



AK SAF Annual Meeting Program

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

1:00- AKSAF Executive Committee Meeting
AKSAF Business Meeting

Dinner on your own

Thursday, April 25, 2013

8:00- **Registration and Breakfast** (provided)

8:30- **Welcome**

General Session:

Invasive Plants, Insects, Vectors, and EDRR concepts

Moderator – *Steve Patterson*, USFS

8:45- Urban and Community Forests of Alaska – *Patricia Joyner*, Community Forests Program Manager, AKDOF

9:05- Threat Vectors of Alaska- *Trish Wurtz*, Invasive Plants Coordinator, USFS

9:25- Invasive Plants to be concerned with - *Gino Graziano*, Invasive Plants Instructor, Cooperative Extension Service

9:45- Exotic Insects to be concerned with – *Elizabeth Graham*, Entomologist, USFS

10:05- Exotic Pathogens and abiotic conditions to be concerned with – *Lori Winton*, Pathologist, USFS

10:30- **Break**

11:00- Panel – What's our protection network and are we prepared?
Corlene Rose, Integrated Pest Management Program Manager, Cooperative Extension Service
Mia Kirk, Agricultural Inspector, AKDOA
Jerrod Whitney, Agriculture Inspection, US Customs and Border Protection
Roger Burnside, retired AKDOF Entomologist

12:00- **Lunch** (Provided)

General Session:

Invasive Species Case Studies and Examples

Moderator John Lundquist, Entomologist, USFS

1:00- Invasive threats of firewood- *Mia Kirk*, Agricultural Inspector, AKDOA

1:20- What Alaska can learn from Emerald Ash Borer, *Elizabeth Graham*, Entomologist, USFS

1:40- The new flora of northeastern USA: what lessons are there for Alaska? – *Beth Schulz*, Ecologist, USFS

2:00- Non-native plant monitoring on the Chugach NF- *Rob DeVelice*, Forest Ecologist, USFS

2:20- A private practitioner's viewpoint- *Mike Post*, Tall Trees

2:40- Break

3:05- Elodea and Terrestrial Invasive impacting the Kenai Peninsula - *John Morton*, Biologist, USFWS

3:40- Rock Pits and Invasive Plants- *Brianne Blackburn*, Invasive Weeds and Agricultural Pest Coordinator, AKDOA

4:00- Below the radar: foreign earthworms infiltrate Alaskan forests- *Matt Bowser*, USFWS

4:20- Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment for the Chugach NF, *Greg Hayward*, Regional Wildlife Biologist, USFS

4:40- Project Learning Tree in Alaska, *Meg Burgett*, PLT Coordinator, Cooperative Extension Service

5:00- **Adjourn**

6:00- **CI SAF BBQ Cookout**: Located at the Abbot Loop Picnic Shelter

Friday, April 26, 2013

8:00- **Breakfast** (Provided)

8:30- **General Session:**

Field Trips Preparation This Fall's Wind Damage

8:45- What the Utility experienced and learned - *Chris O'Brien*, Utility Arborist, Chugach Electric

9:10- Municipality Concerns - *Maria D'Agostino*, Municipal Forester, MOA

9:35- Tree Damage statistics, Roman *Dial and students*, Alaska Pacific University class study

10:00- **Break**

10:15- Arbor-sonic device for detecting hidden tree damage – *Lori Winton*, Pathologist, USFS

10:40- Invasive Plants: European Bird Cherry effects of Fisheries of Campbell Creek , *Dave Roon* – Fisheries Biologist

11:05- European Bird Cherry Control Efforts – *Tim Stallard*, MOA

11:30- **Lunch** (Provided)

12:00- **Field Trip: Wind Damage, Russian Jack and Cheney Lake Parks**

6:30- **Banquet**

7:00- Banquet Speaker, *Dave Snider*, Meteorologist National Weather Service

Saturday, April 27, 2013

8:30- **Field Trip: Invasive Plants and Conservation Education**

12:00- Return to Coast International Inn



AK SAF Annual Meeting Field Trips

Friday, April 26, 2013

Wind Damage, Russian Jack and Cheney Lake Parks

- 12:00**-Travel to Russian Jack Springs Park
- 12:15**-Introduction of field trip theme, *Ken Winterberger*, USFS
- 12:30**-Fall 2012 Windthrow damage to Municipal Parks and Urban Forest; discuss storm event and view residual evidence, *Stephen Nickel*, Forester, Alaska Division of Forestry, and Community Forestry
- 12:45**-Fall 2012 Windthrow damage to Utility Corridors, view residual evidence, *Chris O'Brien*, Utility Arborist, Chugach Electric
- 1:15**- Demonstrate use of Arbosonic Device for estimating hazard tree decay and other damage, *Lori Winton*, Forest Pathologist, USFS
- 1:45**- Travel to Cheney Lake Park and Break
- 2:15**- View example of results of inventory/analysis of damage relationship to tree size, species, etc, *Roman Dial and Students*, Professor Natural Resources, Alaska Pacific University
- 3:15**- Review extent of damage, discuss lessons learned, new utility corridor considerations, clean up/restoration plans, *Chris O'Brien and Stephen Nickel*
- 4:45**- Travel to Coast International Inn
- 5:00**- Return to Coast International Inn

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Invasive Plants and Conservation Education

Meet in the Lobby at the Coast International Inn by 8:20

- 8:30**- Travel to Campbell Creek
- 8:45**- Introduction of field trip theme *Ken Winterberger*, USFS
- 9:00**- Dave Roon (Fisheries Biologist), Impact of European birdcherry: displacement of riparian vegetation on the insectary/resident and rearing fish population
- 9:30**- Tim Stallard (Invasive Plan Coordinator, MOA) and Gino Graziano (Invasive Plant Instructor, UAF CES) Review and discuss European birdcherry control strategy and treatments
- 10:00**-Travel to Alaska Botanical Garden
- 10:30**-Discuss/Review conservation education programs and the facilities on site, *Julianne McGuinness*, Executive Director Alaska Botanical Garden
- 11:15**-Discuss/Review Early Detection and pheromone baiting site and detection system, *Roger Burnside*, Alaska Division of Forestry Retired Entomologist
- 11:45**-Travel to Coast International Inn
- 12:00**-Return to Coast International Inn