



National Capital Society of American Foresters



DC Forester **April 2006**

NCSAF Luncheon Announcement

Thursday, April 27, 2006 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Montpelier Room, 6th Floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress
1st & C Streets SE, entrance diagonal from Capitol South Metro Station exit
Cost: \$17/person, includes lunch, beverage & dessert

The Healthy Forest Initiative and Implementation of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act

Presenters: Rick Prausa, National Fire Plan Coordinator, USDA Forest Service
Zach Stephenson, Executive Director, Applegate River Watershed Council

Rick Prausa will give an update on the status of the Healthy Forest Initiative and implementation of the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, including the update of *A Collaborative Approach for Reducing Wildland Fire Risks to Communities and the Environment: 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan*.

Zach Stevenson will give a presentation on *Wildfire in Bigfoot Country: The Applegate Community's Successful Ongoing Approach to Reducing Fuels, Restoring Forest Health, and Creating Jobs*. The Applegate River Watershed is located in Jackson and Josephine Counties of southwest Oregon. Mr. Stevenson will highlight the global biological significance of the watershed – encompassed within the Klamath-Siskiyou Ecoregion. He will note the impacts on biodiversity and the local rural economy resulting from the suppression of fire processes in the watershed and will showcase the successful work of local residents, funded in part through the National Fire Plan, to develop and implement a far-reaching community wildfire protection plan. Evidence will be shown using case-examples linking the Applegate Fire Plan to ongoing hazards fuel reduction in the wildlands-urban interface, promoting local economic stimulus, and enhanced forest health-- including the forthcoming Applegate Biomass Feasibility Study. The presentation will conclude with a synopsis of accomplishments, future project funding needs, and macro-policy recommendations.

The Applegate River Watershed Council (ARWC) implements an integrated program designed to restore and sustain ecological structure and function in the Applegate Watershed or southern Oregon. The ARWC's geographic scope includes projects on both private and public lands surrounding the Rogue-Siskiyou National Forest. The organization's program work encompasses stream habitat and water quality monitoring; watershed-based analysis and planning; upland forest, floodplain, and stream habitat restoration; promotion of "fish friendly" Salmon-Safe certified agricultural practices; education and community outreach. Building on the knowledge and relationships developed through these activities, the ARWC promotes conservation and stewardship practices to maintain a healthy watershed and conduct restoration projects to improve degraded

areas. Strong community participation, volunteer efforts and partnerships with landowners, agencies, and interest groups are essential to the success of this program. The ARWC is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization created by local residents and interest groups in 1994. The organization actively promotes partnerships with diverse stakeholders to complete projects that restore and sustain ecological structure and function in the Applegate Watershed.

The ARWC is a participating member of Sustainable Northwest's [Rural Voices for Conservation Coalition](#) (RVCC). The RVCC consists of western rural and local, regional, and national organizations that have joined together to promote balanced conservation-based approaches to the ecological and economic problems facing the West. RVCC members are committed to finding and promoting solutions through collaborative, place-based work that recognizes that the inextricable link between the long-term health of the land and well-being of rural communities. RVCC members come from Oregon, California, Washington, Idaho, New Mexico, and Montana. RVCC members volunteer to collaborate in the exchange of information and formulation of policy approaches designed to enhance natural resource conservation and sustain viable resource-dependent economies in their communities.

Wild Acres Cleanup Day at SAF headquarters in Bethesda.

Saturday, May 20th, 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Bring general hand tools for working in planting beds, for pruning, limbing, and raking. Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts, and work gloves.

SAF will provide lunch and bring your own water. The cleanup day will happen rain or shine.

Call Dick Fitzgerald at (202) 205-1753 or John Witherspoon (202) 205-1609 with any questions.

All NCSAF members and guests are welcome.

DISTRICT VII ALLEGHENY, NATIONAL CAPITOL SAF PRESIDENTIAL FIELD FORESTER AWARDS

PURPOSE OF THE AWARD – The purpose of this award is to recognize foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound, scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. The awards will be presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

SELECTION PROCESS – The chairs of the Allegheny and National Capitol Societies will discuss potential nominees with their respective executive committees to identify potential nominees. Once potential nominees have been identified by the chairs, they will contact the nominee and provide them with the nomination forms to fill out. Completed forms will be distributed to the chairs and the District Council representative who as a group will determine the awardee from District VII. The award decision must be made by May 31 yearly and all materials must be forwarded to the National office by June 15. Recipients of the award will be notified by July 1.

ELEGIBILITY CRITERIA and CAREER NARRATIVE - Nominees must be a member of SAF, can be from any employment sector, and must have practiced forestry in the field for at least 10 years. Management intensity may range

from very intensive applications to more extensive management regimes. Please provide a statement, no longer than two pages, outlining the nature of the candidate's accomplishments. The narrative should include statements showing:

- Documentation that the candidate has practiced field forestry in a truly outstanding manner through use of unusual talent, skill and innovative methods
- Candidate understands and used science along with adaptive management processes to achieve landowner objectives in the context of promoting forest sustainability
- Candidate is recognized locally or regionally by peers for excellence in field application of forestry.

The narrative should address all three of these components in discussing the Candidate's qualifications. Although not a requirement, letters of support from colleagues are welcome. Also supportive exhibits such as testimonials, news stories, documents, photographs, resumes and biographical information may be included.

NOMINATION FORM

Candidate Name: _____

SAF Society/Division/Chapter: _____

Year Joined SAF: _____

Work/Employment Experience: _____

**It's That Time of Year
Sign Up for the Phonathon Now!
Phonathon 2006 volunteers needed**

The NCSAF 2006 Phonathon for the Society of American Foresters is Wednesday, May 3; Thursday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 10, 2006 from 5:30 PM to 9:00/9:30PM at the national "Wildacres" office of SAF, 5400 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, MD.

Annually NCSAF assists the national office of SAF in contacting members and former members who have failed to renew their SAF membership for 2005. It's a great opportunity to help our professional Society and at the same time gives us an opportunity to think through why we belong to and support SAF. It sometimes provides an opportunity to talk to old friends and colleagues, which is always a great deal of fun. We use a phone bank set up by SAF in their conference room and using low evening long distance rates. We work our way across the US by time zones.

The Phonathon effort is an important aspect in the drive for retention and increase of SAF membership. In the three nights of calls in 2005, 582 contacts were made and 246 members said they would pay or consider paying, which is a higher percentage of "yeses" compared to 2004. In 2004, through the phonathon 577 calls were made and 204 members said they would pay or consider paying. It is significant to note that in 2003 with more volunteers, 1007 calls were made and 418 members said they would pay or consider.

The national office provides light snacks and beverages so you can come right from work.

If anyone needs help with transportation contact Tim Resch, phonathon coordinator, and we will see what we can work out. The national office is a short (for a forester) walk from the Grosvenor Metro Stop.

To volunteer, please call (703) 660-9292 or e-mail: tresch@att.net. Bring a friend. This is a great way to meet your fellow members.

**Tim Resch
Phonathon Chair**

NCSAF Membership Update

As of the end of March 2006, NCSAF had 303 members, which is equal to our 303 membership goal for 2006. In March, our membership goal was revised so that it equaled one more member than we had at the end of 2005, which is a reduction of 10 members from our 2005 goal of 313 members.

Currently, we have 34 NCSAF members who have not renewed for 2006. This is a positive change from the 59 NCSAF members who had not renewed as of the end of February. The NCSAF Executive Committee continues to contact these members to ask them to renew.

We still need volunteers for each day of the Phonathon, May 3, 4, and 10. Please consider giving some of your time to this very important activity that greatly benefits SAF. It is also a lot of fun!

The following NCSAF membership changes occurred in March. Best wishes to our members who transferred to another location. And, a big welcome to our new, reinstatement, and transferred in members.

New

Charlene Schildwachter – Senior Director, Marketing and Membership, SAF

Garth Smelser – USDA Forest Service

Erik J. Streed – US Agency for International Development

Reinstated

Andrea Bedell-Loucks – Pinchot Institute for Conservation

Catalino A. Blanche – USDA Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service

Transferred In

Andrew C. Brown – from Virginia Tech Student Chapter

Kathleen E. Lawlor – from Duke Univ. Student Chapter

Matthew P. Perkowski – from West Virginia Student Chapter

Thomas A. Teets – from West Virginia Student Chapter

Transferred Out

Keith R. Bisson – to Maine Division

Joseph R. Ferrari – to Maryland/Delaware Division

Douglas E. Williams, CF – to West Virginia Division

Jim Culbert
Membership Committee Chair

2006 NCSAF Calendar of Events

Date	Description	Contact
April 27	NCSAF Luncheon Healthy Forests Initiative	Loren Ford
May 3, 4, & 10	Phonothon	Tim Resch
May 11	Executive Committee Mtg. – Location TBA, 11:30 – 1 PM	Laura Schweitzer
May 15	DC Forester deadline	Jennifer Plyler
May 20	Wild Acres Cleanup	Dick Fitzgerald
June 8	Executive Committee Conference Call	Laura Schweitzer
June 15	DC Forester deadline	Jennifer Plyler
July 6	Executive Committee Mtg. – Location TBA, 11:30 – 1 PM	Laura Schweitzer
August 10	Executive Committee Conference Call	Laura Schweitzer
Sept 7	Executive Committee Mtg. – Location TBA, 11:30 – 1 PM	Laura Schweitzer
October	Octoberfest	Meredith Webster
October 5	Executive Committee Conference Call	Laura Schweitzer
October 25-29	National SAF Convention in Pittsburgh, PA	Terry Clark clarkt@safnet.org
November 9	Executive Committee Mtg. – Location TBA, 11:30 – 1 PM	Laura Schweitzer
December	Holiday Party	TBD
December 5	Executive Committee Conference Call	Laura Schweitzer

2006 NCSAF LEADERSHIP TEAM

Position	Individual's Name	Phone	E-mail
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