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Darrel L. Kenops, IMSAF Newsletter Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS IN INTERMOUNTAIN SAF

(additional details may be found on our website @ <http://www.usu.edu/saf/meetings.html>)

DATE (S)	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday, August 15	A Day in the Woods with Dr. Jim Long	Logan, Utah
Thursday, September 4	Seventh Annual Timber Harvest Tour	Richfield, Utah
Friday-Saturday, September 12-13	Fire on the North Rim: Site Visit and Review of the Warm Fire, Kaibab National Forest, and the Prescribed Fire Program on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park	Jacob Lake, Arizona
Wednesday-Saturday, November 5-8	Forestry in a Climate of Change 2008 SAF National Convention	Reno, Nevada

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS 2008 ELECTION INTERMOUNTAIN SAF CANDIDATES

Soon you'll be receiving Society of American Foresters 2008 national election information and articles in *The Forestry Source*. Voting begins October 15th and concludes November 15th. This year an electronic voting option is available.

Rod Brevig and Lynn Sprague are the two IMSAF members running for SAF District IV National Council

representative. The National SAF nominating Committee has invited Mike Lester, Harrisburg, PA and Darrel L. Kenops, Meridian, ID to "run" for incoming SAF Vice President. Both have accepted this invitation. Their candidate statements, biography and "The Forestry Source" interviews will soon be available.

PUBLIC COMMENTS LEAD TO CHANGES FOR IDAHO'S ROADLESS PROPOSAL

Public comments are contributing to changes in Idaho's Roadless Backcountry proposal petition to the U.S. Forest Service. Brad Gilbert, U.S. Forest Service team leader outlined the following changes.

- o better definition of where road construction and tree removal is allowed where there is threatening fire activity,

- o strengthening protections on lands in the Boulder and White clouds mountains of central Idaho.
- Final draft rule for Idaho's roadless backcountry proposal will be released in September, 2008.

contributor Jessie Bonner, Associated Press, Casper Star Tribune



LIVESTOCK WATER RIGHTS IN UTAH – HOUSE BILL 208 FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

After the Governor signed this bill into law, officials from the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service met with State of Utah officials on implementation concerns. The U.S. Forest Service shared potential implementation to management of authorized livestock grazing on National Forest System Lands. Under this law the U.S. Forest Service would not authorize construction of new water developments or the improvement of some existing water improvements associated with National Forest grazing allotments.

After Utah's State Engineering office clarification on key points, the U.S. Forest Service determined it would be in the interests of the United States and public to secure

Livestock Water Use Certificates for each U.S. Forest Service allotment in Utah.

In applying for these Stock Water Use Certificates, the National Forest in Utah, including the Caribou-Targhee and Sawtooth N.F., presented the State Engineers Office with copies of grazing permit for each allotment as proof of ownership and beneficial use as required by state law. By the end of June, 2008, the State Engineers Office issued 569 Stock Water Use Certificates to the United States.; one for each allotment on National Forest System Lands in Utah.

contributor Erin O-Conner, Director, Strategic Communications, U.S. Forest Service, Ogden, Utah

WILDFIRE APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE TESTS SITES ANNOUNCED

Wildfire season is underway and so is the test of the federal Appropriate Management Response in wildfire decision making. Test sites in our area are U.S. Forest Service, Payette National Forest; National Park Service, Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller Memorial Parkway. Looking ahead, test site results are

planned to be completed by October 7, 2008. Finalized guidance available by November 7, 2008.

contributors Karyn Wood, U.S. Forest Service, John Glenn, Bureau of Land Management, USDI, National Fire Coordination Center, Boise, ID

Editors Note: See our recent SAF Position Statement adopted June 7, 2008 titled "Wildland Fire Management" on SAF's policy website section.

WESTERN WYOMING RAINBOW FAMILY CAMPOUT, FALLOUT

This summer's "Rainbow Family Gathering" was held in early July on the Bridger-Teton National Forest near Big Sandy in Sublette County. A confrontation and arrests are leading the U.S. Forest Service to reconsider such gatherings in the future. John Twiss, Director, U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations in the Chief's

Office sees a trend for such gatherings to be less peaceful assembly and more confrontational. Wyoming's ACLU Director Linda Burt says "it's clear that the group has a right to assemble."

contributor Ben Neary, Associated Press, Casper Star Tribune

COUNCIL OF WESTERN STATE FORESTERS U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TESTIFY ON PUBLIC FOREST WOODY BIOMASS AND ENERGY SECURITY 2007 STATUTE NEEDED CHANGES

New Mexico State Forester Arthur "Butch" Blazer, representing the Council of Western State Foresters testified on July 24th, 2008 before the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Energy and Research.

He highlighted the following western concerns:

The 2007 Energy Security and Independence Bill signed by the President included an overly restrictive definition of renewable biomass that in essence prohibits large amounts of woody biomass on federal lands to count towards meeting this statute's Renewable Fuel Standards;

There are in the west at least 28 million acres of forest that could benefit from reducing hazardous fuels which if allowed would create needed jobs and lead to heather

forest conditions, but are now prohibited from contributing to our national energy security goals. Our federal lands in the western U.S. make up over 40% of all landownership and are important sources for cellulosic materials. Current net growth of forest biomass-conservatively estimated at 360 million tons per year-could meet 30% of America's need for liquid fuels, perhaps more.

Not allowing federal land contributions to our energy supply goals have the potential to turn our forests from carbon sinks into carbon sources. Studies in some states show carbon emissions from wildfires can exceed that which is emitted through human use of fossil fuels.

The U.S. Forest Service Forest Products Laboratory states that in order to improve health and decrease the risk of catastrophic wildfire, 8.4 billion dry tons of material needs



to be removed from the National Forests alone. If this 8.4 billion dry tons cannot be counted towards to Renewable Fuels Standard goal, the opportunities for energy independence in this country are being significantly limited, our forests and citizens all suffer.

contributors Arthur "Butch" Blazer and Diane Denenberg, Council of Western State Foresters

URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY MOVEMENT & SUPPORT ACCELERATING

Many cities are initiating "Million Tree" campaigns, Urban Forestry legislation is being proposed to increase significantly resources for Urban Forestry, U.S. Conference of Mayors are seeking a variety of sources to "green up" their cities and Urban Forestry is one of the most popular declared forestry majors.

program annual budget at no less than \$100 million" Current funding levels have be under \$30 million although the Fiscal Year 2009 Appropriation process is still underway. SAF is a member of the Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition who is working with colleagues to "advance a unified urban forest agenda"

On June 23, 2008, the U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution which states; Now Therefore, Be it Resolved that Congress fund the (U.S. Forest Service) U&CF

contributors Susan Mockenhaupt, U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry and Jennifer Hinrichs, Convener, Sustainable Urban Forests Coalition

COLORADO LEADERS AND LEGISLATURE WORK INNOVATIVELY TO IMPROVE FOREST WATERSHED AND FOREST HEALTH

SAF continues to work on the recognition of all forest benefits provided from well managed and protected forests. Determining "ecosystem services" value was given broad based leadership support in Colorado with passage of Senate Bill 08-221.

projects of governmental agencies. Part of this bonding authority, up to 20%, of bond proceeds can be used to establish incentives for use of beetle-infested lumber. Colorado State Forest Service leads the identification of qualifying projects to be considered.

SB 08-221 provides financial avenues for watershed protection and forest health projects by establishing bonding authority up to \$50 million for the purposes of funding watershed protection projects and forest health

contributor Rick Cables, Rocky Mountain Regional Forester, Lakewood, Colorado

U.S. FOREST SERVICE 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS HELD AND IN PROCESS

Twenty-seven National Forests across the Nation are celebrating their 100th anniversary. In our area the Ashley National Forest, established July 1, 1908, so our best wishes for another 100 years of conservation leadership. Our thanks are also extended to U.S. Forest Service Experimental Field Units who have their 100th celebrations underway. Nearby, the Rocky Mountain Research Station is hosting an early August 2008 Conference at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona.

of Ft Valley in August, 1908. Its focus was to study ponderosa pine regeneration due to concern that the post logged forest was not readily regenerating. The Fort Valley Experiment Station expanded its studies to include range management in ponderosa pine forests. Through the years the U.S. Forest Service Chief has established an additional 77 Experimental Forests and Range Stations. Stay tuned as 2009 will be a year to celebrate overall U.S. Forest Service Research legacy and accomplishments.

The U.S. Forest Service opened its first research station in an existing ranger's cabin located in the northwest corner

contributor Steve Ambrose, Rocky Mountain Research Station

INTERAGENCY GRIZZLY BEAR COMMITTEE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF GRIZZLY BEAR RECOVERY

Some of our SAF colleagues worked to establish the Interagency Grizzly Bear Committees some 25 years ago. Its was Regional Forester Craig Rupp (deceased) along with his Regional Forester colleagues Tom Coston, Jim Torrence and Stan Tixier who recognized this need and

served as founding members. They as well as staff and current on board leaders who have made this a successful venture gathered on June 21, 2008 to celebrate this milestone. Retired Intermountain Regional Forester Stan



Tixier even wrote special poem "The Grizzly Bear." We send our congrats to these leaders.

contributors Ellen L. Davis, Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee, Missoula, Montana and Stan Tixier, Utah

MORE ON BIOMASS!

Sparks, NV SAF member Dick Pfilf posted an June 6, 2008 editorial to the Reno Gazette Journal Headlined "Forest Biomass Must Be Removed". In responding to an earlier editorial he encouraged people to look to the big picture. He stated "Drought, a warming climate and the build-up of forest fuels demands an honest evaluation and aggressive action."

He stated the "energy bill" (Energy Security and Independence Act of 2007) "locks out about 95% of our

forests from this statutes incentives. Another example is a recent 9th Circuit Court decision on fuel reduction projects on the Plumas National Forest "ignoring the legality of 100 years of its timber sales."

Bottom line "We must remove forest biomass. States must avoid simplistic solutions and make hard, sometimes politically unpopular decisions." "A healthy forest is a forest that resists massive wildfire." "The time to decide is now."

FOREST PRODUCTS WOOD ENERGY LAB PROJECT HOLDS PROMISE & USEFUL INFO!

Recently U.S. Forest Service Forest Products Lab Director Chris Risbrudt shared new developments which hold great promise. In cooperation with the University of Wisconsin and private sector partners, they are working to construct a cellulosic facility integrated with an existing pulp mill. "Using existing technology they have determined they can use biomass for dual purposes " said NAFSR Board Chair George Leonard.

On application uses process energy from biomass conversion process to dry pulp materials while the primary purpose is to produce annually 40 million gallons of jet fuel. Chris Risbrudt's staff provided the most current technical and operational biomass for energy information which can be found at www.fsx.org.

These technical resources include information on

- o Primer on Wood Biomass for Energy,
- o Biomass for Small Scale Heat and Power,
- o Firewood-Transport, Insects, Storage,
- o Fuel Treatment Evaluation 3.0,
- o Fuel Value Calculator,
- o Fuels for Schools Program,
- o Wood Biomass for Energy,
- o Wood Fueled Boiler Financial Feasibility User's Manual,
- o Website listing of University of Wisconsin Extension-Forest Products Business Spreadsheet Tools.

contributor George Leonard, Board Chair, National Association of Forest Service Retirees and Rusty Damm, U.S. Forest Service, Forest Products Lab

SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS 2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION SUMMARY

From November 5-9, foresters and natural resource professionals and their allies will gather in Reno, Nevada for SAF's 2008 Annual National Convention. IMSAF, NorCal and SoCal SAF members are helping plan and volunteering to staff on-site to welcome our colleagues and guests. Thank You IMSAF, NorCal, So Cal volunteers as well as our national SAF Headquarters staff who are working non-stop to deliver a quality experience.

Our convention theme "Forestry In a Climate of Change" and program is rich with learning, sharing and fun opportunities to help you keep your 21st Century edge. Our wonderful convention location encompasses many field trips, and program presentations where you learn about forestry conservation in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and Great Basin. Highlights to perk your interest and participation.

BLM Director Jim Caswell will set the larger context in his "Sierra Nevada and Great Basin -In a Climate of Change." From tours of the 2007 Angora Wildfire to landscape strategies underway in Pinyon-Juniper Ecosystems, Aspen Management and Ecology, the 6.5 million acre Sage Steppe ecosystems to a three day restoration workshop, "Implementing Forest Restoration" you'll see 21st Century approaches and technologies.

Wood energy, accelerating research on cellulosic based fuels and super "green forest products" to help our Nation achieve greater energy security as well as other business, technology and science developments and advancements are available for your learning experiences in presentations and by taking time to view Exhibits and Poster Session.

By now you have received our Special Journal of Forestry Issue titled "Forest Management Solutions for Mitigating



Climate Change in the United States". Our general and technical sessions on "climate change" and carbon credit trading systems will be most popular as we've gathered America's foremost experts for your learning pleasure.

Sessions to enhance your problem solving skills and professional capabilities.

It's about people, learning and place. From forestry in urban-rural landscapes, to meeting needs of changing public, learn about the scope of change, useful public educational approaches and forest landowner learning results you can apply.

With a growing Hispanic population, listen to practitioners involved in the "Latino Legacy" project in our public forests. Urbanizing effects on lake Tahoe forests provide a local example of our changing forestry operating environment.

In "Judging Forestry," learn from legal experts lessons learned in National Forest litigation and its tie to global conservation movements.

Cap off your experiences by attending the First Annual Symposium of American Forest Policy"

The diverse technical and leisure field trips provide excellent learning as well as tourism opportunities to view national treasures like Lake Tahoe. The latest on forest and range management landscape approaches,

community wildfire impacts and restoration, recovering biomass from operations to improve Sierra Nevada forest, watershed and wildlife conditions you can prepare a enjoyable and instructive quality tour menu.

From the Foresters Fund and Science Fund activities to the special events you can network with long time friends, Meet new people to expand your network and just relax and have some fun with your Alumni social, icebreakers and party's.

"Friday Night at the Comstock," a premier event, will take you back to the rich history of the "Gold Rush" mining, lumbering and ranching in an authentic setting.

Learn and enjoy "Lunch with Leaders"

Students are our future and their active participation brings great energy, intellect and good will to convention week. From the Quiz Bowl to the National Student Congress learn about what's on students minds and SAF agenda.

Learn what our elected representatives are focused on at the House of Society Delegates working session and at National SAF Committees meeting during convention.

For a change of pace and fun, come JOIN US in RENO, NEVADA this November for our Society of American Foresters National Convention. Cheers!!!

2008 National Convention IMSAF Officers / Volunteers

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Convention Committee	Tim Beaty

SAF Council Update

SAF Council met June 7, 2008 in Priest River, Idaho. Kirk David, District I Council member arranged for the meeting location at the Priest River Experimental Forest and for a tour of the forest. This was a unique venue for a Council meeting and I think a welcome change for Council.

Most Affordable! Convention Invitation: Come to the SAF Convention in Reno, Nevada November 5-9, 2008. This will be one of the MOST affordable conventions ever. Both flights and room rates are extremely reasonable and



access in and out of Reno is easy. "Forestry in a Climate of Change" is the theme and the program will be exciting, interesting and educational! Registration is now open.

District IV Fellows Election: Council elected one District IV member as an SAF Fellow; Mr. Ted Giesey of the Montana State Society. Please congratulate him on achieving the highest honor in our Society!

SAF National Office: Progress continues to be made in the sale of the National office property to Nation's Academy. There have been some delays and some additional work with Montgomery County, MD will take time. Please let me know if you have any questions about the sale!

SAF Task Forest Report on Managed Forests and Climate Change: Council endorsed this report and it will be distributed widely. This report provides an extensive review of the relationships of forests and climate change. It will provide SAF with the scientific foundation for work in the public arena on climate change/forestry issues.

SAF Testimony on the Forest Service State & Private Forestry budget: Michael Goergen explained that the individual line item funding recommendations within the S&PF budget were based on an overall view of the program and balance between line items.

2009 Leadership Academy: Council voted to hold a 2009 Leadership Academy. National office staff will prepare

options for dates, location and costs, and Council will approve at the November meeting. This should give members time to plan for participation.

SAF Insurance: There will an article in the Forestry Source about the process for obtaining separate insurance to cover events such as field trips, etc. In addition, the SAF website will have the information that is needed for event planners. It is VERY important to plan the event well ahead of time and with discussions with the national insurance carrier, it is possible that additional insurance may not involve additional costs.

SAF Position Statements: Council approved two new position statements: Wildland Fire Management and Use of Herbicides. All SAF positions are on the SAF website. Divisions and Chapters should look at these national position statements as they work on any related issues.

Student Activities: The District Student Representatives have been working on plans for the program at Convention. Also, they have identified some issues that they will work on, including connections with students, membership retention, and the student section of the SAF website.

As always, if you have any questions or would like me to pursue any issues, please contact me at rbrevig@tax.idaho.gov or 208-841-0033 or 208-334-7737. I appreciate your support and involvement in SAF!

Rod Brevig CF/CFA, District IV Council Representative

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMOKEY BEAR!



100's of million of dollars, Smokey Bear has a continuing challenge to educate and motivate folks to prevent forest fires.

August 9, 2008 is Smokey Bear's 64th Birthday. Our Nation's premier fire prevention icon has and continues to serve us well. Smokey is adored by many and is the conservation and forestry community's gateway for children and those new to America. With a growing population, continuing human caused wildfires, especially like those in California last year and this year costing

One of the earliest Smokey Bear posters (from 1944)





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Intermountain SAF is represented by District IV	Rod Brevig

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