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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER - Ron Taylor

This summer has been a hot one, but not unlike some warm summers I remember in the past. However, one day last week, while doing a carbon credit cruise in Rowan County, I experienced something different not experienced before. It was about 2:00 o'clock and the heat index was about 105 degrees when I just "ran out of gas". I just didn't have the energy to take another step. The degree of weakness bothered me. Was I getting too old for climbing these hills? Did the shortage of sleep the night before have something to do with my energy, or was the pint of blood I gave the day before the reason? I suspect all three were factors. Anyway, I decided to take a 30 minute power nap right where I was. The hard ground felt good, and the cruiser vest made a good pillow. Soon I was snoozing. I awoke refreshed. With renewed spirit, I had the energy to be productive again and continue with the plots for the rest of the day.

Rather than be discouraged, experiences such as I mentioned galvanize my desire to be a practicing forester. I enjoy the new challenge of being a consulting forester, of working with landowners and of meeting fellow consultants after my career in the National Forest System. The Society of American Forester helps me meet my needs for continuing education, networking, exchanging ideas and maintaining my professionalism. So I urge you to keep being involved with SAF. Check out this newsletter to see what is going on and thank you to all the contributors. **Tim Phelps** is doing a great job with the newsletter and we appreciate his volunteer time. Maybe you will have an article for the next addition.

Successful Summer Meeting at "The Land Between the Lakes".

"Ten years of management under the National Forest System" was the topic for this past K-T summer meeting. The West Kentucky Chapter, with special appreciation to **Larry Doyle**,

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

NOMINATIONS FOR KT AND CHAPTER OFFICERS DUE

KT is in need of nomination committee members and a committee chair. Both states should be represented. Nominations are alternated yearly by position from state to state. It is Kentucky's turn for chair elect and secretary positions. Dave Mercker and Kerry Livengood will be moving into the chairman and Treasurers positions respectively for 2011. Position descriptions/responsibilities can be viewed on the KT-SAF Website.

Please consider your own call to serve as well as involving new people in the SAF organization.

KT nominations can be submitted to any of the officers until a nominations committee is formed.

did a great job of showing us what is going on at "The Land Between the Lakes". Of course, recreation is the big use. Thirty-three members utilized the bus tour to see the Wranglers Horse camp with over 300 sites. We observed a planetarium show of the stars and constellations, and within the bison/elk range came face to face with those critters foraging on range land stimulated by prescribed fire. **William Lisowsky**, Area Supervisor briefed us on recent management activities and the use of an advisory board. It was nice to see forest management activities. We stopped at a recently logged thinning operation which turned out quite well. Also prescribed fire had been used on a poor oak site to stimulate shortleaf pine regeneration. The good food and good time at the Ken Lake Lodge was welcomed. The next meeting will be the winter meeting at Chattanooga sponsored by the Southeastern Tennessee chapter. Hope to see you there.

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EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNTS END AUGUST 27

Register now for the Society of American Foresters National Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 27-31. Space is limited in some events.

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Register Now for Early Bird Discounts.

Space is limited for some events, so register early.

COUNCILS COLUMN - Dave Walters

July 23, 2010

Greeting District IX SAF,

I appreciate the e-mails and newsletters I've received from units across the District. Thanks to the Chairs and other officers that keep SAF active.

Dates to remember:

August 27 Early bird deadline for Convention

September 15 Forester's Fund Application Deadline

October 27-30 Convention in Albuquerque

Council met June 12-13 and has been conference calling this summer. Issues on the Council's radar are:

Council voted to present a dues increase of 15% to HSD this fall that will take effect in 2012. HSD does not have to approve, but bylaws require Council to present it. More importantly, we instituted a standing dues increase every 5 years that mirrors CPI or some other unspecified inflation estimator. Rationale to support the dues increase included the current SAF deficit and the fact that there has only been a \$3 dues increase since 1997. Most of the discussion surrounding the increase was deciding if student fees and the young professional discount should also be increased. Dues rates in 2012 will be Member \$153, Retired \$121, Young Professionals (1-5 years in Forestry) \$98 and Student \$40.

Council created a new task force-Climate Change Offsets and the Use of Biomass for Energy. This task force will evaluate and assess the implications of global climate change on forests and the role of forestry in addressing climate change and the potential impacts of energy policy on forests, wood harvesting, and timber industries.

Council approved Fellows that were nominated, initiated a SWOT analysis for strategic planning, heard several presentations and voted to recommend Charleston, SC for the 2013 convention site. (Albuquerque 2010, Hawaii 2011, Spokane 2012)

SAF hired **Kelsey Delaney** to assist in state society support, working group support, and other responsibilities. **Carol Redelsheimer** was hired as Director of Science and Education vacated by **Terry Clark**.

President Obama kicked off his America's Great Outdoors Initiative this spring. The goal is to develop a policy agenda to protect and restore our lands and waters and to reconnect Americans with our great outdoors. As part of the Initiative, the President wants to hear from people at the local level and is collecting input through its website (<http://www.doi.gov/americasgreatoutdoors/>) and through a series of listening sessions across the country. Log on or keep informed.

Please give me your input via phone or e-mail.

Invite a colleague to join SAF today!

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STATE NEWS

Assessment and Strategy

Kentucky and Tennessee state forestry divisions recently wrapped up their respective statewide forest resource assessment and strategy plans. The plans are part of a first-ever suite of such plans completed by 59 state/territorial forestry agencies. This national effort towards protecting and sustaining healthy forests was authorized by the forestry title of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Both Kentucky and Tennessee plans highlight forest health and water quality as essential elements to conserve working forest landscapes, protect forests from harm, and enhance public benefits from trees and forests. More information on each state's plan can be found on their websites (below).

Bugs and Crud

Each state continues to deal with significant threats to their forest resources due to introduced exotic pests and pathogens.

Kentucky continues to battle the emerald ash borer which was first discovered in the state in May 2009. This death agent to ash trees has since been positively identified in 12 counties in the north central part of the state.

Tennessee also now hosts this invasive, exotic pest. It was confirmed on July 26 in Knox Co. A week later, thousand cankers disease was also confirmed in Knox Co. This disease has killed thousands of black walnut trees in the western US and is predicted to do the same to Knoxville area's walnut population. Incident Management Teams are currently surveying the extent of infestation for both death agents.

Kentucky Division of Forestry
<http://forestry.ky.gov>

Tennessee Division of Forestry
<http://www.tn.gov/agriculture/forestry/>

A Ring of Distinction

You are one of the select few who have graduated with the distinction as a forestry professional. Now is your chance to display this honor with pride.

Introducing the SAF Ring for Graduates

The SAF ring program is designed to honor forestry graduates and create a tradition to last for generations. Whether you are 22 or 92, if you have graduated with a forestry-related degree, you can commemorate your accomplishment with the SAF Forestry Ring.



Every ring purchase demonstrates your pride but also salutes the work of next year's graduates from SAF-accredited programs because a portion of the purchase price goes towards recognizing 2011 graduates with a ring - FREE of charge.

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CHAPTER NEWS

East Kentucky Chapter - Daniel Bowker

The East Kentucky chapter held its spring meeting May 25, 2010 at **Dr. Herb Loyd's** tree farm in Fleming County. Twenty-three people were in attendance, including several guests. A business meeting was held, led by Chair-elect **Chris Reeves**. During this meeting, Chris discussed the previous meeting's minutes and treasurer's report, as well as a summary of the chapter's hosting of the KTSAF winter meeting in Lexington in January. Chris unveiled a new summary of chapter officer duties he has been working on, that should greatly facilitate new officers' understanding of their responsibilities in the chapter. He also began a discussion about bringing the chapter bylaws in line with current practice on chapter elections.

The meeting program consisted of two informative presentations. **Dr. Jeff Stringer** of UK talked about certification options and intricacies for family forest owners, and **Scott Shouse** of MACED went through the procedures for small owners to take advantage of the current market in carbon credits. After lunch provided by Pig Out BBQ at Cave Run Lake, a very good field tour of Dr. Loyd's farm was given by **Pat Cleary** and **Pete Kovalic**, stopping at sites in various stages of regeneration after harvest, and showcasing recent forest management in thinning and crop tree release.

West Tennessee Chapter - David Mercker

The west Tennessee Chapter will be hosting a field day titled "Forestry and Wildlife Reunion." The event will occur on October 23 at the University of Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson. The agenda is still developing, but will likely include: privet control, bottomland hardwoods, quality deer management, natural resource enterprising and more. Private landowners are the intended audience. Contact Extension Forester David Mercker for details: dcmercker@utk.edu

UT Student Chapter - David Buckley

The University of Tennessee student chapter held their election this past spring term. The new student officers for the coming 2010-2011 academic year include:

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Middle Tennessee Chapter - Andy Norris

The Middle TN Chapter of SAF held a chapter meeting on Friday August 13th from 10-1pm in Nashville at Louisiana Pacific's headquarters downtown. Chapter member **David Hudnall** with LP hosted us and presented the main program for our meeting. His presentation involved LP's Wood Supplier Monitoring and Evaluation Program. The study results were presented in a slide show which brought to light interesting trends in volume flow, management plans for landowners, and BMP implementation. After the presentation, we discussed chapter business briefly and then ate lunch at a river-side café.

ACADEMIC NEWS

University of the South

courtesy of the Sewanee Mountain Messenger

Jerry Forster, University chief financial officer, announced that following **Richard Winslow's** retirement, **Nate Wilson** has accepted the position of Domain manager.

Forster said, "While we welcome Nate Wilson, we must express our gratitude for the excellent work Richard Winslow has provided over the past six years. Richard has decided to retire after many years of dedicated service to Sewanee and other land management groups. We are pleased that he will continue to live in Sewanee, and we wish him the best during his retirement years." The University Board of Regents presented a resolution of appreciation to Winslow for serving the University and the Sewanee community with distinction.



Winslow worked with the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service and Tennessee Consolidated Coal Company before returning to Sewanee in 2004 to serve as the University's Domain manager. As Domain manager, Winslow worked in collaboration with faculty, administrators, students and community members. He also served as a member of or advisor to the Natural Resources Advisory Committee, the Community Council, the Lease Committee and the Sewanee Utility District.

Winslow dedicated himself to managing Sewanee's landholdings, including facilitating the acquisition of Lost Cove, identifying and protecting the University's property boundaries, developing good relationships with adjoining landowners, leading the never-ending battle with kudzu and promoting the natural value of the Domain.

Wilson has a dual degree in forestry and wildlife ecology from the University of Georgia. As a land management and conservation consultant, he has worked with various forestry and environmental agencies on behalf of clients, including the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Tennessee Division of Forestry.

University of Tennessee - Keith Belli

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — **Donald G. Hodges**, a professor in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources' Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for the 2010-2011 academic year.



Hodges holds the title of James R. Cox Professor of Forest Economics and Policy. His Fulbright appointment will take him to Slovenia, where he will teach and conduct research at the University of Ljubljana Department of Forestry and Renewable Forest Resources and at the Jozef Stefan Institute. His teaching responsibilities will include a graduate course in private forest management that he plans to continue with students at University of Tennessee and Ljubljana after returning to the U.S.

Hodges will work with researchers at both institutions to explore the linkages between land management activities, biodiversity, and ecosystem services, and to identify management approaches that are likely to enhance landscape-level collaboration among private forest landowners. Ecosystem services are the benefits that people obtain from ecosystems, including nutrient and water cycling, climate regulation, and the provision of food and water. The work will result in a better understanding of how land management activities affect ecosystem services on private lands, as well as insights into improved mechanisms to encourage landowners to provide such services.

"The prestigious award is an honor for Don, but it also reflects the high level of scholarship within the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries and the Institute of Agriculture," said Keith Belli, head of the Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries.

CLASSIFIEDS

Forester

Berea, KY

Berea College is seeking a well qualified and committed FORESTER to manage, develop, and protect the College's 8,000 acres of forest, the oldest managed forest in Kentucky. This is a "hands-on" field forest management position with components of supervision of employees and students, teaching and outreach, and administrative work.

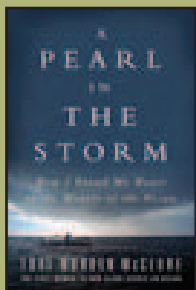
The College Forester is responsible for the protection, sustainable management and improvement of this forest land which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A more complete position description is available upon request.

Applicants who have the following credentials are encouraged to apply: B.S. in Forestry or very closely related degree (M.S. preferred); a minimum of 3 years experience with in-depth knowledge of Eastern North American deciduous and mixed deciduous/conifer forests; direct experience in silviculture and management of harvesting operations; capable of achieving Society of American Foresters Certified Forester rating within 2 years. This position is physically demanding outdoor work – applicants must be able to work in all weather conditions; extensive walking with lifting and tool use is required. Superior communication skills and computer proficiency are also required.

An Application to Join the College Staff is required for consideration for this position as is a detailed letter of interest. Qualified applicants may obtain an application either through the Office of People Services, Suite 100, Fairchild Hall on the campus, or by downloading the application on line at www.berea.edu/hr. The review of applications will begin immediately.

Berea College, in light of its mission in the tradition of impartial love and social equality, welcomes all peoples of the earth to learn and work here. Employment decisions are based on training, education and experience related to the requirements of the job. All applicants for employment are considered without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability.

Book Review: A Pearl In the Storm - Dave Walters



Tori Murden McClure opens her book with a question. Then she quickly welcomes the reader aboard to ponder her answer. Before the question becomes trite, her rich descriptions and intertwined stories make certain the reader doesn't abandon ship. You'll read this book in a weekend.

Reading the book's cover lets you know that Ms. Murden McClure became the first woman to row across the Atlantic,

but the hearing of her story is the adventure. The magic of this book is in the spaces between the words. She gives the reader room to choke on the salt, sting from salted blisters, and ache from shoulder cramps while rocking with the swells. But don't expect this book to be a simple adventure, It will help you row through the choppy seas of your life.

I read this book because my friend and fellow forester told me of his incredible wife. You'll pass this book along because it inspires.

More information on this title and its author can be found at: <http://www.apearlinthestorm.com/>

Supervisory Consulting Utility Forester

Knoxville, TN

ACRT Inc. is currently seeking experienced professionals who enjoy working outdoors. Our field positions are ideal for experienced professionals with an educational background in forestry, horticulture, or arboriculture.

Job Summary

- Plan, coordinate, and supervise Consulting Utility Foresters in the field.
- Coordinate work and supervising project schedules.
- Supervising contract personnel.
- Managing and reviewing audits and refusals.
- Assist Operations Manager with project maintenance.

Requirements for consideration

- Previous supervisor experience in a related industry is required
- A minimum of 1 year of Utility Vegetation Management experience is preferred
- Degree in Forestry, Horticulture, Natural Resources, or related fields is preferred
- ISA Certification is a plus

Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs

- Proficient verbal and written communication skills

To qualify please apply on ACRT's website!

<http://www.acrtinc.com/>

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Summer Business Meeting

At the business meeting two of our members, **Richard Evans** and **Gary Schneider** were assigned to take part in the "Tennessee Conservation Funding Initiative Working Group". They will report back at each regular meeting, and we reserve the right to drop out if needed. Six societies "American Fisheries Society, Society of American Foresters, Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association, Tennessee State Parks Rangers Association, The Wildlife Society and Tennessee Wildlife Officers Association" are attending to identify and promote development of new or expanded funding for state conservation agencies in Tennessee.

We adopted a format for showing and reporting the ear-marked funds for student development within our general funds. Our secretary will keep an on going log of approved motions and by-law changes. This winter we hope to formally allow electronic ballots to our by-laws as well as any other needed updates. Check out the K-T SAF Web page for additional information.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

7th Eastern Native Grass Symposium

“Native Grasses on Working and Natural Landscapes”

Knoxville, TN

October 5-8, 2010

<http://nativegrasses.utk.edu/>

The Eastern Native Grass Symposium features a special emphasis on working landscapes that will include sessions on biofuels, ecosystem restoration, forage, seed production/landscaping, land reclamation (mines, landfills, etc.) wildlife management and other topics of interest for native grasses in the eastern United States and Canada.

“Forestry and Wildlife Reunion”

hosted by the West TN Chapter

October 23

University of Tennessee Research and Education Center in Jackson.

Contact Extension Forester David Mercker for details: dcmercker@utk.edu

4th Fire in Eastern Oak Forests Conference

May 17 to 19, 2011

Springfield, Missouri at the University Plaza and Convention Center.

The conference will be hosted by the US Forest Service Northern Research Station with the theme “Managing Oak Woodlands & Savannas in the Forest-Prairie Region”.



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