

2016 Montana and Inland Empire Society of American Foresters Annual Leadership Conference

Advancing New Ideas through SAF

February 26-27, 2016 – Lubrecht Experimental Forest – Potomac, MT



All SAF members from Idaho, Washington, and Montana are invited to participate in the 2016 Leadership Conference. This is an excellent opportunity to benefit from your SAF membership by networking with peers and learning new skills. The program will provide a venue to learn more about how policies and new ideas are advanced through the SAF organization. Current and former members of state and national SAF policy committees will be on hand to lead discussions and share their knowledge on the policy-making process.

Join us and take advantage of this opportunity to engage with your fellow members and leaders in SAF. The conference will be held “in the woods” at the University of Montana’s Lubrecht Experimental Forest. Recreational activities available to participants include cross-country skiing on nearby trails and shooting the breeze with new and old friends around a Friday evening bonfire. It should be a good time! Space is limited, so send your registration soon. Overnight lodging and meals are available.

Participants can earn 5.5 Category 1 CFE credits by attending the conference.

Friday, February 26, 2016

Noon – 1:00 p.m. Registration at the Castles Forestry Center

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Welcome and Introductions

Frank Maus, Lubrecht Forest; Jason Parke, MT past-chair; Gary Ellingson, MT chair SAF; William Love, Inland Empire Chair

- What does SAF mean to you?
- What would you like to gain from this experience?
- How can leadership skills best be developed as an SAF member?

- 2:00 Overview of SAF Organization
Keith Blatner, SAF Board of Directors, District 1
- 2:30 SAF Policy Development Overview
Tim Love, past-member, SAF National Forest Policy Committee; Gordy Sanders, MT SAF Policy Chair
- What is the role of the National Policy Committee and how does it operate? How can local chapters and state SAF leadership participate in policy issues?
 - Dos and Don'ts for members on policy issues.
 - SAF National Staff and SAF website policy section
- 3:30 Case Study and Group Exercise: Examining SAF's Policy
- The challenges in developing consensus
 - Examining the debate from different perspectives
 - Drafting a policy statement
 - Examining a Position Statement
 - How are Position Statements Used?
- 5:00 Adjourn for day one for leisure time and dinner
- 6:00 Dinner
- Evening activities: Bonfire and/or gathering in Lodge around wood stove. Free cross country skiing! Bring your gear!

Saturday, February 27, 2016

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m. Certified Forester Candidate Program:
Owen Retzlaff, MT Mentorship Chair
- *What's available for student members?*
 - *Could the program be improved and if so how?*
- 9:30 a.m. Case Study: MT SAF Members working in Collaboratives
Ed Levert, Libby Chapter Chair, Gordy Sanders MT Policy State Chair
- What role can SAF members play in endorsing Collaborative Efforts?
- 11: 00 Closing Session: Leadership Approaches to Developing Policy at all Organizational Levels
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch and adjourn

Location

Meeting Logistics

Lubrecht Experimental Forest is managed by the College of Forestry and Conservation at the University of Montana as an outdoor classroom. Lubrecht Experimental Forest is located 30 miles east of Missoula, Montana, on Montana Hwy. 200.

Directions from Missoula

- Proceed east on I-90 for approximately five miles and take Exit 109, the Bonner/Great Falls/Highway 200 Exit.
- Proceed east on Montana Highway 200 through Milltown and Bonner. Pass Potomac at mile marker 16. Continue past mile marker 22 and then continue past Garnet Range for 0.2 mile.
- Look for the entrance sign to the Lubrecht Forest headquarters and Conference Center on the east (right) side of the highway.
- A few hundred feet beyond the timbered arch entry way, the road forks at log cabin.
- Turn left to reach the Castles Forestry Center, the Lodge, and Apartments.
- The Castles Forestry Center is the first building on the right. Stop here first to register

Finding the Lodge and Ski Trails

The next building on the right beyond Castles Forestry Center is the lodge. The lodge parking lot is on the left, although there are six parking/unloading spaces in front of the lodge. Please use one of these two areas for parking. This road loops around back to the entrance, passing the cabins, dining hall, pavilion, and cross-country ski trails.

Lodging and Meals

Lodging: Overnight accommodations will be provided at the lodge for an additional fee. The lodge is located about 100 yards from the Castles Forestry Center. It was built in 1996 and has 16 sleeping rooms. Two rooms have three twin beds and 14 rooms have two single beds each. The Lodge also has a meeting/gathering room with a wood stove and wonderful view, a fully equipped kitchen, and bathrooms at the end of the hall.

Meals will be served by Lubrecht food service staff in the dining hall. Please let us know on your registration form if you have any dietary requirements. Friday's evening meal and Saturday's breakfast and lunch are included as part of your registration fee if you choose to pay for meals.

Alcohol and Pet Policy

Alcohol Policy: The University of Montana prohibits the sale or distribution of alcohol on the premises. **However, attendees may bring their own alcohol for personal consumption within the Lodge building.** In other words ...BRING YOUR OWN BEER. You can drink it within the Lodge common room while warming up next to the wood stove and chatting it up with your peers.

Pet Policy: Due to tight lodging accommodations no pets are permitted in the building.

Registration and fee payment

The Leadership Conference registration fee is **\$35** for SAF members and **\$15** for Student Members. Lodging and Meals are an additional **\$80**. Meals only is an additional **\$40**. Registration by must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 19** so Lubrecht can be notified of our final attendance list.

Please return your completed registration form and a check payable to Montana SAF to: SAF 2016 Leadership Conference, SAF Northwest Office, 4033 SW Canyon Rd., Portland, OR 97221. Visa and MasterCard accepted for an additional fee of \$5.00 to cover cost of processing the credit card payment.

Registration Form – 2016 MONTANA and INLAND EMPIRE SAF LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE February 26 &27 — Lubrecht Experimental Forest

Name _____ SAF Chapter _____ e-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Day Phone _____ Special Dietary Needs _____

\$ _____ \$35 Member Fee

\$ _____ \$15 Student Member Fee

\$ _____ Add \$80 for lodging and meals

\$ _____ Add \$40 for meals only

\$ _____ Add \$5.00 if paying by credit card

\$ _____ **Total**

Method of Payment

Check (enclosed) Credit Card

(Visa/MC)

Make checks payable to MT SAF

Credit card No. : _____

Expiration Date: _____

Security Code: _____

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Ellingson at (406) 544-7169 or nwmanageMT@nmi2.com

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Registration questions can be directed to Amanda at amanda@forestry.org or 503-224-8046.