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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Don Hodges

The 2005 Summer Meeting was a great success! Thanks to the Southeast Tennessee Chapter and to Ken Smith and the planning committee for their great work in organizing and conducting the meeting. More than 70 attended the meeting, which focused on "Hardwood Silviculture and Conservation Issues in Upland Oak/Hickory Forests." We heard several excellent presentations on land conservation and visited a number of ongoing research projects on hardwood management. Thanks again to Ken and the Southeast TN Chapter for developing a great program.

One item from the Executive Committee meeting in June that may be of interest: the Executive Committee authorized me to establish an ad hoc committee on forester credentialing. The committee is comprised of 12 members (3 members from each Tennessee chapter) who are responsible for assessing the need for credentialing, identifying the credentialing options and their benefits and problems, and recommending a course of action for the KT SAF. Dave Walters has agreed to serve as initial convener to get the committee rolling. We discussed the potential for involvement from Kentucky foresters and encourage the Kentucky chapters to contact me or Dave if there is an interest in participating. We certainly would welcome their involvement.

UPCOMING KTSAF MEETINGS

The KTSAF 2006 winter meeting is to be hosted by the East Kentucky SAF Chapter. Details about time and place will be distributed in the near future.

The KTSAF 2006 summer meeting is scheduled to be hosted by the Middle Tennessee SAF Chapter.

See the KTSAF website (<http://www.ktsaf.org>) for the minutes of the KTSAF 2005 winter executive meeting and winter business meeting. They are under Current KT-SAF News for June 6 - 13, 2005.

2005 SAF NATIONAL CONVENTION - from *The E-Forester*

Register now for the 2005 SAF National Convention in Fort Worth, Texas, to be held October 19-23.

The convention sessions will provide you with practical, up-to-date knowledge you can use every day and you can earn up to 29 CFE credits. The convention program is divided into 8 leading-edge tracks on forest measurements, forest systems, ecology and biology, management and utilization, decision sciences, social and related sciences, leadership, and sponsored technology.

The convention is loaded with special events, including the general sessions on "Harnessing the Power of Forestry" and "Driving Changes in Forestry by Sector." Join fellow attendees for the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering, Festival, Rodeo, and Barbecue Dinner, where you'll experience Texas culture first-hand. You'll also be able to attend convention "staples" such as the Diversity Breakfast, "Lunch with the Leaders," Technical Field Workshops, Alumni Gatherings, and the ever-popular Student Quiz Bowl.

For details on sessions, special convention events, student activities, and more visit:

http://www.safnet.org/natcon_05/

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED ON THE SAF-VOS REPORT

A committee representing the various segments of SAF [including KTSAF's Gary Schneider] worked long and hard on the Volunteer Organization Structure Report, you have heard about it here in the KTSAF newsletter, in JOF, at SAF meetings and elsewhere. This report proposes changes in SAF structure and organization to make SAF more effective and efficient. Now is your opportunity to provide your input on these proposed changes. The report is available at <http://www.safnet.org/who/VOS1204.pdf> . The response form is available at: <http://www.safnet.org/members/member-pw/comments.cfm?requestedDoc=/members/member-pw/comments.cfm> . The comment period will close Nov. 9, but now is the time to read the report and make your ideas known using the response form on the web page.

BOWATER ANNOUNCES NEW POLICY TO PROTECT FORESTS - From *the Chattanooga*

Bowater Incorporated, NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) and the Dogwood Alliance jointly announced today the signing of an accord to enhance the protection of the forests of the Cumberland Plateau and other parts of the Southern United States. Steeped in cultural and environmental heritage, the Cumberland Plateau region is home to some of the most outstanding woodlands in North America.

Highlights of the MOU include:

Bowater will end conversion of natural hardwood forests to pine plantations on all the land it owns in the United States within three years. Such conversions recently have totaled approximately 500 acres per year.

Bowater will stop buying from third_party land owners pine fiber converted from natural forestland to pine plantations after 2007. The phase out will take place over the next three years.

Bowater will expand its buffer zones during aerial applications of herbicides and fertilizers to a uniform 300 feet. The company will also formalize a public communication program of these activities.

Bowater is in the process of studying approximately 7,000 acres of particularly sensitive areas (known as gulfs and coves) areas on its Tennessee lands to identify those of exceptional ecological, geological or historical significance. The company has committed to take appropriate measures to protect these areas as they are identified. While that study is underway, Bowater has agreed not to sell or harvest those areas.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed today will help promote both healthy forests and a strong, sustainable forest products economy for generations to come.

"This MOU reflects Bowaters long standing support and involvement in the protection of our forests by engaging in new areas of environmental stewardship," said Arnold M. Nemirow, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer. "This understanding could not have been successfully achieved without the strong dedication and leadership of both the NRDC and Dogwood Alliance."

"Our aim is to promote local jobs and strong communities while protecting the irreplaceable landscape of the Cumberland Plateau. This new MOU will prove that we can achieve both a robust economy and a healthy environment," said John H. Adams, President of NRDC. "Bowater has shown tremendous leadership by committing to this effort. We commend them for their effort and hard work, and for taking forest stewardship into the 21st century."

"This is a major win for hundreds of communities throughout Tennessee and the Southeastern U.S. that have been living with the impacts of paper production for generations and want strong communities and good jobs without sacrificing the landscape," said Danna Smith, Policy Director for the Dogwood Alliance. "We hope other paper producers in the South will follow Bowaters lead."

"I want to congratulate Bowater, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Dogwood Alliance for the understanding they have reached to strengthen conservation efforts on the Cumberland Plateau," said Governor Phil Bredesen. "This is welcome news and we encourage others ___ from individuals to partners in the public, private and not_for_profit sectors ___ to contribute to the preservation and protection of special places and natural resources in Tennessee."

Bowater (NYSE: BOW) has 12 pulp and paper mills in the United States, Canada and South Korea, including a facility in Calhoun, Tennessee that is one of the largest of its type in North America. Bowater also has 12 North American sawmills producing softwood lumber and two converting facilities, including one in Covington, Tennessee. Bowaters operations are supported by approximately 1.4 million acres of timberlands owned or leased in the U.S. and Canada and 30 million acres of timber cutting rights in Canada.

The Natural Resources Defense Council is a national, nonprofit organization of scientists, lawyers and environmental specialists dedicated to protecting public health and the environment. Founded in 1970, NRDC has more than 1 million members and online activists nationwide, served from offices in New York, Washington, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Dogwood Alliance is a regional network of 70 grassroots organizations in 17 states and concerned citizens from across the nation sharing a mission of protecting Southern forests and communities by building broad_based, diverse support for ending unsustainable industrial forest practices.

CLOSED TRAVERSE

James H. "Jim" (82) and Alma "Scottie" Patric (77), of Greeneville, were killed in a highway accident in near Saranac Lake in the Adirondack Mountains New York State on Friday, June 3, 2005. Natives of New England, Mr. and Mrs. Patric had retired to Greeneville in 1981 after he completed his career with the U.S. Forest Service.

Jim had held Forest Service positions of increasing responsibility in several states, including Connecticut, California, North Carolina, Alaska and West Virginia. He received a bachelor's degree in

forestry at the University of Connecticut and a master's degree in silviculture from Harvard University. Jim was considered a world expert in forest hydrology and soil erosion and authored more than 100 scholarly articles in his field and taught forestry at both Davis & Elkins College and the University of Tennessee.

The Patrics are survived by two sons, John Patric and Jim Patric, and two daughters, Ellen Patric-Spears and Robin Patric, and seven grandchildren. Based on information from Greenville, TN, newspaper.

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