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This is our third edition of the 2008 Intermountain Society of American Foresters Newsletter! Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is November 20. Send your submissions to dkenops@msn.com. Editors Comments and Disclaimers: I will edit for brevity and clarity and do take responsibility for such edits. Please contact me if you have concerns, corrections and (better yet) news you feel we should cover. *Thanks!!*
 Darrel L. Kenops, IMSAF Newsletter Editor, 208-884-1076

WELCOME member **Zane Haxton**, who recently transferred into our IMSAF area. Zane works for the Boise National Forest!

UTAH CHAPTER HOLDS THREE FIELD MEETINGS

On August 15, September 4, and September 12-13 IMSAF's Utah Chapter hosted three successful field meetings.

The first was on the T.W. Daniel Experimental Forest outside of Logan where attendees viewed and discussed lodgepole pine thinning trials on some of the highest quality lodgepole pine sites in the West (a follow-up from some of the discussions held in the same area during the June 2002 IMSAF meeting). The group also viewed the results of the initial entry harvest in 300-year old spruce-fir-aspen stands on the Daniel Forest where three prescriptions were applied: single tree selection, group selection, and shelterwood with reserves. Plans include monitoring for spruce beetle and planting Engelmann spruce in created openings to insure adequate regeneration in a timely manner.



Darren McAvoy summarizes the September 4 meeting as follows: The Utah Chapter SAF Co-Hosted the Seventh Annual Timber Harvest Tour along with USU Forestry Extension and the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, with 48 attendees, including 25 family forest landowners on a beautiful day. The tour took place near Fairview, in central Utah. Stops included an active cable yarding operation where participants observed logs being yarded up the hill on a spruce beetle salvage logging operation. This gave landowners an opportunity to see an active logging job up close and ask questions of foresters and others in the group about the operation and the associated forest ecology. The second stop featured a five-year-old spruce beetle salvage harvest, so landowners could get a



feel for the 'after' in direct comparison to the 'during' portions of the operation. Finally we toured an eight-year-old 16-acre clear cut in an aspen forest that has vigorously re-sprouted, and we discussed the success of that operation and the subsequent grazing patterns since the harvest. We enjoyed a snack along the way as well as good camaraderie among forest landowners and the foresters that assist them.

The third field meeting was held just south of IMSAF's boundaries in northern Arizona. On day one, members from IMSAF and Southwest SAF reviewed the 2006 Warm Fire that burned some 600 thousand acres of the North Kaibab Ranger District, Kaibab National Forest. Personnel from the Kaibab National Forest did an excellent job of detailing the events of the "fire-use fire" turned "wildfire" and explaining the management decisions made along the way. Key lessons were learned that are now being applied to fire-use fires on the Forest. As we all know, fire-use is a relatively new management strategy in the West that is being applied to all federal ownerships, not always without controversy. On day two the group visited several sites inside the Grand Canyon National Park (North Rim) to observe and discuss results from various fire-use and management-ignited fires. Candid discussions were held that included both highly successful repeat burns as well as less desirable results in portions of the Outlook Fire that, while successfully regenerating aspen, killed centuries-old ponderosa pine in escaped portions of the fire. IMSAF sincerely thanks the dedicated resource professionals of the Kaibab National Forest and Grand Canyon National Park for their efforts to make this meeting successful and highly informative.



More information on these meetings will be posted in the near future on our IMSAF web site.

-- Doug Page, IMSAF Communications Chair

IDAHO'S SNAKE RIVER SAF CHAPTER TEACHER WALK IN THE WOODS A SUCCESS

On September 26 and 27th Snake River Chapter members and leaders; SAF District 4 Council Representative Rod Brevig, Steve Gurnsey, Private Consultant, John Roberts, Idaho Department of Lands Resource Supervisor and Neil McCusker, U.S. Forest Service Silviculturist teaming with Idaho's Project Learning Coordinator Michelle Youngquist conducted classroom and field exercises for Idaho classroom teachers from throughout the state. This is the fifth year of this special cooperative project.

From discussions of "Who Owns the Forest" to lively dialogue on forest management issues, landowner forest priorities, tax payers opinions and interests our team provided historical and contemporary factual information and insights. Idaho's Trusts Land

management and U.S. Forest Service decision-making processes and challenges underscored the balancing of interests to meet statutory and forest planning objectives and requirements. Showing practical forest measurements protocols to visiting projects being implemented near Idaho City to discussions on how the Boise Basin Experimental Forests adds to our science and forest management knowledge was a enjoyed. Learning how mining claims during the gold rush days were patented to today's managing of forested mineral resources built further appreciation of forest management challenge and complexity. ---
John Roberts, Snake River SAF Chapter project leader



2008 SAF VOTING DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Soon you'll receive written material from SAF HQ with candidate information and electronic voting instructions. We have two IMSAF candidates vying for Voting District 4 National Council representative. Following are Rod Brevig and G. Lynn Sprague statements.

Rod Brevig

This year I've had the opportunity and privilege of serving our profession as District IV Council Representative, the position that I'm now running for. I'm serving this year as Program Co-Chair for our 2008 SAF National Convention in Reno, NV. I've been working with our membership and national staff to develop a program that will delight you with detail, intrigue you with new concepts and keep you current in regard to "Forestry In A Changing Climate".

My vision for District IV includes building membership by increasing the value of SAF to our membership. Additionally, empowering local chapters and state

G. Lynn Sprague

I'm running for a key position in SAF--your representative to SAF Council. A member since 1963, I've been active at all levels of SAF including Chair of Human Resources Working Group and held various positions at chapter and section levels around the country. I am currently Intermountain SAF Policy Chair and General Co-Chair for our 2008 Reno Convention. Professionally, I have 38 years with the U.S. Forest Service and 10 years as natural resource consultant.

District 4 is vast, covering ten states. I am keenly aware of the diversity of forest ecosystems and of the social, economic and political settings that exist in the District and the influence these all have on forestry

societies through timely information, training for our leaders and protection for the resources of our professional society ensures our future. Providing a place for students gives them a reason to see themselves as part of our profession in the future. SAF has the obligation to maintain these services to our members and represent the profession of Forestry in the world today.

I would appreciate your support in electing me as your District IV Council representative for 2009-2011.

and, in turn, positive influences that good forest management practices can have on each of them. I am committed to supporting you in your efforts to understand these diverse settings and create positive outcomes.

As your representative, I will carry this commitment into Council work, a commitment that includes working closely with you (State Societies and Chapters) to provide the kind of support you need from your professional society and its governing board. If elected you can count on me to work with and for you to that end. Thanks for your consideration!

2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION – TALK ABOUT A TIME OF CHALLENGE AND CHANGE!

We are less than a month way for gathering with colleagues, partners and friends of forestry in Reno, NV; November 4-9 at our SAF 2008 National Convention. Three SAF 2008 opportunities to listen, learn and meet with SAF leaders in action available to you are: House of Society Delegates-November 4th Tuesday 8 am to 5 pm and November 5th Wednesday 8 am till noon. SAF National Committees and affiliate meetings are held on Wednesday November 5th 8 am to 5 pm and SAF National Student Congress, November 6th, Thursday 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. -- *Darrel Kenops, IMSAF Newsletter Editor*

2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION – FORESTER'S FUND

Walt Rogers is seeking your Forester's Fund Donations! We need your chapter and individual

donations for our National Convention silent action and raffle. Money raised during our 2008 event in



Reno, Nevada, November 4-9, 2008 is returned and benefits State Society and local Chapter projects and events.

Items and donations small and large are welcomed and needed!! Ball caps, T-shirts, sweatshirts, books, forestry equipment, picture/prints, gift baskets of food/wine, ski packages/passes, outfitter trips local specialty products such as huckleberry jam and syrup are just some examples.

Bring the item to Reno, NV with you or you can send it to: Skip Ritter, c/o BLM, 1340 Financial Blvd, Reno, NV 89502-7147. Let Walt know what you are donating by e-mailing to Walt at wmrogers711@msn.com or send a note to Walt Rogers, 840, E. 3250 N, North Ogden, UT 84414. Lets make this a BIG SUCCESS! Thank You for your help! -- *Walt Rogers, SAF 2008 Convention Foresters Fund*

2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION – OUR HIGH SCHOOL FORESTRY SYMPOSIUM

On November 7th from 10 am to 3:00 pm will bring over 100 high school students from the local California and Nevada area to learn about forestry and its opportunities

So for a change of pace and fun come JOIN US in RENO, NEVADA, November 4-9, 2008 for our Society of American Foresters National Convention-"Forestry In A Climate of Change" SEE YOU THERE!
-- *Darrel Kenops, IMSAF Newsletter Editor*

IDAHO ROADLESS RULE

Idaho's Roadless Rule is close to complete as the final environmental impact statement was released September 1, 2008. This proposal designates 250 roadless areas and establishes five management theme's which essentially keep these areas intact while allowing limited active forest management to reduce fire danger and provide

resource values, goods and services. Idaho Lt. Governor Jim Risch said "The Idaho roadless rule represents the first time a state and its citizens had a direct voice in creating a plan for resolving an issue of national importance."
-- *Idaho Statesman newspaper staff reporters*

IDAHO'S FORESTS IDENTIFIED AS GREENHOUSE GAS SOURCE

Usually our nation's forests are seen as benefiting greenhouse gas sinks. But an assessment by the Center for Climate Change Solutions for the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, Idaho's forests are determined to be a net source of carbon emissions. Of the 20 state level assessments to date, Idaho is the only one which is a greenhouse source. The serious implications for Idaho forestry are evident and compelling. One active measure which could be taken to turn around this situation is reducing wildfire emissions thru actively reducing hazardous forest fuel in National Forests which comprise much of Idaho's forests. Stay tuned as this issue will grow in importance. -- *Jay O'Laughlin Inland Empire SAF Policy Chair*

NATIONAL FORESTRY AND NATURAL RESOURCE LEADERS ESTABLISH A JOINT FORESTRY TEAM CONCEPT

Currently forestry is not a priority for many State Technical Committees, funding to forestry and agro-forestry practices is inadequate and inconsistent and the availability of technical assistance insufficient to meet the need. The Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA; National Association of State Foresters and National Association of Conservation Districts Leaders are

meeting regularly to determine implementation team progress.

Chartered to December 31, 2009 the Joint Forestry Team is to address barriers to providing coordinated interagency assistance and evaluate actions taken to improve delivery capacity, effectiveness and get



results. -- *Ralph Their, National Association of*

Conservation Districts

**U.S. FOREST SERVICE CHIEF GAIL KIMBELL RECENTLY REPORTED TO CONGRESS
PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION ACT OF 2004**

This statute is the outgrowth of the 2003 wildfire season where devastating wildfires in western states crossed from Federal land onto Tribal lands. National Forests and Grasslands share about 2,100 miles of contiguous boundary with Indian Tribes. This statute allows these governmental partners enter into contracts and agreements with local Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management agencies to reduce wildfire threats from Federal land adjacent to Indian Trust land and Indian communities.

Work is underway in the states of Montana, California, Oregon, Washington State, Arizona and New Mexico.
-- *U.S. Forest Service*

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON SCIENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

National Commission on Science for Sustainable Forestry created in 2001 has produced a series of important reports and analyses which will be helpful to elected officials as well as professional foresters, their organizations and natural resource managers. In one report they identified 10 major challenges to sustainable forestry in our Nation. Six of these singled out for further discussion are: 1) promote multi-stakeholder engagement in development of a unified vision for U.S. Forests, 2) Create markets for ecosystems services, 3) Empower local communities and decision makers, 4) Facilitate cross-boundary management capabilities and increase ability to share information across these boundaries, 5) revise

tax structures, 6) Invest in research and technology to develop competitiveness and resilience.

This Commission seeks to communicate with the incoming President and Congressional Leaders. They seek to establish a "Congressional Forestry Caucus, regain touch to communicate with the public, engage the public in an operational forestry vision and address policy priorities. These priorities are: develop a carbon management and accounting system, protect old growth forests, coordinate energy and water policy and establish sound fire policy.

-- *SAF web page*

SEPTEMBER 2008 SAF DISTRICT IV COUNCIL

Actions report included a major discussion on creating a more user friendly SAF Strategic Plan reference for SAF leaders and members. This is very important as we train new leaders and work on SAF leadership succession to carry on priority work. The updated Strategic Plan will ultimately align with SAF logo changes, branding images and facilities.

Successful strategic planning principles are: 1) leads to action and results that can be accomplished and communicated, 2) builds a shared vision which is values-based, 3) is inclusive, participatory process in which Council, staff and local SAF units take on as shared ownership responsibility, 4) accepts accountability to our members, 5) is externally focused and sensitive to SAF operating environment, 6) is based on real time quality data and assessment, 7) requires an openness to questioning the status quo, 8) is a key part of effective management and stewardship of SAF resources and capacity. -- *National Council Strategic Plan committee member and SAF District IV Representative Rod Brevig*

NEVADA'S BIOMASS WORKING GROUP

Chaired by Doug Martin, the Nevada Biomass Working Group commended the governor's climate change committee's work. Specifically they

appreciated recognition that biomass management can be an important part of climate change solutions "when it is combined with the important forest health,



restoration and hazard fuel reduction work needed to protect and improve watersheds and to help reduce fire hazards to homes from the devastation of high intensity wildfire."

They recognized Nevada's Division of Forestry for implementing supportive biomass programs. Specifically cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service

on the "Fuels To Schools" and recent funding that helped secure transportation roll off containers for biomass was applauded. The Nevada Fire Safer Council is able to accomplish additional work more effectively with these new roll off units. Doug pointed out the continuing barriers and solutions to biomass utilization which need attention. -- *Doug Martin, Nevada Biomass Working Group*

IDAHO STRATEGIC ENERGY ALLIANCE NAMES FORESTRY TASK FORCE

The national 25x25 initiative (25 % of the nation's energy from renewable sources by 2025) led Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter to establish, in 2007, a Renewable Energy Council. This Council will rely on information flowing up from 10 task forces, one of which is the Forestry Task Force chaired by SAF member Jay O'Laughlin. -- *Western Forester and Jay O'Laughlin, Inland Empire SAF Policy Chair*

WOOD ENERGY, COMMUNITY ENERGY PAY OFF

Author Caitlyn Cusak, a summer intern working for The Forest Guild and Vermont Family Forests organizations, has produced a readable and valuable report on local wood energy. Funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and Sustainable Communities Fund, The Vermont Community Foundation. Titled "Harnessing The Power of Local Wood Energy: Ensuring a Sustainable Supply of Wood Chips For Your School" shares technical and personal stories of installing wood heating systems in

a Bristol, Vermont. "It details how a rural community can take advantage of the cost savings of wood energy while assuring that the wood is sourced and utilized in a Sustainable, Efficient, Local and Fair (SELF) manner. It's a good read and available at www.forestguild.org
-- *Chris Risbrudt, U.S. Forest Product Lab Director; Caitlyn Cusak, The Forest Guild and Vermont Family Forests*

BIOMASS INFORMATION, ASSESSMENTS AND CASE STUDIES ARE EMERGING

From the Western Forestry Leadership Coalition's "From Wood Waste to Renewable Energy: A Summary Report of Wood Utilization Efforts in Heating Systems in the United States and Territories" June, 2008, available at www.WFLCweb.org to a federal interagency Joint Fire Sciences Program effort, lessons are being learned and shared. For more information on these case studies projects see www.forestguild.org/biomass/.

GLOBAL EFFORTS HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANT ROLE OF FORESTS IN CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS

In a recent Public Broadcasting Station program "Charlie Rose" former British Prime Minister Tony Blair said we need clear and open discussion with an eye towards practical solutions to deforestation to help contribute toward modifying climate change effects. He called for sensible politics by the G-8 plus five nations.

And the World Bank recently announced September 17, 2008 that The Forest Dialogue teaming with the World Bank have agreed to a new set of principles for sustainable forestry with will be presented to a World Conservation Congress in Barcelona, Spain

this month as well as to another December, 2008 convention to be held in Poznan, Poland. "We know that if we are going to be successful in tackling climate change we have to do it in partnership and we must involve those who manage the forest resources on the ground," said Stewart Maginnis, Head of the Forest Conservation Program at the International Union of Conservation of Nature, one of the co-leaders of The Forest Dialogue."

The Forest Dialogue was established as a result of the first CEO Forest Forum hosted by the World Bank in 1998 who support and reinforce existing



efforts related to forest management. -- *Charlie Rose Show, PBS, SAF E-Forester and World Bank*

INTERESTING FORESTRY BOOKS PUBLISHED OR IN PROCESS

Ned and Carl Pence as well as their family are well known in Idaho, the U.S. Forest Service and Intermountain West. Well Ned and Carl have published their view as long time field foresters on the history of the U.S. Forest Service: titled "LOST IN THE FOREST – A Story about the Forest Service - Four Decades of Change." Using their prism of experience Ned and Carl have done a great job documenting especially the period from 1960-2000. You can order their book by e-mail anpence@cprinternet.com. The price is \$15.00 plus \$4.50 for shipping.

Dennis LeMaster, another well know forestry colleague, professor and retired Dean, is beginning his work chronicling the evolution of the U.S. Forest Service from about 1980 to the present. This work will pick up where we concluded his earlier widely read and acclaimed book "Decade of Change: Remaking of Forest Service Statutory Authority in the 1970's." Stay tuned to the Forest History Society whom will announce this references publication. -- *Al Sample, President, Pinchot Institute for Conservation*

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