

Montana State Society of American Foresters 2016 Annual Meeting Program

Theme: Informing Forest Management Decisions

Dates: April 14, 15 & 16, 2016

Location: Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena, MT

Thursday, April 14

4:00 - 6:00 pm SAF Executive Meeting (Executive Room)

Friday, April 15

SAF Business Meeting:

6:30-7:30 am SAF Business Mtg & Breakfast (Gallery Room)

Friday Combined Session (SAF and Forest Landowners)

See Program Agenda for more details

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| 8:00 am | Conference Registration (Front Lobby) |
| 8:30 am | Group Opening Session with Key Note Speaker (Gallery Room) |
| 9:30-10:00 am | Break (Visit Vendors and Silent Auction) |
| 10:00-12:00 | Morning Break-out Sessions (3 Rooms) |
| Noon -2 | Luncheon with Speaker & Awards |
| 2:00 - 3:30 pm | Afternoon Breakout Sessions |
| 3:30 - 4:00 pm | Break (Close Silent Auctions/Visit Vendors) |
| 4:00 - 4:30 pm | Closing Comments Combined Group |

Friday Evening Banquet (SAF Only):

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| 4:30 - 6:00 pm | No host Bar for SAF |
| 6:00 - 6:30 pm | Key Note SAF Speaker(s) |
| 6:30 - 8:30 pm | Banquet Dinner and Entertainment (MT Historical Society) |

Saturday Morning (SAF Only):

7:30 - 8:30 am UM Alumni Breakfast (Gallery Room)

Saturday Morning Field Trip:

Meet in Front Lobby

9:00- 12:00 Tour of Forestry Projects completed on City of Helena Open Lands
Hosted by Brad Langsather, City of Helena Open Lands Manager

Joint Montana Forest Landowner Conference and MT SAF State Mtg Agenda

8:00 - 8:30 am - Conference Sign In

8:30 -9:30 am - Opening Session and Key Note Speaker:

Dr. Ash Ballantyne – The University of Montana

Montana Climate Impacts Assessment- What does the future look like for MT Forests?

9:30 -10:00 am - Break with Refreshments

Visit Vendors and Silent Auctions

Morning Breakout Sessions (10 am -Noon) (Choose one session)

A: Tribal Perspectives on Forest Management

Steve McDonald - *Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribal Forestry Program*

A.Terry Spang - *Northern Cheyenne Tribal Forestry Director*

B: Managing Forest Wildlife

Nathan Schwab - Senior Bat Ecologist, Tetra Tech

Bat Activity Patterns and Fall Roost Use in Montana Managed Forests

Micheal K. Schwartz, Ph.D, Director USFS National Genomics Center for Wildlife and Fish Conservation

Managing Landscapes for a Forest Phantom Fisher Habitat in the Northern Rockies

C: Forest Management Technology

Dan Rogers and Mark Slaten - MT DNRC Forest Management Bureau

Next Generation Timber Cruising Technology

Jackson Beighle - GPS/GIS Specialist, Electronic Data Solutions

Unmanned Aircraft Systems for GIS and Aerial Survey

Noon – 2 pm

Luncheon with Speaker: Honorable Governor of Montana Steve Bullock

Awards

Silent Auction

Afternoon Breakout Sessions: (2:00-3:30) (Choose one session)

Session A: Forest Economics and Government Initiatives

Steve Hayes, University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, Forest Industry Program

Current Status of Montana's Wood Products Industry and Log Markets

Maureen Bookwalter – USFS_DNRC Liaison /Matt Arno MT DNRC Local Government Advisor/Roger Ziesak DNRC Forest Practice Program Manager

Forest in Focus Program, Priority Landscapes, and Working with Local Governments

Session B: Managing Forest Health

Joel M Egan, USFS Forest Entomologist

The Influence of Lodgepole Pine Structure on Severe Mountain Pine Beetle Outbreaks from 1905 to 2015 in MT and N ID

Blakey Lockman, USFS Forest Pathologist

Root Diseases and their Distribution and Impacts in Forests of MT and N ID.

Session C: Montana Forest Collaboratives

Gary Burnett – Executive Director, Blackfoot Challenge and Lincoln Forest Restoration Committee

Lessons learned from the collaborative approach

Ed Levert – Lincoln County , Paul McKenzie- Stoltze Lumber, Robyn King-Yaak Valley Forest Council

Kootenai Forest Stakeholder Coalition – What does finding agreement mean?

3:30 – 4:00 pm Break and Final Bidding on Silent Auction

**4:00-4:30 pm Closing Comments
Announce Silent Auction Winners**