**“SILVAH: 50 Years of Practicing Sustainable Forestry and Counting”**

**Allegheny SAF 2017 Summer Training**

**Hosted by The Plateau Chapter, September 20 - 22, 2017, Park Inn, Clarion, PA**

**WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2017**

8:00 - 6:00 Registration

9:45 – 5:15 Field tour to Kane Experimental Forest and surrounding landscape. SILVAH guidelines for regeneration, vegetation management, thinning, current research on deer impact, changes in regeneration ecology, forest health, fertilization, wildlife habitat, and carbon sequestration. (Bus transportation and box lunch. Space may be limited. Register early.)

4:00 – 6:00 Executive Committee Meeting

7:00 – 9:00 Icebreaker/Social Reception

**THURSDAY, September 21, 2017**

8:00 – 8:10 Welcome, Housekeeping, and Introduction – Brock Sanner

8:10 – 8:30 Northwest PA, Black Cherry Capital of the World - Sue Swanson

8:30 – 9:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS –The Origins & Early History of the SILVAH System - Dr. David A. Marquis

9:00 – 9:30 The Development of Management Science Under SILVAH– Susan L. Stout

10:00 – 10:30 Managing with SILVAH Support – Jim Grace

10:30 – 11:00 Deer and Forests – Alex Royo

11:00 – 11:30 Forest Vegetation Management – Todd Ristau and Steve Horsley

11:30 – 12:00 Expanding SILVAH to the Mixed Oak Forests of the Mid-Atlantic Region – Patrick Brose

**SILVAH: Oak and Allegheny Northern Hardwood Species (Concurrent Sessions** **1:15 to 4:45)**

1:15 – 1:45 Common Oak Regeneration Prescriptions – Pat Brose

1:45 – 2:15 Preliminary Results of the OAK: SILVAH Assessment – Laura Leites and Scott Miller

2:15 – 2:45 OAK SILVAH in Ohio at the Landscape Scale – Joanne Rebbeck and Matt Peters

3:15 – 3:45 SILVAH and FIA: Taking SILVAH’s Regeneration Guidelines to the Regional Level – Will McWilliams

3:45 – 4:15 SILVAH’s Thinning Guidelines - Chris Nowak

4:15 – 4:45 Sugar Maple Decline and Lessons Learned About Allegheny Plateau Soils and Landscapes– Bob Long

**SILVAH Deer, Wildlife and related software (Concurrent Sessions** **1:15 to 4:45)**

1:15 – 1:45 NED and the NED/SILVAH Coalition – Mark Twery

1:45 – 2:15 Silviculture and Bird Habitat - Scott Stoleson

2:15 – 2:45 Research to Support Wildlife Habitat Associations in SILVAH and NED – Scott and Linda Thomasma, Helene Cleveland

3:15 – 3:45 Impacts of Operational Herbicide Treatments on Non-Target Plants, Birds, and Beetles – Todd Ristau & Scott Stoleson

3:45 – 4:15 Forest Vegetation Management of Invasive Species: Kimberly Bohn

4:15 – 4:45 Managing Carbon in Allegheny Hardwoods - Coeli Hoover

6:00 Cocktail Hour

7:00 BBQ Cookout – Next door to hotel (.25 mile).

8:00 Raffle Drawing

**FRIDAY, September 22, 2017**

7:00 – 8:00 Chair’s Breakfast (all are welcome) with Inspirational Speaker – Stephanie Gottschalk

8:00 – 8:30 PA SAF Division Business Meeting

8:30 – 9:00 Allegheny SAF Section Business Meeting

9:00 – 9:30 Changes in Black Cherry – Bob Long

9:30 – 10:00 Preliminary Dominance Probabilities for Allegheny Hardwood and Mixed Oak Species - Pat Brose

10:30 – 11:00 Fertilizing Allegheny and Northern Hardwood Stands – Todd Ristau

11:00 – 11:30 The Next 50 years of SILVAH, Silviculture, and Forest Stewardship – Susan Stout

11:30 Final Wrap up and Raffle Drawings – Brock Sanner

12:15 – 3:30 Optional Field Tour to Clear Creek State Forest for a Full Overview of SILVAH: Oak Research and Guidelines

 (No cost. Participants will caravan in their own vehicles and bring their own lunch.)

Hotel Reservations: Block room rate $83.00 per night (plus 9% tax). Reservations can be made by calling the Park Inn by Radisson – Clarion at 814-226-8850 before **Sunday, August 20, 2017**. [www.parkinn.com/clarion](http://www.parkinn.com/clarion)

Directions: Off Exit 62 of Interstate 80, 45 Holiday Inn Road, Clarion, PA

CFE Credits: Category 1 Wednesday (TBD), Thursday – 6.5 credits, Friday – 2.0 credits

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Additional Registrants Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| SAF Member |   | @ | $135.00 | = |  |
| Non-Member |  | @ | $160.00 | = |  |
| Student |  | @ |  $75.00 | = |  |
| Optional Wednesday Field Tour |  | @ |  $30.00 (Limited space available) | = |  |
| Optional Friday Afternoon Field Tour |  | @ |  $0 | = | $0 |
| Sponsor a Student |   |  | Any amount donated is appreciated | = |  |
| Late fee |  | @ |  $25.00 | = |  |
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**REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.** Late fee of $25.00 applies to all registrations postmarked after Sept. 5th. No registrations will be accepted after Friday, September 15th. Registration includes Icebreaker, Thursday Lunch, Thursday evening BBQ, Friday AM Chair’s Breakfast, and all breaks. Checks should be made payable to “Plateau Chapter, SAF” Please return bottom portion with payment to: **Mike McEntire, Plateau Chapter Sec./Treas., PO Box 1474, Smethport, PA 16749.** Questions? Call 814-887-5238 ormmcentire@forestinvest.com**. Online registration/payment available at** [**www.alleghenysaf.org.**](www.alleghenysaf.org.)