



Society of American Foresters

Dear SAF Members,

The Montana State Society of American Foresters invites you to register now for the State Meeting to be held on April 9th-11th, 2015 at the beautiful Lodge at Whitefish Lake, to explore the challenges and issues of **“Effective Forest Practices for Today’s Resource Challenges”**. The program will be interesting, thought provoking and fun. Plan to attend!

On April 9th, 2015 Tree Farm Inspector Training 10:00am-3:00pm in Kalispell --More info coming in February. If you don’t already receive emails concerning American Tree Farm System, but would like to, contact **Angela L. Mallon** at Montana DNRC (AMallon@mt.gov).

The evening of April 9th there will be an executive committee meeting at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake. On April 10th, we have a great group of speakers lined up to present issues surrounding **“Effective Forest Practices for Today’s Resource Challenges”**. Our goal in this meeting is to share what the science is finding as a result of the practices we have enlisted over the last 20 years. Wondering about the effectiveness of Road Obliteration Techniques? The effects of Timber sales on Wildlife Management areas? Future of maximum stand density? These interesting topics and more will be covered in the program.

The Friday evening banquet will include a great meal, awards and excellent entertainment by Jack Gladstone, an award-winning troubadour from Montana's Blackfeet Indian Nation who illustrates Western Americana through the fusion of lyric poetry, music, and spoken narrative. Jack will present “C.M. Russell: Heritage and Legacy“, which explores the role C.M. Russell played in the portrayal of Western American during the early 20th century.

Saturday Morning, UM Forestry Alumni and Friends are invited to attend the University of Montana Alumni breakfast hosted by the College of Forestry & Conservation and Dean Jim Burchfield. This event will allow folks to share breakfast and UM Forestry memories, along with hearing of new happenings and Q&A with Forestry College Dean Burchfield.

The field tour on Saturday will commence at 8:00 a.m. and will include a tour of USFS Creston Seed Orchard and Smart Lam.

Bring your skis, snow shoes, bikes, and golf clubs and stay Saturday and Sunday to enjoy what Whitefish has to offer!

Hotel Room Reservations — Call The Lodge at Whitefish Lake (877-887-4026), or online at www.lodgeatwhitefishlake.com

Group ID is: SAFMT15 Group Password is: WHITEFISH

Reservations must be made by MARCH 15, 2015 for guaranteed room rates ---- \$89/night for land side rooms, \$119/night for lake view rooms \$89/night with Govt. ID; add tax to all room rates, single/double occupancy. \$10.00 each additional person. Children under 12 stay free.

Register Now

SAF Reserve Reduced Rate Rooms at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake by March 15, 2015

Questions about lodging? Call Rebecca Hendrix (406) 751-2419 or

Rebecca.hendrix@plumcreek.com

(SAF rates are available April 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th for all participating in the Tree Farm and SAF programs.



FOR THOSE FOLKS who are NOT CURRENTLY SAF MEMBERS!

If you would like to attend this meeting and are considering joining SAF \$25 OF THEIR REGISTRATION FEE CAN BE PUT TOWARD YOUR SAF MEMBERSHIP! JOIN TODAY!

PLEASE PASS THE WORD!

Registration Form

Montana Society SAF Meeting 2015

NAME: _____ STREET: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL: (required for pay pal/credit card payment) _____

Do you plan on attending the field trip? Yes No

Do you plan on attending the Tree Farmer Inspection day? Yes No

Please ensure that your attendance to Tree Farm activity is confirmed with Angela Mallon
AMallon@mt.gov

Do you plan on attending the UM Alumni Breakfast? Yes No

Select Registration Category and Meals

Meeting Registration	COST	Number	Total Cost
Members	\$95		
Retired Members	\$65		
Registration After March 1 (add \$25)			
SAF Student	\$65		
Public Attendance	\$120		
Meals			
Friday Luncheon Soup, sandwich, garden salad	(included with Registrati on)		
Check for vegetarian option			
Friday Banquet			
Seared Chicken breast, garden salad, fingerling potatoes, bacon kale spaghetti squash, and huckleberry cheesecake	\$35.00		
Check for vegetarian option			
Saturday Field Trip			
Sack Lunch	\$8.95		
Check for vegetarian option			
Total Meal Cost			
LESS 20% Meal Discount SAF Students -			
Meal Cost After Discount			
Total Costs = Registration + Meals			

Mail/Scan this Registration Sheet and Check to:

Lorrie Woods
Lorrie.Woods@plumcreek.com
 PO Box 1990
 Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Write Checks to: 2015 MT SAF

*For State & Federal Agency Use:
 SAF TAX ID # 23—7397217*

If paying by credit card, check this box and invoice will be emailed to you (pay pal)

EFFECTIVE FOREST PRACTICES FOR TODAY'S **RESOURCE CHALLENGES**

MONTANA STATE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Date: April 9th to 11th, 2015.

Place: The Lodge at Whitefish Lake in Whitefish, Montana.

April 9th: Thursday

TREE FARM INSPECTOR TRAINING

Contact Angela Mallon at Montana DNRC (AMallon@mt.gov)

April 9, - Thursday Evening-

5:00-7:00 p.m. SAF Executive Committee Meeting All SAF members Welcome!

The Lodge at Whitefish Lake

7:00 p.m.: SAF no host gathering at The Lodge at Whitefish Lake. All SAF members Welcome!

April 10, Friday

7:00-8:30 a.m.: Registration and Coffee.

8:00-8:45 a.m.: Housekeeping and business meeting: **Jason Parke**, SAF State Chair.

8:45-9:15 a.m.: Keynote – State of SAF, **Bob Alverts**, President of National SAF

Soils

M.C. **Brian Sugden**, Hydrologist, Plum Creek

9:15-9:45 a.m.: Criteria for system road management for the USF Forest Service in the Pacific Northwest- **Amy Jensen**, USFS Regional Hydrologist

9:45-10:15 a.m.: Effectiveness of road obliteration techniques in restoring functions, **Rebecca Lloyd**, Soil Scientist, BLM

10:15-10:45 a.m.: **Morning Break**

Timber Sales in Wildlife Management Areas

Moderator- **Bob Castaneda**, retired USFS

10:45-11:15 a.m.: Marshall Wildlife Management Area- **Jay Kolbe**, Biologist, MT FWP

11:15-11:45 a.m.: West Kootenai Wildlife Management Area- **Tim Thier**, Biologist, MT FWP

11:45-12:15: Mount Hagen Wildlife Management Area- **Vanna Boccadori**, Biologist, MT FWP

12:15 to 1:30 P.M. – Lunch

12:30: special guest, the honorable Representative Ryan Zinke

Friday Afternoon,

Forest Vegetation

M.C. **Lorrie Woods**, Plum Creek

1:30-2:00 p.m.: Effective Forest Practices for Effective Wildfire Risk Reduction- **Rick Trembath**, retired USFS

2:00-2:30 p.m.: Past, Present and Future of Maximum Stand density and its use in Stand Management Planning – **Mark Kimsey**, Research Assistant Professor, Intermountain Forest Tree Nutrition Cooperative, University of Idaho

2:30-3:00 p.m.: From Hills to Mills- What we have learned **TBA**

Afternoon Break 3:00-3:30 P.M.

Water Works-

M.C. **Brian Sugden**, Hydrologist, Plum Creek

3:00-3:30 p.m.: Road Erosion and Sediment Delivery in the Southwest Crown of the Continent- **Tom Black**, Research Hydrologist, USFS

3:30-4:00 p.m.: Fish Movement through Culverts, **Phil Peterson /Ryan Simmons**, West Fork Environmental

4:00-4:30 p.m.: Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL's) Developed for Montana Forest Streams, **Dean Yashan**, TMBL Program Bureau Chief, Montana DEQ

4:30-4:45p.m. Closing Remarks, Jason Parke, President, Montana SAF

Friday Evening

5:00-6:00 p.m.: Social Hour and No Host Bar. The Lodge at Whitefish Lake

6:00-6:30 p.m.: Awards

6:30 p.m.: Banquet Dinner and Entertainment provided by **Jack Gladstone**.

Saturday Morning:

6:30 a.m-7:30 a.m.: **University of Montana Alumni Breakfast**

8:00a.m.–2:00 p.m.: **Field Trip: USFS Creston Seed Orchard, Smart Lam**

CFE CREDITS:

Attendance is worth 7.5 hours Category 1 C.F.E. Credits. (CFE Hours will be confirmed prior to the meeting)

Tree Farm Inspectors Training is worth 3.0 hours Category 1 C.F.E. Credits. (CFE Hours will be confirmed prior to the meeting)

FUN Things to Do In the FLATHEAD

Spa – The Lodge at Whitefish Lake - 863-4050 - www.lodgeatwhitefishlake/spa/ 15% discount when staying at the lodge.



Snowshoeing – The Lodge at Whitefish Lake – 28 acres of Living Wetland Interpretive Nature Trails. Rentals and trail maps available at the Concierge Desk.



Skiing -Whitefish Mountain Resort – 862-2900 - www.skiwhitefish.com

Mountain Biking/Hiking



Kuhn’s Refuge Mountain Biking Trails. 444-1200 - <http://www.explorewhitefish.com/content/pig-farmskuhns-refuge/>
Whitefish Trail – www.whitefishlegacy.org

Theater - O’Shaughnessy Center – “Venus in Fur



Museums

Central School Museum –756-8381 - www.yourmuseum.org Includes a great timber history display.
Hockaday Museum of Art –755-5268 - www.hockadaymuseum.org

Glacier National Park - <http://www.nps.gov/glac/index.htm>

Trail Ride – Bar W Guest Ranch – 863-9099 - www.barguestranch.com



Trumble Creek Educational Forest - Columbia Falls, MT

<http://flatheadcore.org/local-resources-links/trumbull-creek-educational-forest/>

Hungry Horse Dam - http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Facility.jsp?fac_Name=Hungry+Horse+Dam



Flathead Lake –

Mo Fisch Charters –755-4414 - www.mofisch.com

Wild Horse Island Tours –837-5617 - www.wildhorseislandboattrips.com