Forest for the Trees," which tells the story of Menasha Corporation and its 100-year history in Coos Bay.

The Thursday, April 27 alumni buffet breakfast will jump start the day featuring SAF updates from Michael Goergen (invited), executive vice president and CEO of SAF, and Lena Tucker, OSAF chair. The morning session will offer presentations from Robert Powers, Pacific Southwest Research Station, on plantation forestry, and Greg Latta of Oregon State University on management for older forest structure. The afternoon offers field tours of the Bay Area's newest sawmill, Southport Forest Products, or a tour of the forest to discuss silviculture practices. The evening will conclude with a no-host social at The Mill Casino. This event will be filled with spirits, laughter and plenty of gambling activities.

After the Friday morning pep-up breakfast April 28, participants will learn more about a multitude of land management objectives being implemented on three types of ownerships. First are large industrial private



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A view of Cape Arago lighthouse located southwest of Coos Bay. Its tower is 44 feet high and was first illuminated in 1934.

forests with intense active forest management plans. Second are small family forests that have multiple objectives, and the third is federal forests with a large number of objectives and policies. These varying forest ownerships make up the mosaic of forest types across Oregon. The conference will conclude with a panel discussion featuring representatives from environmental and industry perspectives (see program on page 3).

Exhibitor Displays

In the current business climate, every opportunity needs exploring to get better results. Exhibitors will offer services and products that will spark innovative ideas for businesses. Agencies and organizations can also get their message out as well. Exhibitor tables will be visible during breaks and lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you are interested in being an

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exhibitor, please contact Shaun Harkins at 541-267-1855 or shaun.harkins@plumcreek.com.

Spouses Tours

A spouses tour is being planned to accommodate our significant others on Wednesday and Thursday, led by well-known SAF Fellow Ralph Duddles. Wednesday's tour travels to Myrtle Point to visit the Coos County Logging Museum and listen to a presentation on OSU Extension Agriculture and Forestry programs. After lunch, the group will visit Oregon Connection, a unique myrtlewood gift shop, Coos Art Museum and the Coos Bay Boardwalk.

To cap off the day, time will be available for shopping in downtown Coos Bay.

The tour schedule for Thursday includes a stop at Chicken Point—an overlook of the harbor entrance with a view of the remains of the New Carissa shipwreck. The next stop is Shore Acres State Park featuring beautiful botanical gardens with plants and flowers from all over the world and beautiful sandstone cliffs overlooking the ocean. After viewing the garden, you will want to relax to the rhythm of the pounding surf with a visit to Sunset Beach State Park and a view of the Cape Arago Lighthouse. If this isn't enough, the next stop will be Old Town Bandon, filled with blocks of unique shops and world-famous cranberry delights. You can "shop 'til you drop."

Raffle Items Needed

The Foresters' Fund Committee is soliciting items for a raffle and silent auction. If possible, please bring an item suitable for a raffle or the silent auction. These fundraising events are great ways for us to earn money for the Foresters' Fund and the projects that it supports. We need your participation for this event to be enjoyable and successful. Please be innovative and bring something you can be proud of! If you will be donating a raffle or silent auction item, please contact Craig Richards at 541-267-2872 or craigrichards@stuntzner.com.

Hotel Arrangements

Our hotel of choice is the Red Lion Hotel in Coos Bay. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$63 plus tax, single or double. This rate is good until April 24. To make reservations, call the hotel at 541-267-4141. The Red Lion Hotel is located at 1313 North Bayshore Drive (Highway 101).

Our second hotel of choice is the Mill Casino Hotel, located on Highway 101 in Coos Bay. A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$80 plus tax, single or double. This rate is good until April 24. To make reservations, contact the hotel at 541-756-8800 or 800-953-4800 or www.themillcasino.com.

Other Attractions

This conference provides an excellent opportunity to stay the weekend and golf at Bandon Dunes, charter fish in the Pacific, or rent an ATV at the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area.

To learn more about Coos Bay, North Bend or Charleston contact the Chamber of Commerce at 541-269-0215 or <http://www.oregonsbayareachamber.com>. ♦

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2006 Oregon Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting

What's Driving Oregon's Forest Economy?

Market Forces, Silviculture Practices and Land Management Decisions

Draft Program

Wednesday, April 26

- 7:00-9:00 am OSAF Executive Meeting and Registration
- 9:00 *Welcome*—**Shaun Harkins**, Plum Creek Forester and OSAF Annual Meeting Chair
- 9:10 *Keynote Speaker*—**Marvin Brown**, Oregon State Forester and National SAF President
- 9:45 *Global Supply and Demand*—**Speaker TBA**
- 10:30 Break/Foresters' Fund/Exhibitor Displays/Poster Session
- 11:00 *Forest and Rangeland Resource Planning Act and Oregon Timber Supply*—**Darius Adams**, Forest Resources, Oregon State University
- 11:45 Lunch
- 1:00 pm *Strategic Market Considerations: Factors that may Affect the Resource Planning Act Projections*—**Hal Salwasser**, Dean, College of Forestry, Oregon State University
- 1:45 *Strategic Market Considerations: Industry Perspective*—**Speaker TBA**
- 2:30 *Regulations, Public Policies and Perceptions: The Need to Market Forestry and Forest Products*—**Paul Adams**, Professor and Forest Watershed Extension Specialist, Forest Engineering Department, Oregon State University
- 3:15 Break/Foresters' Fund/Exhibitor Displays/Poster Session
- 3:45 *Land Use Forest Fragmentation in Oregon*—**Gary Lettman**, Forest Economist, Oregon Department of Forestry
- 4:30 *Forestry Program for Oregon*—**David Morman**, Forest Resources Planning Program Director, Oregon Department of Forestry
- 5:15-6:00 Break/Foresters' Fund/Exhibitor Displays /Poster Session
- 6:00 Foresters' Social Time
- 6:30 SAF Awards Banquet at the Red Lion Hotel
- 7:30 *Keynote Speaker: Seeing the Forest for the Trees: A History of Menasha in Coos County*—**Bill Lansing**, CEO, Menasha Forest Products

Thursday, April 27

- 7:00-8:30 am *Alumni Buffet Breakfast*
- 7:30 *National Update*—**Michael Goergen**, SAF Executive Vice President and CEO
- 8:00 *Oregon SAF Business Meeting*—**Lena Tucker**, Oregon SAF Chair
- 8:45 *Plantation Forestry: Clearcutting over Thinning, Herbicide Spraying, Fertilizing and Broadcast Burning*—**Speaker TBA**
- 9:30 *Family Forestlands: Perspectives, Values and Silviculture Practices*—**John Bliss**, Forest Resources, Oregon State University
- 10:15 *Management for Older Forest Structure: Cost Minimizing Study at the Stand Level*—**Greg Latta**, Forest Resources, Oregon State University
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Field Tours (choose one)
 • Forest Products—**Jason Smith**, Southport Mill
 • Silviculture Practices—**TBA**
- 6:00 pm No-Host Cocktail Social/Foresters' Fund Raffle

Friday, April 28

- 7:00 am Pep-up Breakfast
- 8:00 Housekeeping
- 8:05 *Industrial Forestland Management: Sustainable Forestry Initiative Certification*—**Tom Ray**, General Manager, Northwest Region, Plum Creek
- 8:45 *Non-Industrial Private Forests (Family Forestlands)*—**Gary Springer**, Springer Tree Farm
- 9:30 *Oregon State Forests: Habitat Conservation Plan and Forest Management Plan*—**Clark Seely**, Associate State Forester, Oregon Department of Forestry
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 *Federal Forests*—**Speaker TBA**
- 11:00 Panel Discussion: **Speakers TBA**
 • Industry Representative
 • Environmental Community Representative
 • U.S. Congressional Representative
 • BLM Representative
- 12:00 Closing Remarks—**Shaun Harkins**

Beautiful Lake Chelan Site of WSSAF Meeting

You are invited to attend the 2006 Washington State Society of American Foresters' annual meeting April 6-8. Hosted by the Mid-Columbia Chapter, the meeting will be held at the beautiful Campbell's Resort on the north shore of Lake Chelan.

The theme of *Living with Wildfire—Lessons Learned* will be explored through classroom sessions and a field trip. The meeting begins with an informal icebreaker on Thursday, April 6. Friday, April 7, will be an information-packed day featuring knowledgeable speakers on a variety of wildfire topics. Presentations will cover recent wildfire history and what has been learned and implemented. Longview Fibre will describe its stewardship project and results from the Hungry Hunter fire. Planning and modeling approaches will also be discussed, including the new USDA Forest Service forest planning model, which is



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Saturday's field trip is a four-hour ride up Lake Chelan on the passenger vessel Lady of the Lake II that will provide you the opportunity to see the beauty and feel the remoteness of this incredible location. Participants will observe a variety of past wildfire sites and a Forest Service wildfire expert will provide a narrative description of each. Watch for mountain goats, big horn sheep and deer during this boat ride.

Lake Chelan, one of the deepest lakes in the United States, is 55 miles long and extends from the town of Chelan into the heart of the North Cascade Mountains. While April is not the best time to swim in Lake Chelan, there is excellent boating, fishing and several nearby golf courses. Mill Bay Casino at Manson, Wash., is six miles west of Chelan, and will gladly have you play its slot machines and blackjack, roulette and craps tables.

A spouses tour of wineries in the Chelan area will also be offered. The vineyards and wineries are a growing industry and the quality improves each year.

This promises to be an excellent spring event. It is a wonderful time of year to visit Lake Chelan and the north-central Washington area, so put April 6-8 on your calendar today. ♦

2006 Washington State SAF Annual Meeting

Living with Wildfire—Lessons Learned

Friday, April 7

- 8:00-8:30 am Welcome and Announcements
- 8:30-9:15 *Keynote Address—Dr. Ron Wakimoto*, Professor of Forestry and Wildland Resource Science, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
- 9:15-10:15 *Lessons from Research and Modeling*
 • *Issues of Scale—David L. Peterson*, Research Biologist-Professor, Pacific Wildland Fire Sciences Laboratory, USDA Forest Service, Seattle, WA
 • *Effects on Forest Wildfire—James K. Agee*, Professor of Forest Ecology, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- 10:15-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:45 *Incorporating Disturbances into Planning (how it fits into the forest plan)*
 • *Forest Plan—Phil Jahns*, Vegetation Management Team Leader, NE WA Plan Revision, Colville, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, Okanogan, WA
 • *Community Wildfire Protection Plans—Nan Christianson*, State and Private Forest Staff Officer, Bitterroot NF, Hamilton, MT
- 11:45-1:15 Awards Banquet
- 1:15-2:00 pm *Discussion on Restoration—David N. Smith*, Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, Hanford Reach National Monument, USDI Fish and Wildlife Service, Richland, WA, and

David W. Peterson, Fire Ecologist, Forestry Sciences Lab, PNW Forest and Range Exp. Station, Wenatchee, WA

- 2:00-2:30 *Hayden Lake Project—Lessons Learned, Operator's Perspective—Joe Hester*, Owner, Joe Hester Logging, LLC, Post Falls, ID
- 2:30-3:00 Break
- 3:00-4:30 *Implementing What We Have Learned*
 • *Hungry-Hunter Stewardship Project—Steve Tift*, Project Manager, Longview Fibre Co., Leavenworth, WA
 • *British Columbia Experiences—Bob Gray*, Fire Ecologist and Owner, R.W. Gray Consulting Ltd., Chilliwack, B.C.
- 4:30-5:00 *Wrap-Up—Jim Furlong*, Fire Operations, State and Private, Regional Office Fire and Aviation Mgmt., BLM-FS, Portland, OR
- 6:30 Banquet Speaker—*Aftermath of the Ice-Age Floods: A Bird's Eye View—Bruce Bjornstad*, Geologist/Hydrogeologist, Writer, Battelle's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA

Saturday, April 8

- 10:00 am-2:00 pm *Field Trip: Lady-of-the-Lake Boat Tour—*Lake tour will visit historical wildfire sites dating back to early 1900s, narrated by **Richy Harrod**, Fire Ecologist, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, Wenatchee, WA



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College (GRCC). Jessyka's career goals are to work in research within wildlife or silviculture, and plans to work in Alaska for her summer internship.

Jessyka is the Forestry Club president at GRCC and truly enjoys the hard work the program requires. "I have always dreamt of becoming a forester to work with the land and its wildlife. My time at GRCC has not only strengthened my devotion to this dream, but has also given me opportunities that I otherwise may never have had. The instructors at GRCC give the students the education and support they need to accomplish anything."

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Our Voice

Our Voice is a new column for students that will appear in every issue of the Western Forester. The idea for the column was borne at last year's tri-society annual meeting in Lewiston from a conversation between Jessyka Lemieux, an SAF student member; Dick Hopkins, an instructor at Green River Community College; and the editor.

The intent of the column is to provide students with a venue to present their thoughts and views on a variety of topics related to forestry and SAF, and to provide a communications link where professional members can learn what is on the minds of students and our future leaders. Student authors will rotate from forestry schools (technical and four-year) within the Western Forester geographical area of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Alaska.

Student Challenges SAF

BY JESSYKA LEMIEUX

As the 2005 National Convention came to an end, I realized the significance of student involvement within SAF not only during college, but the importance of membership after graduation. Looking around me, I was surrounded by foresters, scientists, politicians and students. What amazed me was the amount of "fire" within the students relating to their status within the SAF. I was inspired to see the drive and ambition for a place to speak, for someone to listen and for the opportunity to be understood. Some of the best work in people's lives comes from their college years and experiences. College is a time to grow, to learn, to inspire and to be inspired. Then why is it that student involvement drops so drastically after graduation? What is it that will keep us in SAF to become leaders and give the next generation of students the tools needed to be successful?

In this fast-paced world of instant gratification where students expect to be given information quickly and concisely, SAF finds itself in a unique position to influence students (who are potential future members) early in their careers. It is imperative to the future success of our organization that SAF demonstrate the value of continued membership and instill the belief in students that their continued support is a value to both their careers and the SAF.

This summer I was fortunate to work as a forest technician and was surprised at the low participation

level in SAF from the professionals I was working with. I was unaware that professionals have some of the same questions as students regarding SAF. Questions such as: Why should I pay these dues? What does SAF do for me? If professionals in our industry have similar questions as students, where does this leave us? Many companies and agencies no longer support their employees by giving them time off to attend SAF functions, or help pay for their dues and expenses as was practiced in the past. When times are hard and with today's economy, without employer financial support active members must make hard choices and cut expenses. This has a direct affect on SAF fraternally and financially.

Young people of today do not belong to organizations like the young of the past. Fraternal organizations were once the main part of an individual's social life. Everything today seems to be disposable—careers are changed every 7-10 years and cars are traded or sold every couple years, for example. We are no longer in the mindset of a stationary lifestyle.

I think we need the professionals of today to show students how SAF has helped them evolve in their careers. I'm hoping that students will see the importance of an SAF membership as they graduate from college. I also expect to see some real active changes within SAF to show students and professionals why this organization is different from other dying fraternal organizations and to prove that it will survive during this time of change. ♦

OSAF Meets the Challenge and Helps HS Forestry Programs!

For many years, Oregon had active forestry programs at many high schools around the state. With school budgets tightening and curriculum choices narrowing, many of these programs are no longer available for students. Likewise, many chapters of the Associated Oregon Forestry Club are now inactive. That seemed to be the story for the Pleasant Hill School District a few years ago, but members of its advisory committee rallied supporters and raised the funds needed to keep a half-time teaching position—and therefore the program—afloat. Looking for ways to ensure the program's future, members of the committee made a connection with the Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) and learned about "field of interest" funds. Thus was borne, in early 2001, the Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund (ONREF).

The mission of ONREF is to provide funds to establish, expand, improve and maintain forest-related natural resources education opportunities in Oregon high schools. It is administered by the Oregon Community Foundation, which seeks the counsel of an advisory committee on making distributions from the fund. The advisors are seeking to help school programs that provide educational opportunities in forestry, particularly those that integrate wood products, silviculture, harvesting, fisheries, wildlife, water, soils, recreation and the management of other forest-related natural

resources of Oregon. Programs that provide career and leadership development in the forestry arena are also candidates for funding.

While working particularly on behalf of the Pleasant Hill district, the organizers worked with the OCF to ensure that the ONREF could benefit high school forestry programs throughout the state. There is a general "umbrella" fund, which will make distributions to schools throughout the state, and subfunds of a minimum of \$10,000 able to be established by donors to support programs in specific locales or for special purposes.

The first subfund was established to support Pleasant Hill's program. A second, the Terry Selby Memorial subfund, now supports high school forestry in Benton County. Each subfund has its own advisors who review grant applications and make recommendations for funding to the OCF Board. The subfund idea caught the attention of an anonymous OSAF member. He contributed \$5,000 and challenged the state SAF, its chapters and individual members to match his donation to raise an additional \$5,000 and meet the OCF minimum needed to establish an "OSAF Subfund." This

fund would be a source of support for high schools throughout Oregon, with extra consideration for programs that promote secondary forestry education.

The challenge was brought to OSAF at its January 2005 Executive Committee meeting by Jim Rombach, a member of the ONREF Advisory Committee. It was accepted there, with the understanding that raising the \$5,000 match might take two to three years. With help from individuals, chapters and corporate gifts from both Giustina Resources and Giustina Land & Timber Company, OSAF raised the funds needed to establish the account by October! The OSAF Subfund of the Oregon Natural Resources Education Fund is now a reality. Distributions will remain small while the fund continues to grow, but they can now begin. High school forestry education around the state can receive assistance from and become more aware of the efforts of Oregon SAF.

Thanks to everyone from OSAF who has helped us meet this challenge! Continued contributions are both wanted and needed. Funds should be designated for the "OSAF Subfund of ONREF" and can be sent to the Oregon Community Foundation, 440 E. Broadway, Suite 160, Eugene, OR 97401. For additional information, contact Pete Sikora at PeteS@giustina.com or 541-485-1500, or Jim Rombach at jlrombach@aol.com or 360-576-7644. ♦

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December Council Meeting Discusses VOS Report and More

BY ANN FOREST BURNS

Once again, the upper left hand corner was well represented at December Council deliberations. In addition to Rick Barnes (District II) and myself, our travel contingent to Wild Acres included my successor on Council, Kirk David; Vice President Marvin Brown; current Policy Chair and Vice President-elect John McMahon; and HSD chair-elect and 2005 WSSAF chair Chuck Lorenz.

Prior to Friday's orientation session for new Council participants, Rita Neznok, associate director of Forest Policy, arranged an SAF-hosted breakfast in the House Agriculture Committee hearing room with Congressional staff who work on forestry issues. This provided an excellent opportunity to



showcase the breadth of forestry knowledge and expertise of Council members. We were gratified that so many staff took the time to meet with us. Their praises of SAF policy staff were consistently high.

Council's work was split into two parts: the usual day and a half of discussion and action on items arranged by strategic outcome, followed by an afternoon and morning of action on the December 2004 Volunteer Organizational Task Force Report and responses by members (see sidebar).

All units will be receiving the 2006 Strategic Plan. It is similar in form and content to strategic plans of recent years. Its purpose is to assist all levels of SAF in focusing scarce resources on important tasks. Our Northwest state societies and the Northwest Office have been in the forefront of using strategic planning. As in 2005, the 2006 document includes "suggested actions" under each strategic outcome to assist

local units in applying the document to their needs. To access the plan, go to www.safnet.org/who/strategicplan.cfm.

Membership is an important focus of all we do. Numbers are stabilizing, but our effort to encourage all forestry professionals to belong to the Society and to realize its many benefits must continue unabated. It is gratifying to read a recent letter to all USDA Forest Service employees from Chief Dale Bosworth encouraging them to join and participate in their respective professional societies.

A significant new tool in attracting and retaining members will be the Roots of Forestry™ archive. All issues of the *Journal of Forestry* from 1902-2000 will be available to members online in a searchable database beginning in January. All issues of *Forest Science* and the regional journals of applied forestry will follow within the next few months. Approximately 11,750 articles from more than 1,440 issues will be available for searching and download. Subscriptions will be sold to educational institutions and libraries. Non-members will have pay-per-view access. This project was made possible through a generous grant from the USDA Forest Service.

The Fellow category of membership has been under discussion by Council for most of the time I have been on Council. The recent limitation on election of new Fellows to one per state society has been unsatisfactory. At Council's October meeting, we heard conflicting recommendations from HSD and the Committee on Professional Recognition. Based on a subsequent consensus report, Council has amended the bylaws to substantially revise how Fellows will be chosen. Beginning in 2006, each District Council representative will be responsible for appointing a District Fellows Committee to be made up of at least one Fellow from each state society in the District and including age class, gender, cultural and employer group diversity. Fellow recommendations



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will be made to this committee, which will review letters of recommendations and credentials. The District Committee's Fellow nominations will be forwarded to and voted on by Council. The current five percent cap on Fellows will now be expressed in the bylaws as a goal, around which the actual percentage may vary.

The financial performance of your Society has been strong again in 2005. Contributions from members and supporters are expected to total more than \$100,000 in 2005. Dues generate approximately 38 percent of operating revenue, meaning that you get \$2.63 in benefits for every dollar you pay in dues. In response to member concerns over the lack of Foresters' Fund grants in 2005, Council has acted to revise the investment guidelines for that, as well as other endowed funds. It is anticipated that distributions of about \$40,000 per year, which would represent earnings of approximately four percent of the fund, will be available each year beginning 2006.

Plan now to attend the annual convention in Pittsburgh, Penn., October 25-29, 2006. Work is underway for the Portland, Ore., convention October 24-28, 2007. Both will be great opportunities to learn and to enjoy the company of our colleagues.

It has been an honor to serve as your District 1 Council representative. Thank you all for your great and continuous support. I look forward to serving SAF as a volunteer in the future. Welcome to Kirk David as he takes over as District I representative. ♦

Ann Forest Burns served as Council representative for District 1 from 2002-2005. She can be reached at aforestburns@msn.com. Kirk David now serves as District 1 Council representative from 2006-2008. He can be reached at 208-666-8626 or kdavid@idl.state.id.us. Rick Barnes is in his second year of serving as District 2 Council representative. He can be reached at 541-673-1208 or rbarnes@barnesinc.com.

Council Actions on Recommendations of the Volunteer Organizational Structure Task Force Report

Over the course of two half days, Council considered the forward and recommendations contained in the December 2004 report of the Volunteer Organizational Task Force. Over the last year, the report has been reviewed and considered at all levels within the Society. In addition to the formal work of the House of Society Delegates and the Forest Science and Technology Board, Council reviewed some 40 pages of comments received through the national office. Individual Council members brought the thoughts of members expressed at chapter and state society meetings and in individual conversations, phone calls and emails.

Regional v. District structure. The current 11 district structure will be retained. It was not viewed as advantageous either to create a new regional governance structure or to reduce the number of geographic areas on Council. Any realignment of state societies within or between districts may be brought forward by the members of the affected state or multi-state societies.

National convention. An annual national convention will be continued. This will allow practitioners and scientists from all parts of the country to continue to meet regularly. Work will continue to encourage more members and non-members to take advantage of these opportunities. Regional meetings, like the 2005 joint Oregon, Washington State and Inland Empire meeting in Lewiston, are encouraged at the option of the affected units.

Student involvement in governance. The value of students to the governance of the Society is recognized. Chapters and districts are encouraged to formally add students to their governing bodies. A student member will be added as a non-voting participant on Council, similar to the current roles of the chair of the Forest Science and Technology Committee and the Policy chair. Incoming President Marvin Brown will appoint a committee to work out the mechanism for selection of the student representative. The National Student Assembly will be restructured as a National Student Congress.

Forest Science and Technology. The FS&T Board will be renamed the Science Committee. Its role in further integrating forest science in all units within SAF will be explored. The title "working groups," rather than the suggested "interest groups," will be retained.

National Committees and Task Forces. Direct oversight has been assigned to the vice president and past president to assure optimum benefit to all members of the work of these groups. Information available on the national website will continue to be improved to facilitate wider member involvement.

Nominating process. Deadlines and other mechanisms were revised to assure that good candidates are available for election to office and for appointment to national committees and task forces.

Gift Acceptance Committee. The committee was discontinued. Council has consolidated the functions of the Finance and Investment Committees. All matters dealing with gifts are now included within the charter of that committee.

Virtual Ask the Experts. The principle expressed in this recommendation—improved communication between and among practitioners and scientists—was endorsed by Council. The Society will continue to refine its use of technology to that end and in service of society as a whole.

Into the Future. After acting on the 15 recommendations contained in the report, Council had a spirited discussion of the questions raised in the Forward to the Report. Council will begin discussing the broad issues of "who we are" and "what kind of Society we want to be" at its March 2006 meeting. Comments already provided will be considered. Your Council and HSD representatives welcome your additional thoughts. In March, Council will consider whether another more formal process should begin to foster this discussion and how to bring it to an appropriate and fruitful conclusion. It is important that, having addressed structural issues, we now focus on ways and means of enhancing SAF's function and value to all members of the forestry profession.

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Coming of Age: The Alaska Northern Forest Cooperative

BY TOM PARAGI

The boreal forest of Alaska is a relatively wild expanse in the far northwest of our continent dominated by black spruce with northern hardwoods or white spruce on warmer or drier sites. The vast majority of roughly 600,000 Alaskans live on a limited road system in the eastern third of the state, with those living inland from the coast experiencing the bitterly cold and dark winters typical for high latitudes dominated by a continental climate and permafrost.

Climate change has affected many geographic regions of Alaska to an extent and rate more pronounced than lower latitudes in North America, with profound effects on the forest, its disturbance agents (especially fire and insects), and ecosystem services such as carbon storage. Human culture has evolved for thousands of years in this environment of extremes, and recent developments in national energy policy have focused oil and gas exploration once again across Alaska. In this dynamic setting, information about forest resources and their uses by soci-

ety are more important than ever.

In May 2003, a group of scientists, forest managers and forest landowners met in Fairbanks to propose an informal organization to help exchange information of mutual interest and define information needs. The Alaska Northern Forest Cooperative was formed from this effort, and is composed of individuals interested in forest management who represent various entities in Alaska, including private landowners, government (federal, state, local), Native corporations and the University of Alaska. The group considered "northern forest" to include boreal forest extending over much of interior and southcentral Alaska and the northern Kenai Peninsula, but not the coastal spruce-fir forest (see map).

The Coop has a technical focus and is not a political or advocacy organization. However, it recognizes that non-technical or traditional knowledge has value in forest management and that learning occurs by collaboration among scientists, landowners and forest managers.

Landowners and forest managers often lack current information on how to best manage their forested lands for economic development, subsistence products or other values. The first product of the Coop in February 2004 was a summary document of 92 ongoing or recently completed research or management projects or data sets; it was recently updated and now contains 117 project summaries. Results of the document are now being included in a Coop committee effort to help the state Division of Forestry review stocking standards for boreal forest following timber harvest.

A strong desire to bring Coop efforts into the public arena to address pertinent issues has resulted in two workshops that included field trips to research sites. In October 2004, about 30 people attended "Managing small trees in the northern forest" in Fairbanks and heard presentations on four invited topics: reducing hazardous fuels, subsistence usage, value-added wood utilization, and considerations for thinning and planting.

In September 2005, about 40 people attended "Biomass and small tree uti-



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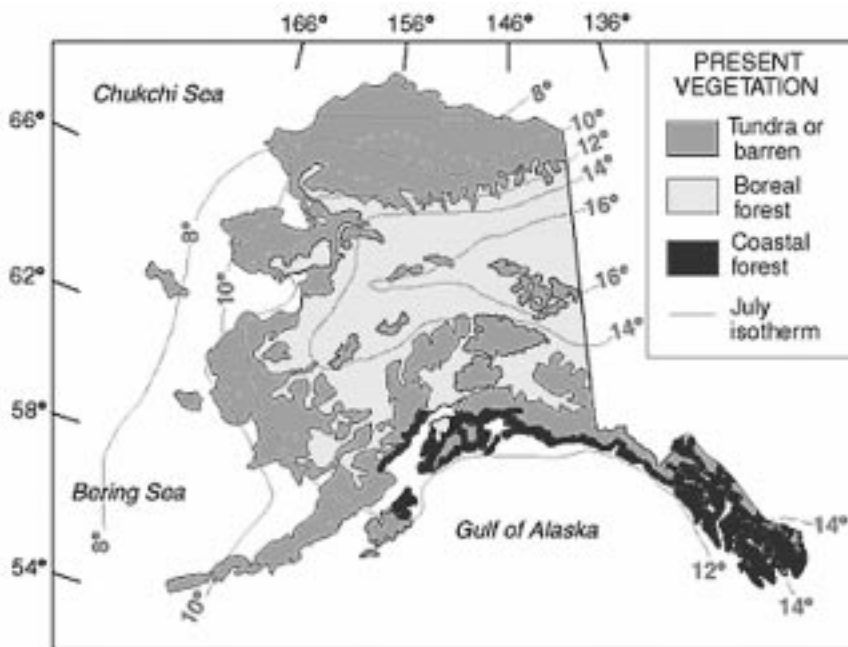
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lization: Wood energy and business opportunities for interior Alaska" in Tok (eastern Interior near border with Yukon Territory) and heard invited talks on wood use opportunities and business considerations. Field trips included stops at facilities using wood energy for municipal heating and kiln drying and a visit to the Alaska Native village of Tetlin for a discussion of resource management issues in remote rural communities.

The Coop is planning to hold its next business meeting in Anchorage on April 5 and has a committee assembling the program for a workshop somewhere in southcentral Alaska in October on the broad topic of hardwood management. To find out more about the Alaska Northern Forest Cooperative and its recent accomplishments, visit www.aknfc.org. ♦

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Former State Senator Earns Oregon 2005 Tree Farmer of the Year

It is more than fitting that Oregon's newly selected 2005 Tree Farmer of the Year is a man who planted his first trees at the age of 10, earned a Master of Forestry degree, has worked all his life on national and private forests, and is now passionately spreading the "forestry bug" on to others.



Bob Kintigh, a Lane County tree farmer who manages the timber owned by Kintigh Family Limited Partnership east of Springfield and south of Cottage Grove, was a bit choked up when he took center stage at the World Forestry Center in Portland on Monday, November 21, to receive the noteworthy recognition by

the Oregon Tree Farm System, Inc., at their annual awards luncheon. "We have so many really good tree farmers in Oregon that are really doing a great job," said Kintigh. "To be chosen to represent them is a great honor."

Turning an unproductive "stump ranch," which he purchased in 1957, into a productive piece of ground that now produces 50 loads of logs annually, fine Christmas trees and high-quality seedlings took years of work. But what Kintigh is most proud of is that he and his family have left that ground far better than when they acquired it. He doesn't just "talk" the sustainable talk...he lives it. While doing periodic timber harvests on his land, Kintigh is genuinely concerned about how his management practices are affecting the environment and wildlife habitat.

As a former Oregon State Senator from 1987-1999 and serving two terms as chairman of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, he's heard substantial testimony about the impact of man's activities on the land. Maybe that's why he goes the extra mile to protect soil fertility and control erosion, maintain roads on his property, control aggressive non-native species, and reserve habitat for the herons, Canada geese, wild ducks, deer, elk, quail, swallows and other wildlife that browse for food in clearcuts and oak savannah on his land, and visit the ponds he's constructed.

Kintigh's records show that he has harvested enough timber from his property to build over 500 average-size homes. "That production has meant that 500 families didn't have to sleep under a bridge at night...I'm proud of my stumps," stressed Kintigh. "And we work really hard to ensure that we are maximizing sustainable wood production without hurting the environment, wildlife habitat or water resources."

Today, Kintigh manages the 249 acres of timber owned by Kintigh Limited Partnership, but the Christmas trees and seedling nursery parts of the business have been turned over to sons Mark and Dan, freeing up time for Kintigh to coordinate educational forestry tours on his ranch for professionals, foreigners and school and civic groups, and write about natural resource issues. "We've had over 40 tours since 1970," said Kintigh, "with 22 of these being in the last five years."

Each year, local groups of Oregon Department of Forestry foresters, consulting foresters and forestry extension agents meet with the Oregon Small Woodlands Association chapters to select County Tree Farmer of the Year award recipients. Oregon's State Tree Farm winner is selected from the county winners and competes in the Western Regional competition that represents 13 states. The National Tree Farmer of the Year finalist is selected from four U.S. regional winners. ♦

Green River CC Receives National Award



The Green River Community College (GRCC) Student Chapter tied for third place for Student Chapter of the Year. Receiving their award at the SAF National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, are from left to right: Chair Willie Lundberg, Pam Phillips, Jessyka Lemieux, Pete Ninteman and Advisor Dick Hopkins.

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5th Annual Forester Forum	Feb. 9-10	UID	Coeur d'Alene, ID
Forest Products Management Development	Feb. 26-Mar. 1	OSU	Corvallis, OR
Regeneration of Interior Forests	March 21-23	OSU	Bend, OR
Introduction to GIS Applications in Natural Resources with ArcGIS	March 23-24	OSU	Corvallis, OR
Sale Area Layout and Harvesting Institute	April 18-May 5	OSU	Corvallis, OR
Selling Forest Products	April 20-21	OSU	Corvallis, OR
Advanced GIS Applications Natural Resources	May 25-26	OSU	Corvallis, OR

OTHER EVENTS

Oregon Logging Conference, Feb. 23-25, Lane County Convention Center and Fairgrounds and Eugene Hilton, OR. Contact: Oregon Logging Conference at www.oregonloggingconference.com or 541-686-9191.

Fuel Reduction on Steep Slopes, March 8-9, Coeur d'Alene, ID. Contact: FEI.

Basic Road Design Workshop, March 13-16 in Richmond, B.C., and April 4-7 in Corvallis, OR. Contact: FEI.

WSSAF annual meeting, *Living with Wildfire—Lessons Learned*, April 6-8, Campbell's Resort, Chelan, WA. Contact: Jerry Gutzwiller at jrgutzwiller@genext.net.

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OSU: OSU College of Forestry Outreach Education Office, Peavy Hall 202, Corvallis, OR 97331-5707; 541-737-2329; <http://outreach.cof.orst.edu/>.

UID: University of Idaho Extension, 1000 West Hubbard, Suite 140, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815, 208-446-1680; cschnepf@uidaho.edu.

WFOA: Western Forestry and Conservation Association, 4033 SW Canyon Rd., Portland, OR 97221, 503-226-4562; richard@westernforestry.org; www.westernforestry.org.

Oregon Small Woodlands Association annual meeting, April 19-21, World Forestry Center, Portland, OR. Contact: Mike Gaudern at oswaed@oswa.org or 503-588-1813.

Brazil Forestry Study Tour, April 23-30 & April 30-May 7, Curitiba, Brazil. Contact: Mark Willhite at www.world-forestinvestment.com or 503-695-6419.

Oregon SAF annual meeting, April 26-28, Southwestern Oregon Community College, Coos Bay, OR. Contact: Shaun Harkins at shaun.harkins@plumcreek.com or 541-267-1855.

Professional Timber Cruising Seminar, May 10-11, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury.

Coastal Resource Management Technology Transfer Conference, May 16, Kelso, WA. Contact: WFOA.

SuperAce06 Seminar, May 17, Beaverton, OR. Contact: Atterbury.

Washington Farm Forestry Association annual meeting, June 8-10, Stevens County Ag Trade Center and Fairgrounds, Colville, WA. Contact: Rick Dunning at rdunning@wafarmforestry.com or 360-606-5511.



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Maisch Appointed Alaska State Forester

Chris Maisch has been named state forester and director of the Alaska Division of Forestry, Department of Natural Resources Commissioner Tom Irwin.

The forestry division's mission is to develop, conserve and enhance state

forests to provide a sustainable supply of forest resources to Alaskans. The state forester is responsible for managing forest resources, wildland fire prevention and response, and forest industry practices, Irwin said.

"Chris brings a wealth of knowl-

edge about the science of forestry, a broad perspective of public and private interests in healthy forests, and extensive hands-on experience in managing Alaska's Interior forests," said Irwin. "I'm confident he'll do an outstanding job as state forester."

Maisch comes to the position after six years as northern regional forester in Fairbanks, where he played a major role in responding to the record-breaking wildfire season of 2004, which included the half-million acre Boundary Fire.

"Both the Board of Forestry and the Alaska Fire Chiefs Association strongly recommended Chris for the position, which shows that professionals in the field recognize his abilities in wildfire management, one of the crucial elements of the state forester's job," said Dean Brown, deputy director of the Division of Forestry.

Maisch worked for the Tanana Chiefs Conference from 1982 to 1999, including 14 years as chief forester responsible for managing Native corporation forestlands. He represented Native interests on the State Board of Forestry from 1989 to 1990 and served on the board of directors of the Alaska Forest Association from 1992 to 1999.

He has extensive involvement in professional and civic organizations, including 10 years on the Board of Advisors for the School of Natural Resources and Agricultural Sciences at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks, which he is serving this year as chair. Maisch has a bachelor's degree in forestry from the University of Michigan, and in 1997 became a certified forester in the Society of American Foresters. He was named Alaska SAF's Forester of the Year several years ago.

The Division of Forestry has 209 full-time and seasonal employees working from regional offices in Fairbanks and Ketchikan, and at eight area offices around the state. Maisch will continue to work from Fairbanks. ♦

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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 Members Endorse Old-Growth Position Statement. In October, the OSAF Executive Committee approved a new position statement on "Managing Mature and Old-Growth Forests." Work on the statement began in early 2004, but the lengthy discussion and review helped address the complex topic and sharpen the content. In late 2005, OSAF members voted to support the position by a 96 percent approval rate. Although member votes are not required under SAF guidelines, OSAF now takes this step with most of its statewide positions to strengthen member awareness and support. Also noteworthy is that the OSAF statement has helped prompt interest in a similar position on old-growth that is expected to be developed by the National SAF Committee on Forest Policy.

Members are encouraged to use OSAF's position statements to help convey their professional forestry views to key decision makers and the interested public. All active position statements are posted at www.forestry.org, and draft positions under consideration can be found in the "members only" section of the site. Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@oregonstate.edu.

SAF Active in Forest Recovery Issue. Many SAF members in the region have noted the limited action on federal lands to recover socio-economic benefits and to restore forests after major wildfires. Administrative and legal appeals often slow or stop management activities, and extended planning and decision delays quickly reduce salvage and reforestation success. Because the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 did not address the specific needs following catastrophic events like wildfire, legislation (H.R. 4200 and S. 2079) to deal more effectively with these unique events was introduced in late 2005 by Reps. Greg Walden (R-OR) and Brian Baird (D-WA), as well as Sen. Gordon Smith (R-OR).

The national SAF office has been actively promoting key post-catastrophe recovery concepts on Capitol Hill and with the news

media, including providing fact sheets and testimony at Congressional hearings. SAF members are encouraged to use these materials to help inform their own representatives and the interested public about this important issue. Further information can be found at: www.safnet.org/policyandpress/forestrecovery.cfm. Contact: Paul Adams, OSAF Policy chair, 541-737-2946; paul.adams@oregonstate.edu.

Rural Communities and Federal Forest Policy. Your rural county commissioners have probably been busier than usual these days with federal lands forestry issues. Idaho commissioners have been collecting input for consideration by the governor on what should be done about Forest Service roadless areas. All governors were given an opportunity to make some recommendations to the Bush administration. Washington and Oregon governors don't necessarily agree and would like to see the Clinton roadless policy reinstated. Not so in Idaho and

Montana, where there are nine million and five million acres, respectively, of undeveloped national forestlands. The National Forest Management Act planning process has proven incapable of dealing with this and many other federal land issues. To attempt to fix it, new regulations went into effect this year. But as the administration turns over rocks looking for nickels to save, national forest planning in Idaho is being pushed to the back burner. The law says those plans are to be for a maximum of 15 years and the last one was inked in 1990. Some Idaho forests are no longer working on these plans, citing a lack of resources. In Oregon and elsewhere, including Idaho, federal lands counties are concerned about what the budget-cutting mood may portend for the Secure Rural Schools legislation (Craig-Wyden Act) set to expire in 2006. Look for action on that this year in the counties where you work. Contact: Jay O'Laughlin, IESAF Policy chair, 208-885-5776; jay@uidaho.edu. ♦



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