

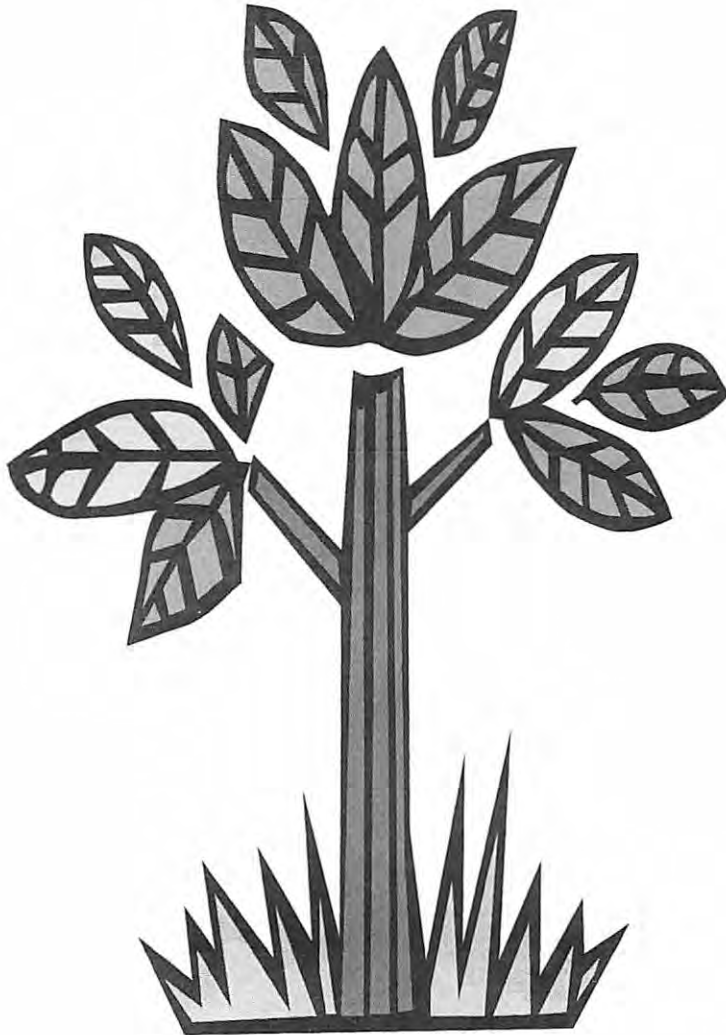
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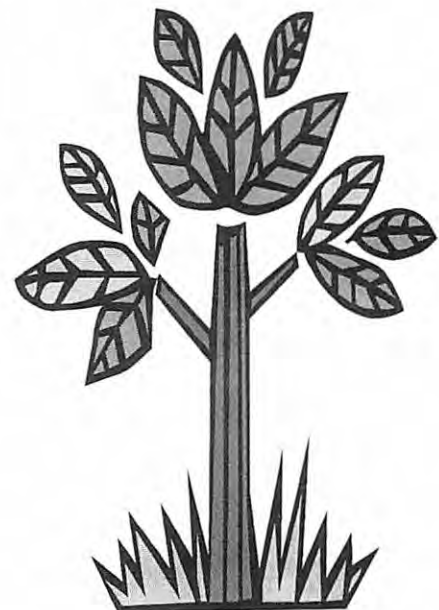
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Cover Photo

Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, MD is the "Father of Pennsylvania Forestry." His first complete biography is now available from The Pennsylvania Forestry Association. Please see page 7 for details.



Chairman's Corner

By Ken Kane
Allegheny SAF Chair

If you haven't noticed, we moved up the publishing date of the fall issue of *The Allegheny News*. We decided to publish a month early to rally the membership into action on several important issues. All are extremely important to SAF and the future direction of our professional society.

I'll start with the upcoming elections. This month, September, we will vote for the future leadership of the Allegheny Society and the national office. Mike Lester has gathered nominations for the Allegheny Society. He has some quality candidates. The officers you elect for the Allegheny will lead us for the next four years. There is a good chance that these individuals, along with the rest of us, will host the National SAF Convention in the Allegheny region in the year 2006.

On the national ballot is our own Tim Kaden running for SAF Vice President. Tim has served the Allegheny well as Society Secretary/Treasurer, he represented us on National Council, and chaired the House of Society Delegates. Let's all show our gratitude for his service and dedication by our overwhelming support. We all must vote this fall to elect Tim to SAF Vice President with a mandate of support from the Allegheny.

The Education Endowment Fund continues to move ever closer to goal, although slowly. We need to be creative in finding ways to increase the giving to the Education Endowment, individually, through our chapters and divisions and outside of our own organization.

The importance of educational advancement was best demonstrated by Rothrock Chapter's theme for the summer meeting, "Cutting Edge Technology." The availability of GPS, GIS, data management, inventory, and even harvesting equipment demonstrated at the summer meeting proves how important continuing education is to our profession.

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The summer meeting at State College also provided the opportunity to present the Mont Alto student chapter with an SAF Charter. **Michael Goergen**, National SAF Executive Vice President was on hand to share the honor of presenting the charter. The student charter arrived in time for Mont Alto's Centennial celebration (see the October 17-19 weekend celebration schedule in this issue on page 8).

Student chapters are our largest source of new membership recruitment. We need to mentor student members and show them the career value of lifetime affiliation with SAF. Most members are lost in the first five years after graduation. The trend is a national issue. Here in the Allegheny, we need to recruit 62 new members to maintain our membership goal after the July purge. Someone we cross paths with on a regular basis would be sure to benefit both themselves and SAF through membership.

Remember, we can PRACTICE our profession alone in the woods - we can only PROMOTE our profession with others in society contacts. Let's all go out to promote our profession! 🌿

The paper for the Summer 2003 issue of *The Allegheny News* was donated by Ken Kane personally. At this time we have not secured a donation for future issues. Any company or individual wishing to contribute, please contact newsletter editor Jack Winieski at 717-432-3646 or ansaf@paonline.com

National Forestry Organization to Honor Pennsylvania Forester

The Society of American Foresters has recognized **Keith D. Horn** of Kane, Pennsylvania, with the **Presidential Field Forester Award**. Horn has been a member of SAF since 1955, and will receive his award at the 2003 SAF National Convention, which will be held October 25-29 in Buffalo, New York.



Horn is president of Keith Horn, Inc., a Kane Pennsylvania-based forestry consulting company established in 1980 that has serviced private, municipal, and industrial landowners for the past 23 years. Credited with encouraging forest regeneration throughout the state of Pennsylvania, he helped develop a forest herbicide program with Turner Enterprises, coordinated a consortium of 10 private agencies to conduct the state's largest private aerial spray program in Pennsylvania history in 1994, and was the first consulting forester in the state to receive certification from the Forest Stewardship Council. Before becoming a consultant, Horn was a forest supervisor with the Hammermill Paper Company, a position in which he managed all of the company's forestland (165,000 acres) and supervised three field offices.

Initiated by SAF past-president Fred Ebel in 2000, the Presidential Field Forester Award recognizes foresters who have displayed uncommon talent and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management. "Forester practitioners are the true foundation of our profession," says Ebel. "They often operate in complete anonymity, yet their actions are the single most important contribution to the viability and understanding of our profession. This is where forestry truly happens and it is important that we recognize those who perform the art and science of forestry each and every day."

Given the regional differences in forestry, an award recipient is selected from each of the 11 SAF voting districts. For all award winners, visit the SAF website at <http://www.safnet.org/who/nationalawards.cfm> 🌿

ANSAF Post-Purge Membership

(as of July 31, 2003)

Allegheny:	Post-Purge	2003 Goal	#Members to Goal
	1,084	1,146	62

We Are Under Goal - If you have forgotten to pay your dues, or forgotten the camaraderie and benefits of SAF membership, dig out the notice from the bottom of the "pile" and act now! Need an application for a new member? Visit www.safnet.org or call 301-897-8720. 🌿

Good Morning Allegheny Forestry Peers!

By now, you know I have decided to run for the office of Vice-President of the Society of American Foresters in this September election. Check out my bio and campaign statement accompanying the ballot – which you should have already received. My campaign statement summarizes some of my thoughts on issues, a little of the vision I have for the profession and the importance of being proactive in processes involving forest resource decisions.

The passion I share with all of you, in working with the forest resource, and the satisfaction gained in continuing to learn and understand some of the relationships are so valuable. There is nothing better than working with the forest. As a field forester, I have enjoyed being part of the processes that contributes to the goods and services provided to society and help to maintain the health of the forest resource base.

The SAF has been a full partner in my career. Society affiliations

have given me the opportunity to listen and to act on challenges similar to those that we all face. I have always wanted to be part of the solutions. Over these last 103 years, SAF has - and is - the standard of excellence and professionalism. I realize that today's issues related to forest management and policy are complex and affect a multitude of other natural resource disciplines, but all of us must continue in our mission to represent the best that our scientific training, experience and judgment can offer.

I believe I am prepared for the rigorous demands this position requires; I am sympathetic with the membership's sometimes frustrations; I am open to all suggestions. I also have the permission of my employer and the support of my family to pursue this passion of mine.

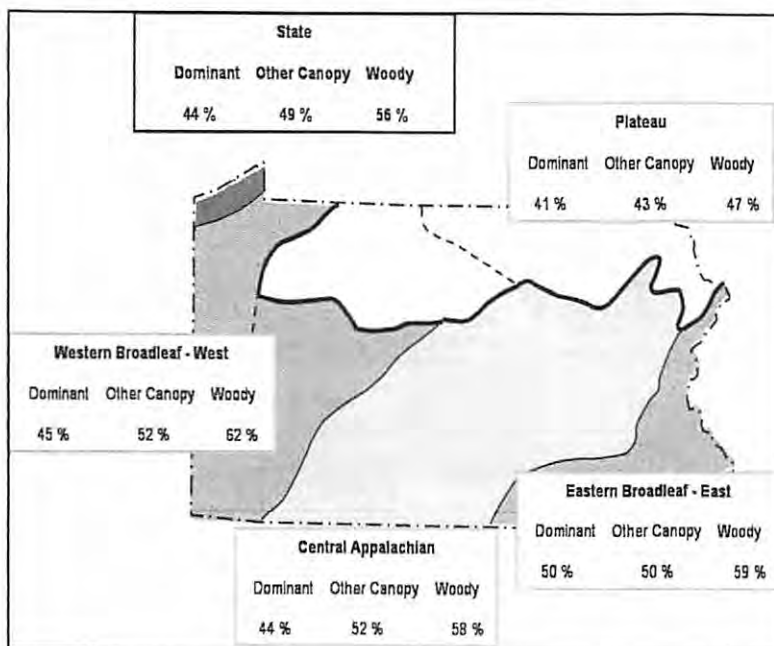
I ask you to VOTE in the September 2003 elections for the Vice-President of National SAF and for our own Allegheny SAF offices,



and yes, I ask you to consider my qualifications for the VP job. More importantly is that all of us seriously consider exercising our privilege and duty to vote for our professional leadership. Please read the bios of candidates and send in your ballot promptly.

If you have any questions regarding my views, commitment as a candidate, or your concerns, please feel free to e-mail me at Timothy.Kaden@state.pa.us, or contact me at home, 302-697-7066, or at work, 302-739-3423 – I would be honored to continue to serve you in the Allegheny, and the entire National SAF membership. 🌲

Correction: Current Status of the PA Forest Inventory



The map to the left is a corrected copy of "Figure 3" on page 25 of the "Current Status of the Pennsylvania Forest Inventory" article in Summer 2003 issue of *The Allegheny News*. The Central Appalachian and "Eastern Broadleaf - West" boxes are switched and the "Eastern Broadleaf - West" title is changed to "Western Broadleaf - West." The original text however, states things clearly. (Ed.)

Figure 3. Percent of regeneration samples with advance tree-seedling regeneration (ATSR) under conditions where existing stocking levels are sufficient for seedling establishment, Pennsylvania, 2001-2002

Councilman's Corner

By Mike Lester, SAF District VII Representative

This is a pretty important issue of *The Allegheny News* because it contains both the ballot of the Allegheny Society (a woefully underused tool) and some information about the National election.

Election participation, as in enticing candidates in the Allegheny to run, is a tough sell. It was my job this year to recruit candidates. There are lots of leaders in the Allegheny, and most of them have full plates. However, those full plates didn't deter the outstanding candidates on the ballot from participating. Even in the race where there is one candidate, that person deserves your every effort to cast a vote.

Our voter participation in the Allegheny has always been something of a mystery. I believe that this is as fine an organization of foresters as exists anywhere in the United States. But for some inexplicable reason, we cast very few ballots in our Allegheny elections. Don't get me wrong, I have been very appreciative of the votes that have come my way, and you gave me great support in my run for Council.

What I'm suggesting is that we break this trend of ignoring the ballot. Your vote does matter. Please, cast your ballot in this year's elections. It doesn't take long and it is an important show of support for those candidates that are willing to take the time to serve you as your elected officers. Thank you.

Carpe Diem. 

Allegheny SAF Educational Endowment Fund Stands at \$18,190

By Ron Sheay, Non-Ad hoc Coordinator

Since the last newsletter, eight new contributions have been received bringing the total contributions of SAF members to 119. Summer is a slow time for fund raising activities. I hope you are all enjoying the summer and getting away for some vacation time. Once the fall is here - and I'm not rushing the season - fund raising should pick up.


Another reminder, only the interest earned from this expanded endowment fund can be used for educational purposes. So all donated contributions build the endowment principal.

Individual Contributors Since Last Newsletter

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
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Grand Total Received Since Last Newsletter \$18,190.00

If your name has not appeared in *The Allegheny News*, you can rectify this by sending a contribution payable to the ANSAF Endowment to Ron Sheay, 12 Glenwood Lane, Stockton, NJ 08559. If you have any questions, please call me at 207-633-1055 (summer telephone) or 609-397-7886. 

Ibberson Forestry Forum

The first Ibberson Forestry Forum, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forestry Association and the Penn State School of Forest Resources, for forest landowners and foresters will be held October 30, 2003 at State College, PA.

Outstanding speakers include Will McWilliams, USDA Forest Service, discussing Pennsylvania's wood supply and threats to productivity, and Keville Larson, Past-President of Forest Landowners Association, discussing protecting private property rights of forest landowners. Panels of experts from private and governmental sectors will follow the speakers. Pre-registration available until September 1 is \$50 (\$75 after that date), payable to Penn State. For more information, contact Michael Powell at 814-863-1113 or mjp175@psu.edu. You will not want to miss this meeting. 

Forest Activist Thomson to Speak at MFA Meeting

By Karin Miller, Executive Director, MD Forests Association

Outstanding forest activist Tom Thomson, Tree Farmer of Orford, New Hampshire, will be the keynote speaker at the October 24-25, 2003 Annual Meeting of the Maryland Forests Association in Ocean City, MD. He will share his thoughts on the survival of this nation's Family Forest Landowners in a slide presentation entitled "One Man's Story - Will Today's Family Forest Landowners Survive?" During a recent campaign, Thomson and his son Stacey presented President George W. Bush with a Tree Farm hat, which he slipped on for the accompanying photo.

The theme of the meeting is "Conservation Easements: Key to the Future -or- Lock on the land?" Featured speakers with various

perspectives and experiences from national, regional, public and private levels will include Evan Smith, Director of Forestry Projects, The Conservation Fund; Mike Slattery, Assistant Secretary, MD DNR; Dr. Royce Hanson, Board Chair, MD Environmental Trust; Bob Williams, CF, Land Dimensions, LLC; Steven Henson, Executive Director, Southern Appalachian Multiple Use Council; Dr. Harry Haney, Professor of Forestry and Extension Specialist, Virginia Tech College of Natural



L-R: Stacey Thomson, President George W. Bush and Tom Thomson

Resources. Friday afternoon, October 25, 2003 a field workshop on Wetlands Ecology will be led by representatives of the Maryland Coastal Bays Program. Info available at mdforests@hereintown.net, or by telephone and FAX at 301-895-5369.

Penn State Mont Alto Forestry Club Chartered as a Student Chapter

The Mt. Alto Forestry Club was presented with a charter as a Student Chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) at the Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting in State College, PA on July 14, 2003.

Allegheny Chair **Ken Kane** and

National SAF Executive Vice-President **Michael Goergen** presented the charter to Professor **Peter Linehan**, faculty advisor of student members.

On a historical note, there are references to a Rothrock Society, which was a student forestry club in the 20th Century teens and twenties. The club presented Dr. Rothrock with an engraved silver cup commemorating his service to forestry in Pennsylvania. There is a picture of it in the George Wirt papers in the State Archive.



L-R: Professor Peter Linehan, National SAF Executive VP Michael Goergen, and Allegheny SAF Chair Ken Kane

Robert Bauer Educational Award

Bob Bauer's untimely death is still very fresh in the minds of his friends and family. Bob believed strongly in the importance of formal education. Family and friends are working to establish a Student Award Fund at Penn State to benefit students pursuing a degree in Forest Management. In order to endow this award we need a minimum of \$20,000. To date we have about \$15,000.

In this Centennial year celebration of the founding of the Mont Alto Forestry Academy, it would be an appropriate tribute to Bob to complete or exceed the Scholarship Fund goal. Bob was a Mont Alto grad and was a faithful alum on the school's Educational Advisory Board.

Tax-deductible gifts to the Bob Bauer Student Award Fund can be mailed directly to Penn State University in care of Charles Strauss, Director School of Forest Resources, University Park, PA 16802 (It is also possible to make a pledge payable over a period of up to 5 years). Contact Mark Webb at (814) 663-5393 for info.

New Forestry Building at Penn State

By Mark Webb

The School of Forest Resources at Penn State University is soon to break ground for a new Forestry Building. The building will be located at what will become the main entrance to the University and across from the proposed location of the new arboretum. Professional organizations are working to make directed contributions and naming opportunities still exist.

Many friends of the School have made financial contributions to this effort. I believe it is important that our professional organization has a permanent presence in the building.

Specifically, the Goddard Chair in Forestry Office is available for a contribution of \$30,000. In order to accomplish this, I propose 30 members of the PA Division Society

of American Foresters each contribute \$1,000 - which can be paid over a 5-year period. This amounts to less than \$1/day! To date eleven members have joined me in this effort. I am positive there are at least 19 other SAF members - with the pride in our profession and remembering Doc Goddard - who will join us in this effort. A plaque recognizing individual contributors will be placed at an appropriate location relative to the room.

For additional information please contact me, Mark Webb, at 814-663-5393 or email me at mrkrwebb@erie.net. I will be happy to discuss details with you and provide you with pledge commitment forms. 🌿

SAF Valley Forge Chapter Schedules Two Meetings

Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at the Stroud Water Research center in Avondale, PA, meeting facilitator Bruce Arnold will present a review of scientific studies followed by a tour of facilities. Meeting will start at 10 AM; cost of lunch is \$9, and reservations must be made by September 12. Bruce Arnold can be reached at 610-431-6326 or brucearnld@aol.com. 🌿

Thursday, November 20, 2003 at the Hagley Museum and Library's Soda House in Wilmington, DE, "Products of the Urban Forest" will be the theme of a meeting facilitated by Charlie Newlon. Cost is \$35, which includes lunch. Contact Charlie Newlon at 610-872-6019 or cbnewlon@comcast.net 🌿

Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting Exhibitors

The following is a list of names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of those who exhibited at our recent Summer meeting. When you are considering purchases to support your profession, please patronize these exhibitors, and the advertisers in The Allegheny News. Ed.

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PFA Publishes the Life of Dr. Joseph Rothrock

The Pennsylvania Forestry Association has published the first complete biography of forestry pioneer Dr. Joseph T. Rothrock, M.D. It is authored by history scholar Eleanor A. Maass, Ph.D., who along with her husband owns an award-winning tree farm in Susquehanna County, practicing forest conservation in the Rothrock tradition.

Rothrock, aside from being a Civil War hero, was founder of Pennsylvania's state forest system, the PA Forestry Association, as well as the Wilkes-Barre Hospital. He established the first free tuberculosis sanitarium in the United States, and the first boys' camp in the U.S. He also founded the Forest Academy at Mont Alto in 1903, which later became the Penn State Forest School. His student foresters idolized him and he was the intimate friend of six PA governors (including Gifford Pinchot), innumerable newspaper editors, lumbermen, naturalists, and woodsmen.

Copies of the Rothrock biography can be purchased for \$30, plus \$5 shipping and handling, by completing and mailing the form below with your payment. PFA members receive a 15% discount on the book price. Please make checks payable to The PA Forestry Association. On Saturday, October 18, 2003, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, author Eleanor Maass will be at the Penn State Mont Alto Bookstore to sign copies of *Forestry Pioneer, The Life of Joseph Trimble Rothrock*.

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Friday, Oct. 17, 2003

- Noon-5pm Life at Mont Alto Photography Exhibit by Alumnus Alex Kirnak
 1 pm Penn National Golf Outing & Dinner for the George/Judith Bugyi Scholarship
 Noon Registration, \$75, includes dinner
 2-8 pm Alumni Reunion Check-in
 2-8 pm Centennial Historical Exhibits (also Saturday, Oct 18)
 - Iron Works, Wiestling Hall Museum
 - Mt Alto Memories, Wiestling Hall Museum
 - S. Mountain Restoration Center & Forest Fire Museum, MAC Building
 - Mt Alto Historical Exhibit, Mac Building
 3-5 pm Back to Class & Forest Ecosystem Protection with Dr. Beth Brantley, GS 208
 7 pm BBQ at the Pit, rain or shine (please dress appropriately)
 Dusk Mt Alto Alumni Society Homecoming Bonfire, Overflow Parking Lot
 (please bring your guitars and lawn chairs)
 8-11 pm Jazz Mixer sponsored by the Franklin Co. Penn State Alumni Club
 featuring Ton Kolgan trio (soft jazz) in the MAC Building (21 or older)

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2003

- 8:30 am-Noon Alumni Reunion Check-in, MAC Building
 9 am-4 pm- Nicodemus Center for Ceramic Studies Open House, GS 008
 (All day pottery demonstration by artist Tom McFarland GS 302)
 9:30 am Return of the Foresters Reunion Welcome & Arboretum Presentation
 MAC Building, MPR
 10 am-noon Class Reunions, General Studies Building (bring memorabilia)
 10 am-4 pm Life at Mt Alto Photography Exhibit by Alex Kirnak, GS Learning Center
 11 am-4 pm Fall Festival Activities/Student Carnival, outside MAC Building
 Features face & pumpkin painting, tarot card readings, inflatable games, and more
 Bill the Sauce Boss Wharton, national Cajun gumbo cooking and singing - Noon
 11 am-4 pm Wellness Station by Penn State Mt Alto Nursing Alumni, Emmanuel Chapel
 Noon Campus Tour, leaving Wiestling Hall Front Porch
 11 am-4 pm National Collegiate Game of Logging, Penn Gate Athletic Fields
 Mt Alto's team and logging teams from around the country (bring lawn chairs)
 11 am-4 pm Book Signings, Penn State Mt. Alto Book Store
 - Centennial Voices: Penn State Mt. Alto 1903-2003 w/ Dr. Joan Hocking
 - Forestry Pioneer: the Life of Joseph Trimble Rothrock w/Eleanor Maass
 1 pm Foresters Tour of Michaux Forest & Waynesboro Watershed w/Mike Kusko
 (Leaving from the MAC Building lobby)
 1 pm Applying to Penn State: a workshop for Alumni families, Science & Tech Building
 1 pm- Centennial Auction, next to Emmanuel Chapel with Matt Hurley Auction Co.
 - Autographed Joe Paterno memorabilia & Alan Jackson photo
 - One week vacation in Orlando, FL
 - Two-night stay in Annapolis, MD
 - Hand made dulcimer, antiques, much more!
 2-4 pm Art reception for nationally known wildlife artist and alumnus Dan Christ, library
 3 pm Alumni Soccer Game, Conklin Hall Soccer Field (all former Mt. Alto players)
 5-9 pm Alumni Class Reunion Dinners
 6:30 pm Nursing Alumni Reunion Dinner, Mountain Gate Restaurant, Waynesboro, PA
 6:30-8 pm Forestry Alumni Reunion Dinner at the MAC Building
 - 6 pm reception
 - 8 pm Dr. Patrick Moore, founder of Green-Spirit

Sunday, October 19, 2003

- 9 am Foresters' Worship Service, Alumnus George Kemp, Emmanuel Chapel
 9:30 am Foresters Brunch, Millstream Café

Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting Report

By Marc McDill, Penn State School of Forest Resources

The Allegheny SAF's 2003 Summer Meeting in State College provided a well-rounded update for attendees on the latest advances in applying "Cutting Edge Technology" in forestry. The program included talks from vendors and developers of forest inventory hardware and software, a field demonstration of Penn State's FoRMS inventory system, presentations on applications that link forest management databases and GIS systems, and a presentation on an application of GIS to assess the sustainability of Maryland's forest resources.

The meeting was kicked off with welcomes from State College's mayor, Bill Welch, and Ken Kane, the Chair of the Allegheny SAF. Tim Kaden made a pitch for his bid to be the next national SAF vice president, and Dr. Chuck Strauss gave an update on recent developments at the Penn State School of Forest Resources. Michael Goergen, the new National SAF Executive Vice President, also gave a brief talk on his experience stepping into this important and challenging position. On the social side, a barbeque held outdoors at Penn State's CE Lodge overlooking Lake

Perez included lots of good food, excellent beer, and live bluegrass music.

Michael Phelps, from Haglof, Inc. started off an informative session on handheld technology and timber inventory software. He described the company's TCruise software, which can be used to collect forest inventory data on any Windows CE® handheld computer. Brian Holley, from Landmark Systems, followed with a discussion on the latest developments in GPS technology. Duane Means, from Foresters, Inc., graphically showed how handheld technology has gotten dramatically smaller, more powerful, and cheaper over just the past three to five years. Finally, Jim McQuaide gave a detailed demonstration of the FoRMS inventory system that Penn State has been developing. The software runs on a field-hardened pen computer and links seamlessly with both GPS and GIS systems.

The Monday afternoon tour gave a quick overview of Penn State's school forest at Stone Valley. Attendees were also given a hands-on demonstration of the FoRMS inventory system, with several students and several pen computers on hand to give everyone who

wanted a chance to try it out for themselves. The tour ended with a visit to a harvest site where a logger was applying the latest in whole-tree harvesting technology.



Marc McDill

After the tour, everyone gathered at the CE Lodge for barbeque, beer, music, and Penn State Creamery ice cream. Both the venue and the weather worked out very nicely to provide a relaxed atmosphere for socializing.

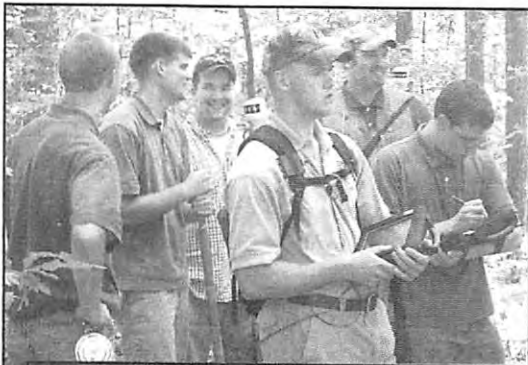
Tuesday morning, the group reconvened for presentations on forest resource information mapping systems. Representatives from two Canadian companies, Barry Costello from Cuesta Systems and Doug Stewart from Genus RMT, discussed software systems for organizing all of your forest management information and linking it to GIS systems. As Barry Costello put it, "today, forest management is as much about managing your information about the forest as managing the forest itself." Finally, John Wolf, a planner from the Maryland DNR described how the state had used a variety of spatial data to perform a large-scale assessment of the sustainability of the state's forest resources. The assessment identified key areas for maintaining or restoring the state's forest resources from a variety of economic to ecological perspectives.

Overall, the meeting was very educational, updating attendees on the latest tools for managing forests with informative presentations and opportunities to try out the new technology in the field. 🌲

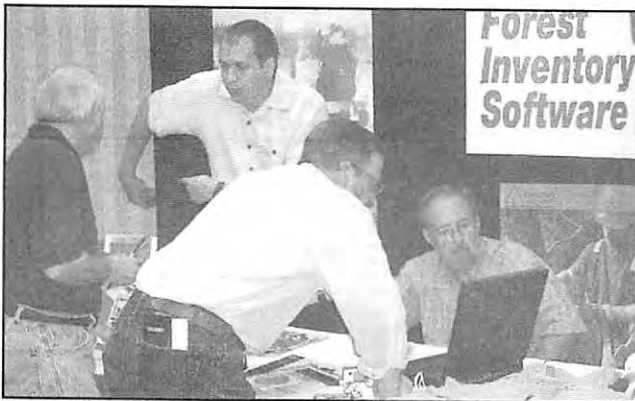


Enjoying some eats!

Allegheny SAF Summer Meeting Photos



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August 18, 2003

Dear Colleagues:

As you consider your ballot for the election of Vice President of The Society of American Foresters I wanted to add a voice of support for Tim Kaden. I hope you'll bear with me for a few paragraphs as I explain why.

In the past, SAF tended to be, in effect, two societies. One embracing foresters whose interests were primarily national or international and the other representing foresters with a local or regional focus. To a large extent the visibility of our national/international members resulted in our national leaders arising from their ranks. Through no ill-intent on anyone's part there was something of a glass barrier to state and local field-forester types moving into effective national leadership. To our credit, in recent years, SAF has been undergoing a measured move toward a more broadly representative society.

We need to continue to work to ensure that SAF represents the full spectrum of forestry professionals from grass roots to world shakers. An important way to promote that is to elect leaders who have been actively involved locally as well as nationally. I have observed Tim Kaden to fill that bill most admirably. Tim served for many years as Secretary-Treasurer of the Allegheny Society - a service for which few volunteer. The original Allegheny SAF Educational Endowment and the Student Mentoring programs were initiated by Tim. He chaired the House of Society Delegates, which is about as grass-roots as it gets, and went on to be elected to SAF Council, representing National Capital and Allegheny Societies. Tim was a faithful member of Council and worked hard to stay in touch with the members in his District.

In short, Tim is dedicated to SAF. He's been a "regular" at the National Convention - even the ill-fated Denver meeting of 9/11. He believes in encouraging our student members (rarely, if ever, has he missed a quiz bowl) and was among the first to complete the national leadership academy. He's given generously of his time and personal resources to support the society from grass-roots to national leadership and will bring an important perspective to the office of Vice-president.

Thanks for your consideration - please make sure you return your ballot promptly.

Sincerely,
Roger L. Sherman, CF
SAF Fellow



Allegheny SAF Office Candidates

Chair:

Kenneth Jolly Associate Director Field Operations, Maryland DNR Forest Service, Annapolis, MD
MS Organizational Management (1998) University of Maryland University College; BS Forest Management (1982) North Carolina State University. Member SAF since 1982. SAF involvement: National - Student Field Tour Coordinator, 2000 National SAF Convention, Washington DC; SAF Leadership Academy, 1998; attended 5 National Conventions. Section - Allegheny SAF Secretary/Treasurer, 2000-present; Executive Committee Member-at-Large, 1996-2000; Awards Committee Chair, 1997-present; Meeting Coordinator, 2002 Winter Meeting; Allegheny Mini-Leadership Academy Coordinator, 1999 Summer Meeting; Planning Committee Member for various Section Meetings hosted by MD-DE Division; Division - MD-DE Executive Committee (Secretary, Member-at-Large, Newsletter Editor), 1988-1996; "informal" member of MD-DE Exec. Comm. from 1996-present, serving in various roles, including Planning Committee for various Division Meetings and MD SAF Logo License Plate Project Coordinator. Employed with MD DNR Forest Service 1987-present, serving as Southern Regional Forester, 1994-2001; Supervisor, Public Land Stewardship, 1993-94; Project Manager/Forester, 1988-1993; Forest Technician, 1987. USDA Forest Service, Tahoe NF, CA, Forestry Technician 1985-1987; Forester, Forest Development Corporation of Honduras (COHDEFOR)/US Peace Corps, 1981-1983. Awards received: Peace Corps Recognition Award, 1983; Southern Region Forester of the Year, 1988; Maryland Forester of the Year, 1992.

Glen A. Juergens Silviculturist, Monongahela National Forest, West Virginia

BS in Forestry, Southern Illinois University, 1976. Glen has been Silviculturist on the Planning Team of the USFS Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia, 1999-2003; Timber Management Assistant on the Marlinton Ranger District MNF, 1989-1999; Forester, Stanton Ranger District, Daniel Boone National Forest in Kentucky; Forester Trainee, Redbird Ranger District, on the Daniel Boone; Firefighter and Forestry Technician, Gooseneck Ranger District, Klamath National Forest in California; and in the Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras, Central America. He is a USDA Forest Service Certified Silviculturist since 1988 and a WV Registered Forester and SAF Certified Forester since 2002. Glen assisted in reconstruction efforts in Honduras after Hurricane "Mitch", 2000-2001. He was elected to the West Virginia Division Executive Committee in 1999, Chair-elect in 2001 and Chair in 2002-2003. He served in the US Army, 1969-72 with 18 months in the Republic of Vietnam.

Chair-Elect:

Stephanie Brown, CF Assistant Vice-President, American Forest Foundation, and Deputy Director, The American Tree Farm System

MS Forest Resource Education, 1992 and BS Forest Science, 1985; University of Illinois. 1988-2000. Director of the University of Illinois Forest Resource Center, DNR&ES responsible for development and implementation of educational programs for landowners, students, natural resource professionals and others. Presently responsible for AFF program operations, state committee relations, forester training, volunteer recognition, and meeting and convention planning. As an active joint member of Allegheny and National Capital SAF since 1990, served as Chair of the Illinois SAF, Chair of the 2000 House of Society Delegates, developed and presented the "Successful Meetings and Program Participation" module for the SAF National Leadership Academy in 1998-2002 and served six years on the SAF Committee for Forest Technology School Recognition.

Kim C. Steiner Professor, Penn State University, State College, PA

BS (1970) in Forest Biology, Colorado State Univ.; MS (1971) and Ph.D. (1975) in Forest Genetics, Michigan State Univ. Chair of Omicron Chapt., Xi Sigma Pi, and founding member of first Student Chapter of SAF, Colorado State Univ. (member continuously since 1970). Chair, SAF Rothrock Chapter (1990-1991); Chair, Allegheny SAF Tree Improvement Committee (1991-1994); Allegheny SAF Student Quiz Bowl Organizer (1992-1998); Allegheny SAF Executive Committee (1996-1997); Chair, Allegheny SAF Student Coordinating Committee (1991-present); Member, SAF Committee on Accreditation (2002-present); founded Biennial Conference on University Education in Natural Resources (a national conference co-sponsored by SAF) (1996-present); Chair of Working Party S2.02-22, International Union of Forest Research Organizations (1991-1999); Science Cabinet, American Chestnut Foundation (1999-present); Advisory Committee, Purdue University Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center (1999-present); Board of Directors, Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters (1997-present); PA DCNR Ecosystem Management Advisory Committee (1996-present); PA DCNR Silviculture and Timber Advisory Committee (1999-present); Chair-Elect, Pennsylvania State University Faculty Senate (2003-2004).

Secretary/Treasurer:

Rachel R. Billingham Forest Program Specialist, PA DCNR BOF, Harrisburg, PA

Ms. Billingham has two forestry degrees: a BS in Forest Management, Louisiana State University, and a Master of Agriculture in Forestry (a degree combining forestry and communications) from Penn State University, University Park, PA. She is responsible for coordinating programs in the Bureau of Forestry such as Forest Legacy, a conservation easement program focusing on working

forests; Clean and Green, an open space tax incentive program; the Metropolitan Initiative, a program fostering urban forestry partnerships in metropolitan areas; and the Northeast PA Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program. She especially enjoys the people-centered nature of these programs. Prior to working with the Bureau, and ran her own business conducting forestry education workshops for home school co-ops while programming databases for local area businesses. She has been an active member of the SAF for the past 10 years.

Executive Committee:

Mary Ann Fajvan Associate Professor of Silviculture, WV University, Morgantown, WV
PhD Quantitative Silviculture, 1991 University of Maine; MS Silviculture, 1983 Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies; BS Natural Resource Management, 1981 Cook College, Rutgers University. 1992 to present, Associate Professor of Silviculture, WVU; 1987-84, Instructor, Forest Resources Extension, PSU; 1983, Urban Forester, Central Park Conservancy, New York City; 1982, Field Forester, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. SAF member since 1977; Chair-elect and Chair, Silviculture Working Group, 2002-03; Allegheny SAF Forest Science Coordinator and Newsletter contributor 1992 to present. Received the Harvard University Charles Bullard Fellowship in Forest Research, January-June 2001.

Frank J. Hennion New Jersey Forest Service, Northern Region
AAS Forestry, Paul Smith's College; BS Business Administration and Environmental Studies; Graduate Studies, Chemical Engineering, University of Wisconsin and Forest Pathology, SUNY ESF. 1999 to present, NJ Forest Service, Northern Region; 1986-99, Vice President & I Director, AllMet Technology, Philadelphia, PA; 1983-86, Market Manager, INMETCO, Elwood City, PA; 1969-83, Research Engineer, International Nickel Co., Sterling Forest, NY; 1966-69, USFS, Green Mountain National Forest, VT; 1959-60, NJ Forest Fire Service. Served in the US Army during the Vietnam Era 1963-65. A member of the SAF since 1990, and membership in the American Canoe Association, Boy Scouts of America, and the Adirondack Mountain Club.

Ned Karger, CF Silvicultural Manager, Collins Pine Co., Kane Hardwood, Kane, PA
BS in Forest Science, Penn State, 1979. As Silvicultural Manager, Ned has responsibility for 126,000 acres of FSC certified forestland in NW PA. Before coming to Kane Hardwood in 1983, he worked for Hammermill Paper Co., USFS Forestry Sciences Lab in Warren, PA and on the Allegheny National Forest Sheffield District. An active SAF member since 1985, and SAF Certified Forester since 1998, he served as Northern Hardwood Chapter Vice-Chair and Chair from 1996-99, and PA Division Vice-Chair and Chair from 2000-03. Ned has been a member of the Ben Roach Forestry Forum Steering Committee since 1985 and most recently became Chair of the renamed Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum; a member of the Technical Committee of the Allegheny Hardwood Utilization Group (He received awarded the 2003 AHUG "Sandy Cochran Memorial Award"); PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry Silviculture and Ecosystem Management Advisory and Penn State College of Agriculture Ag Council Committees. An avid runner, biker and skier, who also enjoys hunting, camping and volleyball, Ned and wife Lynda, son Casey and daughter Jesse live in Kane, Pennsylvania.

Susan E. Lacy Assistant Director, NE Area USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry, Newtown Square, PA
BS in Forest Management, Colorado State University, 1980; MS in Forest Resources (Economics), University of New Hampshire, 1989; SAF Leadership Academy, 2000; SAF Certified Forester, 1995. Presently USFS NE Area Assistant Director, State & Private Forestry; Regional Program Manager, 1990-97; Research Forester, 1989-90; Financial Analyst, Commonwealth Bank, 1986-89; Operations Forester, Boise Cascade, 1985. SAF activities: Leadership Academy National Steering Committee, 2001-03; Allegheny SAF Secretary/Treasurer, 1995-99, and Science & Technology Chair, 1994. Professional accomplishments: National USFS Team for Budget Integration & Performance Accountability, 2003; Guest Lecturer for the University of Delaware "Introduction to Forestry" course, 1998-present; New England Ice Storm Recovery Project Finance Coordinator, 1999-2000; Regional Federal Women's Program Manager, 1992-93; Co-author of peer-reviewed articles in the *Journal of Forestry* and the *National SAF Convention Proceedings*. Susan received the USDA Forest Service Performance Award, 1992 and 1999, the USDA Forest Service Special Service Award, 1992 and 1998, the President's Point of Light Award, 1992, and the SAF Outstanding Thesis Award, 1989. She is a member of Xi Sigma Pi, American Forests Association, and The Nature Conservancy.

Jack L. Perdue Supervisor, Public Lands Stewardship, DNR Forest Service, Annapolis, MD
BS in Forest Management, West Virginia University, 1978. Jack has worked with the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources' Forest Service continuously since 1980: 10 years with the Forest Products Utilization and Marketing Program, three years as Program Director. Responsibilities included the state-wide program involving domestic and international market development, harvesting and lumber manufacturing efficiency studies, and supervising a staff of three utilization and marketing foresters. He served four years as the Director of the state-wide Urban Forestry program and in 1996 assumed the duties of Public Lands Stewardship, responsible for resource planning and administration of Maryland's State Forest system - developing a continuous

forest inventory system, a GIS resource planning program, and led an inter-disciplinary team reviewing State Forest timber sales proposals. A member of SAF since 1988, Jack chaired the MD/DE SAF Division, 1998-99; served on the Executive Committee, 1991-92 and 1996-2001 and on the Allegheny SAF Executive Committee, 2000-present; served the MD Forests Association's Board of Governors, 1989-1996. He was chosen as Allegheny SAF Forester of the Year, 1993.

Roy A. Siefert, CF PA Bureau of Forestry District Forester, Tioga State Forest, Wellsboro, PA

BS Forestry, Penn State 1976. USFS Certified Silviculturist, 1989, SAF Certified Forester, 1995. From 1999-present, District Forester, Tioga State Forest; 1997-99, Forest Program Specialist, PABOF Div. of Forest Fire Protection; 1985-97, Forester, Susquehannock State Forest. SAF member since 1985 - Northern Hardwood Chapter and Pennsylvania Division Chairs and Allegheny SAF Executive Committee. PA Council of Professional Foresters and PA Forest Fire Museum Association Charter member and Board of Directors; Ben Roach/Bob Bauer Forestry Forum Steering Committee, 1987-2003; member, Tioga County Woodland and National Woodland Owners Associations. Tioga County Visitors Bureau, 2000-03. Tau Phi Delta National Forestry Fraternity, 1974-2003 - Grand National President & Treasurer, Board of Directors, and Alpha Chapter Vice President. 1999 NASF Annual Convention Treasurer, 1999 USFS Outstanding Management of Federal Excess Property Program Award, 2000 National Tree Farm Annual Convention and 2002 Winter Allegheny SAF Meeting Committees.

Howard Wurzbacher, CF NW Regional Forester, PA Game Commission

BS in Forest Science, Penn State University, 1979. Regional Forester for the PGC's northwest 10-county Region since 2003; Assistant Regional Forester since 1987 after duties as Field Forester and Forest Technician; five years as log scaler for Fisher and Young and Endeavor Lumber Companies; one season with the USFS on the Kootenai National Forest in NW Montana and a summer experience as timber marker for International Paper in northern Maine. An active member of SAF since 1993, I have served as Sec/Treasurer and Chair of the Plateau Chapter and Executive Committee member of the Allegheny Society; committee member in cooperative Northern Hardwood meeting and 2000 Allegheny SAF Winter Meeting; "Walk in the Forest" coordinator and participant for fourth grade classes of the Titusville Area School District. Member of the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters, Ben Roach/Bob Bauer Forestry Forum Committee and the Two-Mile Run County Park Natural Resources Advisory Group.

Allegheny SAF 2003 Election Ballot

Report of the Nominating Committee
Michael Lester, Chair

Chair (vote for one)

___ Kenneth W. Jolly
___ Glen A. Juergens

Chair-Elect (vote for one)

___ Stephanie Brown, CF
___ Kim C. Steiner

Secretary/Treasurer

___ Rachel R. Billingham

Executive Committee (vote for four)

___ Mary Ann Fajvan
___ Frank J. Hennion
___ Ned R. Karger, CF
___ Susan E. Lacy, CF
___ Jack L. Perdue
___ Roy A. Siefert, CF
___ Howard Wurzbacher, CF

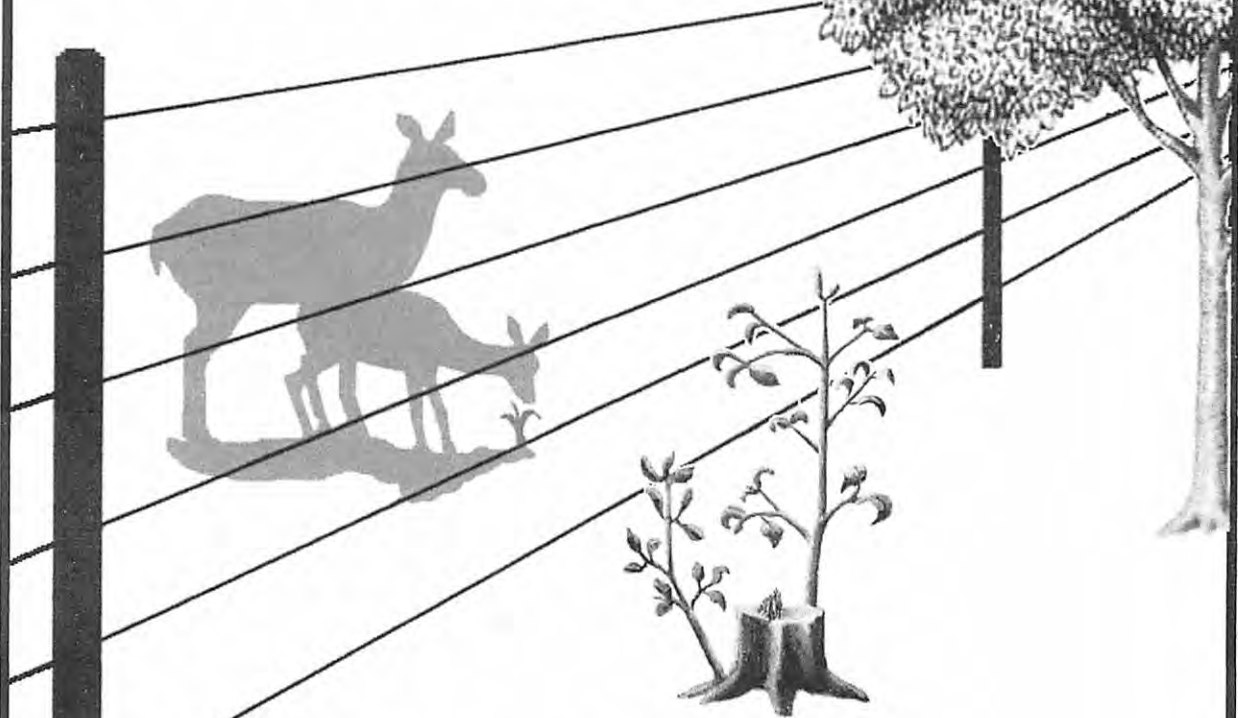
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Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership Solicits Input from Foresters

By Sue Thompson, President, Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership

The Pennsylvania Biodiversity Partnership (PBP) was created in response to a recommendation by the Pennsylvania 21st Century Environment Commission that a broad-based public-private partnership be formed to promote the conservation of native species and their habitats. PBP is unique in bringing together –



PBP President Sue Thompson explains her organization to Allegheny News Editor Jack Winieski at the Summer Meeting

as equal partners – organizations and individuals with diverse interests and backgrounds, all sharing the goal of conserving biodiversity by fostering communication and cooperation among everyone concerned with natural resource values throughout the state. PBP members represent conservation and environmental organizations, government agencies, business and industry, scientists and academic organizations, sportsmen and sportswomen, and private landowners. Representatives from Pennsylvania's forest products industry have been involved in PBP from its beginning. SAF members on the PBP Board include Blaine Puller from Kane Hardwood and Ken Kane, Keith Horn Forestry and Allegheny SAF Chair. Tom Buzby represents the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association.

A consensus quickly emerged within the Partnership that a statewide plan, focusing on strategies and opportunities for protecting Pennsylvania's natural resources, while at the same time maintaining economic vigor and quality of life for all Pennsylvanians, must be developed and implemented.

The development of this comprehensive plan for biodiversity is a multi-year process with a projected completion date of 2005. *Biodiversity in Pennsylvania: Snapshot 2002*, released in December 2002, marked the end of the first phase. This 48-page document is a concise literature-based report that synthesizes the present status of Pennsylvania's biodiversity.

Building on *Biodiversity in Pennsylvania*, PBP is now actively soliciting input from all stakeholders in developing the first draft of the Pennsylvania Biodiversity Conservation Plan. Please tell us (contact information below) what issues are important to you, what you would like the plan to contain, what should **not** be in the plan, what format is best, and any other comments. You can also visit the PBP website (www.pabiodiversity.org) and complete a short comment form online. Additional information about PBP and copies of *Biodiversity in Pennsylvania* and the executive summary, may be found on the PBP website. Free copies of the report or executive summary may also be obtained by contacting PBP, 16 Terminal Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, telephone (412) 481-4100, pbpinfo@pabiodiversity.org.

"Standard of Forestry Practices" Pennsylvania SAF Ballot Results

By Doug D'Amore

On July 29, 2003 the officers of the Pennsylvania Division of SAF met in Emporium to count the ballots cast by members of the Pennsylvania Division on the approval of the Standards of Forestry Practice in Pennsylvania as published in the Spring issue of the Allegheny News. There were a total of 99 votes cast with 79 voting in favor of adopting the standards and 20 voting not to adopt the standards. The Pennsylvania Division is on record as of that date as endorsing and adopting the Standards of Forestry Practice in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters will be able to use this endorsement as they contact other forestry groups. The ballots were collected by Secretary/Treasurer Doug D'Amore and counted by himself and Chair Ned Karger. Anyone with any questions should contact them immediately.

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The Chesapeake Forest Project: An Experiment in Sustainable Forest Management

By R. Neil Sampson and Steven W. Koehn

Abstract

On December 21, 2000, The Conservation Fund, acting on behalf of the Richard King Mellon Foundation, transferred some 29,000 acres of former industrial forest land on Maryland's Eastern Shore to the State of Maryland. What made the gift unique was that TCF also presented the State with a sustainable management plan designed to meet environmental goals while continuing to contribute to local economies. In addition, they had entered into a 3-year contract with a private land management firm to carry out day-to-day management and implementation of the plan, and that contract was also conveyed with the land. The result is state-owned public forest, managed on a daily basis by a private forestry firm, carrying out a conservation-oriented sustainable forestry plan. The unusual arrangement has created new challenges and opportunities for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Service, and the lessons being learned may transfer well beyond these forests.

Introduction

The Chesapeake Forest Project consists of 58,000 acres of forest land owned by the State of Maryland. The lands were part of a 1999 divestment by the Chesapeake Forest Products Corporation. At that time, a partnership between the State of Maryland, The Conservation Fund, and Hancock Timber Resources Group moved to purchase the forests. As the project unfolded, the State of Maryland's Department of Natural Resources purchased half of the land directly, while The Conservation Fund, on behalf of the Richard King Mellon Foundation, acquired the other 29,000 acres with the intention of transferring them to the State at a later time.

The goal agreed upon by the partners at that time was to demonstrate an economically sustainable forest management system that could achieve several objectives important both to local communities and the broader conservation goals of the State. The specific objectives included:

- Providing a steady flow of economic activity and employment to support local businesses and communities;
- Preventing the conversion of forested lands to non-forest uses in a region where the forests were already heavily fragmented by agricultural and urban uses;

- Contributing to improvements in water quality, as part of the larger Chesapeake Bay restoration effort;
- Protecting and enhancing habitat for threatened and endangered species;
- Maintaining soil and forest productivity and health; and,
- Protecting visual quality and sites of special ecological, cultural, or historical interest.

Prior to presenting the second half of the land to the State in 2000, The Conservation Fund took several actions that have contributed to the unique manner in which these lands are managed. First, they commissioned the preparation of a sustainable forest management plan for the land to be transferred. Then, they contracted with a private land management firm, Vision Forestry LLC, to implement the plan for a transition period of three years, with the opportunity for that management contract to be extended. The land, complete with the management plan and contract, was given to the State in December of 2000.

The transitional management period is now under way, providing practical field experience in a different approach to the management of public forests. The question is not whether public or private land management is best. What we realize is that both have distinct advantages, and that a public-private partnership has the opportunity to maximize the combination as it seeks to provide the full range of sustainable benefits in the forests.

The Land

The Chesapeake Forest Project consists of 58,172 acres divided into 238 separate parcels distributed across five counties. In spite of this scattered character, the forests include some of the last large segments of unbroken forest in a region that is largely agricultural in nature. The CFP lands include more than 4,000 acres of wetlands and comprise portions of 23 separate watersheds, many of which have been given a high priority for conservation action under the Maryland Clean Water Action Plan. They contain established populations of threatened and endangered species, including the Delmarva fox squirrel (*Sciurus niger cinereus*), bald eagle, and some 150 other species that have been identified as rare, threatened, or endangered in the region. Abundant populations of deer, turkey,

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The PA SAF "Standards" Vote

By Mark Webb, President, PA Council of Professional Foresters



Kim Steiner, Art Brooks and Marian Keegan at the State College, PA informational discussion on "Standards of Forestry Practice"

The ballots have been cast for the adoption of the Standards of Forestry Practice as developed for the Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters by Brooks, et al. While the number of ballots cast is somewhat low, the message is very clear... 79% voted in favor of adopting the Standards, an overwhelming endorsement!

At this point I think it's helpful to review the events that brought us here and to look a bit to the future.

For over 30 years professional foresters in Pennsylvania have debated the merits of professional licensing and efforts have been made to develop legislation to licensing. Those early efforts never were able to reach their goal. This current effort has made the furthest progress. It was started by a referendum vote of the Pennsylvania SAF Division (PA SAF) membership.

In order to be effective legislatively, it is nearly always necessary to lobby. IRS rules limit PASAF, a 501C-3 not-for-profit organization, to a percentage of money they can expend on lobbying. This restriction limits the PA Division from hiring a lobbyist. It is unrealistic to expect that one (or more) of our members will volunteer their services in lobbying efforts. So it was necessary to form a parallel organization which could lobby on our behalf.

The Pennsylvania Council of Professional Foresters (PCPF) was formed to lead this effort on behalf of the Pennsylvania Division SAF. PCPF is a 501C-6 organization, which according to IRS rules is a not-for-profit organization that are less restricted in lobbying efforts. While the main thrust of PCPF has been to work for Forester licensing, they have already taken positions on other legislative issues - with membership from most of the professional forestry community, PCPF can be effective in responding to statewide forest resource issues in a timely fashion. Legally PCPF is a separate organization, but the Directors are very sensitive to the wishes of PA SAF.

As proposed licensing legislation was being developed, it became apparent that there was a need for a document that could be used as a guide for judging compliance with the proposed Licensing Act. To have a Licensing Act without an objective means of evaluation seemed to make no sense. To that end the effort began to develop such a document. Art Brooks was kind enough to volunteer to make a draft and with the help and input of all of the Directors, (and in particular Kim Steiner and Marian Keegan) a final draft was accepted by the PCPF membership at its annual meeting in January 2003. Since then, PCPF has been actively seeking the endorsement of other professional forestry organizations within Pennsylvania.

At its last meeting, the Directors voted to form a joint committee of those organizations endorsing the "Standards." PCPF regards the "Standards" as a living document which may, from time to time, need to be modified to meet the needs and conditions of the time. The joint committee would consider any proposed changes to the "Standards" document. As other organizations endorse the document, they will have opportunity to have representation on this committee.

Hopefully the PASAF positive vote on this document is one more significant event that will lead to the eventual licensing of foresters in Pennsylvania.

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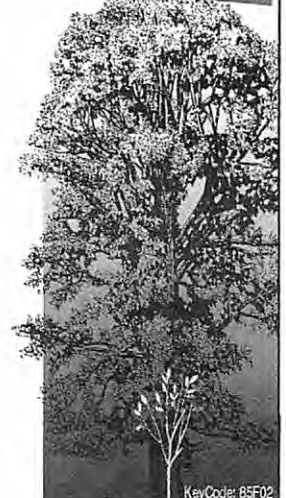
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Some Thoughts on the "Standards" Vote

By Joe Harding, CF, Forest Consultant and SAF member

I could not sleep the night after our Summer Allegheny SAF meeting in State College, July 19, 2003. Over-stimulated with the issues raised at the meeting, I mulled over all the things I wished I had said, all the questions I should have asked, and all the eloquent ways to make a point. Although the time may have passed to discuss this issue as a group, I want to put a few of my thoughts down on paper in the hope that they may be considered in the development of the next step in this process, forester licensing.

I'm sure there are many reasons why the issue of developing standards of practice surfaced and is being addressed at this time. I think two of those reasons are:

- 1) Preventing foresters from misrepresenting themselves and their services and,
- 2) Preventing foresters from practicing non-sustainable forestry.

Concerning the first issue, I agree that the "Standards of Forestry Practice", as they were presented, adequately address and define the standards for a professional forester. However it is the avoidance of addressing the second issue, practicing non-sustainable forestry, which will be our downfall. In the preamble of the Standards it states that professional foresters have a solemn responsibility to protect the productivity and sustainability of forests for the good of the general public. Unfortunately, the preamble also declares that there will be no attempt to define silvicultural practices. Is this not a strong contradiction? How can we protect the productivity and sustainability of the forest if we don't define what that looks like? I have heard all the arguments against defining and legislating sustainable forestry and although most of the arguments

have some grain of reasonableness to them I think the future of our profession depends on defining and practicing sustainable forestry. In his famous "Land Ethic" essay in *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold wrote, "Do no harm to the forest environment ..." I believe the medical profession also has the same basic principle of "Do no harm." Should we not as professionals also adopt a similar principle?

Some of the arguments against defining and legislating sustainable forestry are as follows: 1. If I don't do it (non-sustainable forestry) the next guy will. True but does that make it right? What if "the next guy" wouldn't do it either? 2. At least I can give them a good harvest. Well that's nice but there won't be much to come back to in the future? 3. "That's what the landowner wanted - I tried to explain and convince him but...". So we give in and do the diameter limit cut because if we legislated sustainable forestry that would infringe on landowner rights. Yes, that would and believe me, I'm not interested in expanding government or letting them tell me what I can and can't do. But don't we already allow them to dictate many aspects of how we live? Ordinances and laws tell us how far from our property line we can put our shed and how big and high it can be, they tell you how tall your grass can be before you have to cut it, they tell you how big and where you can hang your business sign, they tell you that you can only do agriculture on this parcel or residential here or commercial there and on and on and on.... Why were all of these rules developed? So you would be protected if your neighbor wanted to do something crazy or to protect your neighbor if you wanted to do something crazy and in



general, for the good of the public. You may not like the ordinances or agree with them all but that is the general intent, "for the good of the public."

The danger we face by not developing our own boundaries on acceptable practice is that others who have no expertise in the field will be all too happy to place restrictions on us if they look at the forests and see continued devastation. A new rule will be developed that will make darn sure that never happens again; hence township timber harvesting ordinances. Is it possible that someone or some group will recognize what is happening to our forests and say "...that's enough! Let's yell and scream until someone with authority will listen and stop the degradation of our forests!" We may not ever come to that point because we won't be able to find any markets for birch, red maple and gum or a foreign market will meet the demands of our markets for us.

Please understand that I write this article for the good of our profession and with great respect and appreciation for the three years of thoughtful research and peer review by PCPF members.

I present these thoughts as those of Joe Harding, CF, Forest Consultant and SAF member; I do not speak from any other position of employment.

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and waterfowl create the basis for a major hunting opportunity on the land, and the sale of licensed hunting concessions provided a significant revenue source in the past. Whether or not those hunting arrangements will continue in the future is a matter of policy that the State of Maryland is currently studying. Many other public recreational opportunities are available as well.

Prior to the purchase of the lands, the private owners paid about \$85,000 in annual property taxes to county governments and produced approximately 15-20% of the fiber utilized by the local pulp and timber mills. The forest products industry on the Eastern Shore is fairly isolated, in both geographic and economic terms, so the potential impact of changing the timber program on the Chesapeake Forests significantly was a major concern voiced in the local communities during the transfer of the land to State ownership.

The Sustainable Forest Management Plan

The plan for the Chesapeake Forests was prepared by a 10-person technical team assembled by The Sampson Group, Inc. Providing oversight and decision making was a Steering Committee composed of representatives of Maryland DNR, The Conservation Fund, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and the local forest industry. There were substantial challenges in the planning, including:

- The plan's management guidelines were contractually connected to the 29,000 acres being given to the State by the Mellon Foundation, but needed to operate within the context of the entire 58,000-acre forest as part of the long-term objective to develop a management system for the forest as a whole.
- The forests were composed primarily of loblolly pine plantations, with over 50% being 15 years old or younger and two-thirds less than 25 years of age. Plantations of merchantable age were virtually absent, as were large areas of older mixed pine-hardwood forests. The result was a short-term absence of timber harvest opportunities, coupled with the need to conduct a large thinning operation to prevent the dense young stands from developing stress-related insect and disease problems.
- There was significant concern in the local communities regarding the ability of the state to manage such a large and complex project while continuing to produce a flow of timber and economic activity in the region. The fear was that the land would be taken over by political decisions forced by larger constituencies that

would result in the loss of management options. (There is, for example, an ongoing political movement attempting to eliminate all timber harvesting on state lands in Maryland.)

- The time available for developing the plan was short, and the data available were limited in important ways, including the lack of a complete stand-by-stand forest inventory and the existence of a modern soil survey in only two of the five counties.

On the other hand, the planning team had several advantages that helped it achieve its task, including:

- The existence of a GIS-based data set that had been developed and maintained by the former owners;
- An extensive GIS-based resource data library for the region, developed and maintained by Maryland DNR;
- The experience and counsel of the foresters who had managed the lands for the Chesapeake Forest Products Company for over two decades. (The former company's forestry staff was contracted by The Conservation Fund during the planning process to continue day-to-day management of the lands.)
- Access to the extensive technical staff resources in Maryland DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the expertise of local people.

The resulting management plan has been called "visionary, comprehensive, and likely to meet its stated objectives of wildlife habitat protection, soil and water quality protection, special sites preservation, and healthy economic benefits," by a 10-person Advisory Panel commissioned by The Conservation Fund in 2001 to assess the plan and its initial implementation work. It contains an extensive resource assessment of the entire 58,000 acres, including attention to landscape and regional issues that provide important context for the management of these lands. It is an outcome-based plan, establishing specific objectives for management while leaving out rigid prescriptions.

One example is the treatment of stream and wetland buffers. While recognizing the need to meet or exceed Maryland State BMP guidelines, the plan avoids single-width prescriptions. Buffers are to be established in the field, using hydrological and ecological features while recognizing state-mandated minimum widths. In general, the plan calls for wider buffers than are required under BMP's, as a way of improving interior forest habitats in these biologically critical areas. Management activities, including thinning and timber harvest, are allowed so long as the primary management objective is

the protection of water quality and wildlife habitat. A dense young pine plantation may, for example, be thinned more heavily in the expanded buffer zone to facilitate the development of a shrub and hardwood component. Field foresters are responsible for identifying and marking buffers, designing appropriate management activities, and overseeing operations so that water quality and wildlife goals are met.

The management plan presented by The Conservation Fund as part of the land gift was accepted by Maryland DNR as an acceptable guide to the management of all 58,000 acres of the Chesapeake Forest Project during the interim period while a formal state planning process was undertaken and a final state management plan completed. That process, now under way, should be completed in late 2003.

The Transition Period

One of the major challenges of sustainable forest management is the integration of an effective monitoring and feedback system into field management activities. In the transition period, Vision Forestry is designing and implementing such a system, in close collaboration with Maryland DNR staff. Field data are gathered and integrated into the spatial data system. That system is then used to evaluate the impact of management activities and identify areas where activity is likely to be needed in the near future. Lists of potential sites for future thinning or other mid-rotation management provide field foresters with check lists of stands to evaluate as part of their regular fieldwork and travel.

The key to the management strategy is the annual work planning process. Using the overall management plan as a guide, the managers prepare an annual work plan that lays out specific activities to be carried out on the land. The work plan goes to an Interdisciplinary (ID) Team formed of DNR experts. At the manager's request, or on tracts where questions are raised by DNR, the ID Team and the managers conduct field visits to establish specific guidelines for the activities. When the plan has been accepted by all parties, it is taken to the Maryland Board of Public Works for final approval.

The advantages of having official approval for a year's work over needing BPW approval for each timber sale are significant. One of the most difficult aspects of forest management on the Eastern Shore is the limited number of contractors available to do the work, coupled with forested soils that can be damaged by machinery during wet weather. This requires the managers to be very flexible in scheduling field work, moving contractors from wet to drier sites where possible, and constantly searching for better and more efficient ways to achieve the desired results. With a full year's activity in front of

them, the flexibility to match available resources to the right job, or to respond to weather changes, is maintained.

Another advantage arises in the ability to do flexible merchandising of the wood produced on these lands. Almost all of the wood comes from first and second thinning of young pine plantations. Instead of facing the difficulty and expense of marking every thinning sale, Vision Forestry hires and trains skilled thinning operators who can produce the desired residual stand. The result is good silviculture, but a difficult challenge in estimating the quantity and quality of the material that will be produced. This makes lump-sum sales very problematic.

Vision Forestry is able to approach this challenge by conducting sales on a delivered-unit basis. Mills bid a per-ton price for delivered pine sawlogs and pulpwood. In some instances, the two products go to different mills. Vision Forestry foresters then oversee the thinning process, select logging contractors who have the equipment and skills matched to the different land conditions and desired final situation, guide the logging contractors in selecting, sorting, and cutting sawlogs to the specifications in the sale, and delivering to the proper mills. The logging contractors receive a bonus for the extra work involved in the deck-sorting process.

The result has been a significant increase in the revenues received by the State from these forests. For pine pulpwood, the dominant product from the thinning operations, the average price received per ton has increased about 75% from the fiber supply agreement in effect when the land was purchased by The Conservation Fund. At that time, virtually all of the material harvested was used for pulpwood. If sawlogs were involved, they were often sorted out at the mill, and the mill realized the value rather than the landowner. By selling at the mill on a delivered price, then negotiating contracts for product separation with the thinning contractors, Vision Forestry has been able to realize a 7% sawlog return on first thinnings and 23% sawlogs from second thinnings. Since sawlogs net roughly 6-8 times as much for the landowner, the result has been a major increase in economic return to the State of Maryland. This type of merchandising would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, under current state regulations for public timber sales coupled with the reduced work force within the Maryland DNR Forest Service.

A significant environmental advantage comes from having the managing foresters, rather than the purchasing mills, hire and direct the logging contractors. By matching the type of machinery and skills of the contractor to the specific land involved, Vision Forestry

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is able to carry out thinning projects in sensitive areas with excellent results. Rather than being guided by the incentive to get the wood out as rapidly and cheaply as possible, these contractors are able to concentrate on the end results, knowing the quality of their work and subsequent merchandising are what affect their financial returns.

The annual work planning process demonstrates other advantages of the public-private cooperative approach. The private managers, with a small staff of foresters who work the lands on a daily basis, can identify activities that are responsive to field conditions. Under the general plan, with its adaptive management philosophy, they can utilize the spatial data system to assure that not only are the needs of the land considered, but also the achievement of the larger and longer-term objectives in the management plan. Their recommendations reflect not only the situation on the land, but the current market and labor conditions in the local area. By matching contractors and equipment to specific activities, and by taking advantage of rapidly-changing local market situations, they gain maximum net economic return for the amount of wood produced.

The Maryland DNR, with its extensive multi-disciplinary knowledge and responsibility for achieving the broad conservation goals of the State, can provide insight, expertise, and training to both private land managers and state employees using practical field-based information. Special skills can be made available to help design and implement ecosystem restoration and watershed improvement projects. Large work forces with special equipment can be marshaled to conduct activities such as wildfire suppression or prescribed fires. Security is provided by the Maryland DNR's Natural Resource Police. In addition, the State can reach out to broader publics with an information and education program that illustrates the challenges and benefits in the sustainable forestry effort.

The private managers can be flexible in their staffing, as they are able to expand and contract staff resources on the project as conditions or workloads change. The Maryland DNR lacks this flexibility, being locked into state budgets and personnel ceilings that have, for example, meant that the agency has only been able to hire 20% of the staff it requested to manage the original 29,000 acres it purchased. With formal state contracting procedures and requirements, it is difficult for the state agency to respond to rapid changes in labor requirements.

The contract between the state and the private manager is based on an annual per-acre fee for basic

management services, with the ability to supplement the contract for additional or unforeseen needs. The managers are responsible for sub-contracting all fieldwork, and paying all sub-contractor bills out of revenues from the forest. Maryland law requires the state agency to share 15% of its sale revenues with the local counties, so the managers are responsible for providing that payment as well. Only when those two obligations have been met are the managers able to collect their management fee. Finally, any net revenues remaining are paid to the state. All of this provides a strong economic incentive to keep the project economically self-supporting.

The private contractors engage an independent bookkeeping and auditing firm to handle the accounts, providing a fully accessible and transparent accounting system open to state review at any time. No state funds are co-mingled with the funds of the contractor, or with funds belonging to other clients. A quarterly activity report, combined with a financial summary, gives state agency managers a current sense of the project's status. An independent annual audit provides an additional layer of third-party review of the financial aspects of the project. Forest certification under the SFI program is planned for the coming year, and dual SFI-FSC certification is contemplated as soon as it can be arranged.

Challenges For The Future

In forestry, as in business, nothing succeeds like success. For the Chesapeake Forest Project to fulfill its goal of long-term sustainability, success demands several important achievements. Perhaps the most important, and difficult, is to convince local people that the management activities are maintaining environmental quality while producing economic results. In the near term, this is made more difficult in terms of economic results by the preponderance of young plantations that produce a high proportion of lower-value pulpwood as they are thinned. On the other hand, thinning done by experienced contractors with modern equipment results in minor environmental or visual impacts while hastening the development of large, healthy stands that are prized for many reasons. Public controversies over options such as 35-year versus 50-year rotations, or clear cutting versus selection harvesting, are many years in the future, so can be avoided today.

One of the most difficult political issues to be addressed by the state as it conducts the formal planning process on the project is that of public hunting versus limited-access hunting on the forests. There are strong constituencies and feelings on both sides, and solutions will not come easily. Now that the lands are in public

hands, there are many who feel that the public should have free hunting access. At this point in the development of these forests, while most of them are many years from harvest age, the financial support from hunt club revenues is a significant contributor to the overall financial sustainability of the project. In FY 2002, for example, hunting revenues made up almost one-third of the entire revenue stream to the State.

While the Maryland DNR was conducting studies and criteria to identify those areas best suited to public hunting, the state legislature passed legislation requiring that half the land be turned over to public hunting by 2005. While that goal is probably reasonable in light of the feelings on both sides of the issue, the decision was made politically rather than as a result of considered study, and provides an object lesson as to how future political decisions could affect these forests and their management. Where possible, it would be advantageous to limit these kinds of actions in the future, but it is not clear how this will be achieved.

Equally important will be the development within Maryland DNR of the capability to manage these lands under a conservation-oriented sustainable management plan in the future. This will require the agency to develop the ability to carry out adaptive forest management using sound science in a manner that responds to public opinion and values without being continuously disrupted by short-term political decision making. This is not a matter of competence - it is a matter of being tied to fairly rigid procedures and rules that may prevent rapid response, while also being subject to budget, staffing, and management decisions made for reasons far removed from forest sustainability or local conditions.

These are problems commonly to most public land management agencies, and Maryland is no exception. What may be exceptional, however, is the unique public-private partnership being tested on the Chesapeake Forest Project. Hopefully, this practical learning laboratory can illustrate ways to capture both the flexibility and professionalism of private foresters and the scientific capacity of the state agency to maximize sustainable public benefits from these forests.

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- 16 Date change: Valley Forge SAF Spring Meeting (see article on page 14 in Summer 2003 issue of *The Allegheny News*)

October

- 2 "Managing Logging Risk & Liability" Penn State University, State College, PA SFI of PA, PFFPA, Penn State, PA Tree Farm, and PA SAF co-sponsors. Info 814-867-9299
- 9 Roach/Bauer Forestry Forum, "Acid Rain and Forest Soils," Kane Country Club, Kane, PA. Panel—Steve Horsley, Beth Adams, Scott Bailey. Reservations \$17 (\$6 students) AHUG: 814-837-8550
- 17-19 Penn State Mt. Alto Forestry School Centennial Celebration, Mont Alto, PA
- 23-24 "People Work Where Trees Work" 12th Annual PA Urban & Community Forestry Conference, State College, PA Bill Elmendorf 814-863-7941
- 24-25 "Conservation Easements, Key to the Future—or Lock on the Land," MD Forests Association Annual Meeting at Clarion Resort, Ocean City, MD. Information at <http://mdforests.org/AM2003.htm>
- 25-29 SAF National Convention, Buffalo, NY
- 30 "Connections Among Landowners, Industry, Government," The Ibberson Forestry Forum, PSU, State College, PA. Mike Powell 814-863-1113

December

- 15 Deadline for articles and photos for the Winter 2003-04 of *The Allegheny News*

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May

- 22-25 2004 SAF Leadership Training Academy Nebraska City, NE

Future Allegheny SAF Meetings

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