

West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters

April 2018 Newsletter



West Virginia Division of the SAF

The West Virginia Division of the Society of American Foresters held their Winter/Spring Meeting on April 10th and 11th, 2018 at North Bend State Park in Cairo, WV.

On Tuesday approximately twenty-five members attended a field trip to the Minnite Property with a tour provided by Nat Sistrunk of Natco Forestry.



Tour host Nat Sistrunk leads discussion on the field tour of the Minnite Property



Special Thanks to the Minnite family and Nat Sistrunk of Natco Forestry for hosting the group and Chuck Copeland for photographing the field tour!

Those attending the meeting enjoyed social hour and buffet dinner. The WV SAF Executive Committee met following the banquet. Wednesday's events started with the WV SAF Business Meeting. With about 40 in attendance, Chairman, Jamie Schuler, urged students to spread out and sit with members and introduce themselves. Those in attendance voted to accept the minutes from the last meeting and the treasurer's report.

Jamie went on to discuss some current activities and future plans. Preliminary plans for the Summer/Fall Meeting are being developed. Tentative plans call for a meeting in the Canaan Valley/Snowshoe area for early September 2018.

The revival of the SAF Leadership Academy was also discussed. Please see the letter regarding this November 14-16, 2018 training opportunity later in this newsletter. Those interested in participating or nominating others to attend should contact Todd Lotter at: Todd.Lotter@afmforest.com

Plans for the WV Division hosting the Winter Allegheny Meeting in February 20-23, 2019 are underway. Initial plans to hold the meeting at Lakeview Resort in Morgantown have been made. This multi-state meeting has the potential to bring in 100-200 SAF members. As you can imagine, hosting such an event will require extensive planning and work by volunteers. Please see the information at right regarding opportunities to assist with this event. Assistance is needed in contacting speakers, developing field tours, obtaining sponsors and vendors, organizing the silent auction and art show. There has also been a suggestion to have a contest for seasoned foresters in addition to the Student Quiz Bowl.



Past Chair, Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy recognized Chuck Copeland for his 10 years of service to the West Virginia Division as the Secretary/Treasurer.

Allegheny SAF Meeting

February 20-23, 2019



Serving Forests and
Foresters of PA, WV, NJ,
MD, DE

The WV Division of SAF will be hosting the Allegheny SAF Meeting - February 20-23, 2019. Planning has already begun for this three day multi-state event.

The WV Division needs your help to make this meeting a success!

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way with this important SAF activity, please contact Chair Todd Lotter at:

Todd.Lotter@afmforest.com



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Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy also discussed the need to locate American Chestnut Mother Trees. This effort is being organized by the American Chestnut Foundation in an attempt to secure available genetic potential across the chestnut range. There is an official locator form which can be found at: https://www.acf.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/TreeLocator_National_v2017_fillable-91992017.pdf?x18566



50 YEAR MEMBER



Larry Barger was recognized at the recent Allegheny SAF Meeting with a certificate reading - "in appreciation of a half-century of SAF membership and your contribution in advancing the science, technology, education and practice of professional forestry in America"

CONGRATULATIONS LARRY!

Immediate Past-Chair, Jamie Schuler (L), announced the results of the most recent elections and passed the gavel to new Chair, Todd Lotter (R)



NEW LEADERS

Todd Lotter - Chair

Jeff Kochenderfer – Chair - Elect

Jamie Schuler – Past- Chair

Chuck Copeland – Secretary / Treasurer

Barb McWhorter – Communications Chair

Mary Beth Adams – Member-At-Large

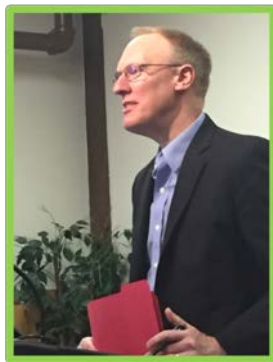
Barb Breshock – Member-At-Large

Erin Cartwright – Member-At-Large

Tom Schuler – Member-At-Large

Topics presented during the Wednesday's technical session were varied and included the following:

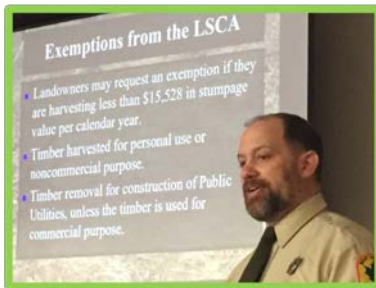
- **Agency Update** – Mr. Louis Aspey – WV Natural Resources Conservation Service, State Conservationist – locally led voluntary private lands conservation , flood control, programs and partnerships
- **“Long-Term Effects of Elevated Nitrogen, Sulfur, and Lime Inputs on Central Appalachian Forests”** - WVU Graduate Student, Mr. Alex Storm, presented.
- **“Update on Forestry BMP Compliance”** – Mr. Jeremy McGill, West Virginia Division of Forestry
- **“Improving Stumpage Reporting”** - Dr. Ben Spong, Appalachian Hardwood Center
- **“Problems Facing WV Forestry”** – Mr. Frank Stewart, Executive Director, West Virginia Forestry Association
- **“International Markets for WV”** - Dr. Matt Bumgardner, USFS, Delaware, OH
- **“Update on WV Woodland Owner Outreach”** - Dr. Dave McGill, WVU Forestry Extension
- **“Recent Activities to Reclaim Former Surface Mines”** - Dr. Jamie Schuler, WVU



Mr. Louis Aspey, WV NRCS State Conservationist



Mr. Alex Storm, WVU Graduate Student



Mr. Jeremy McGill, WVDOF



Dr. Ben Spong, Appalachian Hardwood Ctr.



Mr. Frank Stewart, WVFA



Dr. Matt Bumgardner, USFS



Dr. Dave McGill, WVU Forestry Extension

THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE MEETING POSSIBLE!

STUDENT CHAPTER PAGE

WVU Students Victorious



WVU Forest Resource Management students earned 1st Place in the Forestry Quiz Bowl during the Spring 2018 Regional Conference for the Allegheny Society of American Foresters.

CONGRATULATIONS to Eric Yetter, Preston Pennington and Broc Bowers!

Matt Hunter and Eric Yetter of the WVU SAF Student Chapter updated the group on recent WVU SAF Student Chapter activities. The group meets every other Wednesday to plan activities such as: Adopt-A-Highway, American chestnut plantings at the WVU Research Forest, hosting dendrology walks, assisting with WVU Alumni Weekend, attendance at regional and state meetings and the national convention, quiz bowl participation, and Christmas tree sales.



The Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund

Named after a past chair of the Forest Science and Technology Board, the Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund supports projects that conduct and/or support forestry research, conduct and/or support continuing education activities and the transfer of knowledge, and promote collaboration and relationships with other SAF entities and external groups.

Those wishing to donate to this worthy cause should visit:

https://www.eforester.org/SAFCore/Fundraising/Give_to_a_Cause.aspx?ItemId=SCNCE

The following is information for those interested in applying for a grant/scholarship available through the Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund:

Project Proposals

Proposals must meet one or more of the Fund's goals and can include, but not limited to, the following:

- Conduct and/or support forestry research including graduate student funding, identification or prioritization of research needs, literature reviews, and to collect preliminary data to develop a larger proposal.
- Conduct continuing education activities including conferences, panel discussions, and workshops
- Conduct outreach effects such as publications, special issues of the *Journal of Forestry*, and websites

Eligibility

Any SAF member, representing either an SAF unit or an external entity, is eligible to submit a proposal, given the endorsement of one or more SAF Working Groups.

Proposals must include:

Summary of Project

A brief project summary (up to 200 words) that captures the goals, methods, and final products of the project.

Objectives

A clear statement of the specific objectives of the project and how they meet the goals of the Science Fund.

Methods

A detailed description of the specific steps that will be used to accomplish the stated objectives including how learning outcomes will be measured.

Products

A clear statement of the anticipated final product(s) of the project.

Recognition

A description of how SAF will be credited for the project.

Budget

Provide an overall project budget and detailed list of items or services for which the requested funds will be spent. Project collaborators or in-kind support should be listed.

Project Duration

Project completion dates should typically be within 1 to 2 years of the date of the grant application.

Deadlines

Proposals are due February 15 and August 15 for three types of funding:

- Loans (up to \$5,000)
- Regular Grants (up to \$2,500)
- Special Grants (up to \$5,000)

Those submitting proposals are encouraged to contact SAF prior to developing and submitting a proposal to inquire whether funds are available.

The Kurt Gottschalk Science Fund application can be accessed at:

http://www.eforester.org/Main/Community/Grants/Science_Fund.aspx



For Sale - "West Virginia Logging" and "Forester at Home" Prints

The "West Virginia Logging" unframed prints are available for \$35.

Those interested should contact Charles Copeland at: Charles.R.Copeland@wv.gov

"FORESTER AT HOME" prints are also still available from the West Virginia Forestry Association has teamed with the WV Society of American Foresters to sell the "Forester at Home". Unframed: \$85 Shipping and Handling. Contact the WVFA office to order your copy or for more information at 304-372-1955.



GLENVILLE
STATE COLLEGE

GSC 50th Anniversary

The Department of Land Resources at Glenville State College is planning the 50th Anniversary of the Forest Technology program. The celebration will be held August 25, 2018 at the Waco Center on the college campus with registration beginning at 9 am. They are seeking contact information for forestry graduates so they can be invited to the celebration. If you or anyone you know is a graduate of the forestry program, please contact Tom Snyder or Ashley Reed with your contact information at 304-462-6370 or via email thomas.snyder@glenville.edu or ashley.reed@glenville.edu

Registration as a WV Registered Professional Forester

Part of the benefit of attending SAF meetings/training is the acquisition of CFE's needed to maintain your registration and/or licensing as a professional forester. In WV it is set out in H.B. 4447 30-19-6 (a) that registration is required "to use the title of "registered professional forester," "professional forester," "forester" or **other title connoting to the general public that the applicant is a registered forester qualified to preform professional forestry services.**"

The requirements and forms needed for registration can be found at:

<http://www.wvlicensingboards.com/foresters/registration.cfm> . Renewal forms and requirements can also be found using this link. All renewals including CFE requirements are due by June 30th.

THE **APPALACHIAN FOREST DISCOVERY CENTER** museum and visitor center is located on the first floor of the historic Darden Mill in downtown Elkins. Here, the visitor will learn about the Appalachian



region's rich cultural and forest heritage: how the people of this region interacted with this dynamic forest resource and how it, in turn, molded and influenced them. One can also get information here about other forest heritage sites to visit in AFHA, and purchase forest heritage related items in the gift shop.

The Appalachian Forest Discovery Center is open to the public Thursday through Sunday, 9:30 am to 5 pm, from May through October, or by appointment. Admission is free; donations are appreciated. Contact us at info@appalachianforest.us or call 304-637-6182.

The museum is located on the first floor of the Darden Mill, #2 Railroad Ave., Elkins, West Virginia 26241 one block south of the **Elkins Depot** in downtown Elkins, at the intersection of Railroad Ave and First Street. The GPS coordinates are: 38.9233465 and -79.8532057. The **West Virginia Railroad Museum** is located on the second floor of the Darden Mill.

<http://www.afha.us/DiscoveryCenter/index.htm>

THOSE WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING TO MAN THE DISPLAY AT THE AFHA DISCOVERY CENTER ON THURSDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS SHOULD CONTACT JOE LANCASTER AT:
joelanca@gmail.com



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENTS?

National Awards, Fellow Nominations

SAF Introduces Three New Awards

Now is the time to identify and nominate your worthy peers for the service and contributions they provide to the Society and the forestry profession. Three new awards have been added to the suite of national awards to provide for recognition of excellence in the areas of student leadership, leadership in diversity, and leadership in employer support. The three new awards are Diversity Leadership Award, Employer Leadership Award, and Student Leadership Award.

Nominations for National Awards

Nominations for the 2018 National Awards are now closed, but it's not too soon to start thinking about nominations for 2019! Nominations for 2019 national awards will open in late summer or early fall. Please contact Lori Rasor at rasorl@safnet.org with any questions, Additional information about National SAF Awards is available at:

https://www.eforester.org/Main/Community/Awards_Fellows/Awards.aspx?hkey=08ba93f9-1ce4-4faf-ae09-8917c9f00e94

Fellows

One of the highest honors for members of the Society, the rank of Fellow is an exceptional recognition bestowed on a member by his or her peers for outstanding contributions and service to the SAF and the profession.

Forest Science and Technology Awards

Award in Forest Science

The Award in Forest Science recognizes distinguished individual research in any branch of the quantitative, managerial, and/or social sciences leading to the advancement of forestry.

Barrington Moore Memorial Award

The Barrington Moore Memorial Award recognizes outstanding achievement in biological research leading to the advancement of forestry.

Technology Transfer Award

The Technology Transfer Award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of technology transfer, implementation and extension.

Communications Awards

Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award

The Outstanding Forestry Journalism Award recognizes high quality journalistic coverage of topics that increase the American public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

W. D. Hagenstein Communicator Award

The Hagenstein Communicator Award recognizes an SAF member who leads innovative and exemplary communications initiatives and programs that increase the general public's understanding of forestry and natural resources.

Professional Development Awards

Carl Alwin Schenck Award

The Carl Alwin Schenck Award recognizes devotion and demonstrated outstanding performance in the field of forestry education.

John A. Beale Memorial Award

The John A. Beale Memorial Award recognizes outstanding efforts over a sustained period of time by an SAF member in the promotion of forestry through voluntary service to the Society.

Gifford Pinchot Medal

The Gifford Pinchot Medal recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice, and professional development of North American Forestry.

Sir William Schlich Memorial Award

The Sir William Schlich Memorial Award recognizes broad and outstanding contributions to the field of forestry with emphasis on, but not limited to, policy and national or international activities.

Honorary Membership

The Honorary Membership Award recognizes individuals whose contributions to forestry are viewed as outstanding by their peers.

Young Forester Leadership Award

The Young Forester Leadership Award recognizes outstanding leadership by a young forestry professional in the development and promotion of an individual program or project, or for a sustained leadership role benefiting the practice of forestry and the Society of American Foresters.

Leadership Awards

Diversity Leadership Award

The Diversity Leadership Award recognizes outstanding individual achievement leading to innovative and exemplary diversity and inclusion efforts.

Employer Leadership Award

The Employer Leadership Award recognizes an employer that demonstrates leadership through consistent support of employee participation in SAF and broad engagement in the profession.

Student Leadership Award

The Student Leadership Award recognizes individual student achievement and leadership at the local, regional, or national level.

Presidential Field Forester Awards

The Presidential Field Forester Awards recognize foresters who have dedicated their professional careers to the application of forestry on the ground using sound, scientific methods and adaptive management strategies. The awards are presented to individuals who have displayed uncommon talent, skill, and innovative methods to achieve a record of excellence in the application of forest management.

Outstanding SAF Student Chapter Award

The Outstanding SAF Student Chapter Award recognizes the outstanding SAF student chapter in the nation and its faculty representative during an academic year.

Three student chapters are recognized annually during the SAF National Convention. The first place student chapter will receive a \$500 honorarium. All three student chapters will be recognized in *The Forestry Source*. The school's department head and/or dean, the university president, and the SAF faculty representative will receive notification of the award.

More information regarding Allegheny SAF Awards can be found at: <http://www.alleghenysaf.org/awards>

Allegheny SAF Awards

The deadline for annual award nominations is December 5.

**Presidential Field Forester
Robert W. Bauer Outstanding Service to Forestry
Forester of the Year
Student Leadership Award**

Contact: [Kelsey Delaney](mailto:Kelsey.Delaney) at delaneyk@safnet.org or call (866) 897-8720 ext.202.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS.....

Upcoming SAF Events

Summer/Fall West Virginia Division Meeting

Plans are already underway for our next meeting. Tentatively, the meeting will be held in the Canaan Valley/Snowshoe area in early September 2018.

WV Division of SAF will be hosting the Allegheny Meeting February 20-23, 2019

Your help is needed to plan and hold this 3-day multi-state meeting!

Future SAF National Convention Meeting dates:

2018 - Portland, Oregon

October 29-November 3

2019 - Louisville, Kentucky

September 30-October 7

Check out the SAF Website at: <http://www.safnet.org/>



Do you want to get involved?

During the executive committee and business meetings, ideas about offering a scholarship or an internship opportunity with consulting foresters or other small operations and developing improved outreach displays/materials were discussed.

Are you interested in serving on an ad hoc committee to help develop these ideas?

If so, contact Todd Lotter at: Todd.Lotter@afmforest.com

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Search for and “Like” WV Division of the SAF

Those who are Amazon.com shoppers are urged to donate a portion of their purchase price to the WVU Forestry Endowment Fund through the Amazon Smile Program. To do this, the shopper needs to sign into Amazon Smile when placing an order with Amazon. Once the order is placed, the shopper will have the opportunity to indicate the donation be made to the Forestry Endowment Fund.



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This costs the consumer nothing extra. Amazon has formed the Amazon Smile Foundation which donates 0.5% of the purchase amount to the charity selected by the shopper.

PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO SHOP THROUGH AMAZON.

Attention all West Virginia University graduates of the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources Management

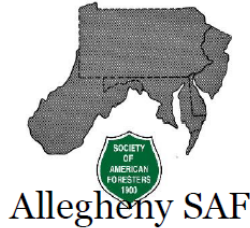
New and exciting activities are happening with your WVU alumni association. Please consider joining the new West Virginia University School of Natural Resources Alumni association. For just \$15.00 annual dues you can become a member of this organization and impact the future of natural resources management. For details contact Jim Harrold at harroldjb@gmail.com.



HELP WANTED.....

As the Communications Chair, I welcome any input you can provide regarding content suggestions, upcoming events, awards, obituaries, etc.

Thank you --- Barb McWhorter (mcwhorte@citynet.net)



Reply to: Allegheny SAF
c/o Susan Lacy, Executive Director
P.O. Box 667
Honey Brook, PA 19344

"Men make history, not the other way around. In periods when there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, thoughtful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better." --Harry S. Truman

January 16, 2018

West Virginia Division, Allegheny SAF Leadership

Jamie Schuler, Chair
Todd Lotter, Chair-Elect
Melissa Thomas-Van Gundy, Past Chair

Jamie, Todd and Melissa:

As you are well aware, the mission of the Society of American Foresters includes the responsibility "...to enhance the competency of its members;... and to use our knowledge, skills, and conservation ethic to ensure the continued health, integrity, and use of forests to benefit society in perpetuity." As such, our organizations have become very concerned about the lack of leadership training available to foresters and forest conservationists. We believe that the lack of adequately trained leaders is holding back our organizations, employers in our 12-state region, and the Forestry movement in general.

To this end, our Societies have come together to establish a regional SAF Leadership Academy to be held on **November 14-16, 2018** at **Grey Towers National Historic Site** in **Milford, PA**. We have been working on putting this academy together since last March, and we feel very strongly that this will be a worthwhile, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the attendees. This professionally facilitated training will benefit the attendee, their employer, and your division through training not only by teaching concepts in leadership, but also through practical exercise of those skills.

We are asking each Division/Chapter to identify and nominate at least one future leader to attend the Leadership Academy. More than one leader can be nominated from your Division, however, space is very limited, so please prioritize your nominations if you submit more than one. We also strongly encourage you to budget up to \$1,000 per nominee (it could be less, depending on the amount of Grant funding that is secured to help fund the Academy) to support your nominee for reimbursements of registration fees, travel, lodging, and other expenses. We also believe that the nominee and their employer should share in the total expense. In order to maximize your Division's investment, we strongly encourage you to select an early-career forester. Additional information will be forthcoming, but you should be prepared to submit your nomination to the address above by **June 30, 2018**. Any questions should be directed to event chair Steve Kalleser at 908-229-6200 (cell).

Yours in Conservation,
-Steve Kalleser (chair), Kenneth Jolly, Susan Lacy, Tom Martin, and Ken Laustsen
Joint Leadership Academy Committee

MAKE FUTURE PLANS – ALLEGHENY WINTER TRAINING MEETING

– February 20- 23, 2019

Please Join Us for the 2019 Winter Training Meeting!

The West Virginia Division of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters invites you to the **Allegheny Society of American Foresters – 2019 Winter Meeting on February 20-23** in Morgantown, WV. The Program Committee is putting together an impressive agenda of topics and speakers.

Conference Facility: The Winter Meeting will be held at Lakeview Resort and Spa – Morgantown, WV. Check out the facility at: <https://www.lakeviewresort.com/>

Continuing Education Credit: Receive credit for your efforts! While continuing to improve your knowledge and skills as a professional forester earn continuing education credits that apply toward Professional Certification!

Continuing Education credits will be applied for:

(SAF Certified Forester CFE, ISA Certified Arborist CEU, and State specific pesticide applicator re-certification credits).

Plans are under way for possible Tree Farm Inspector Training Certification session and a Pesticide Certification Training

Quiz Bowl: Each year college students from the region’s forestry schools compete in the Quiz Bowl. This event tests the forestry knowledge of students from baccalaureate and associate degree forestry programs. Would you be interested in participating in a Quiz Bowl for “seasoned foresters” if the opportunity was provided?

Exhibitors – Sponsors – Silent Auction: We invite you to partner with us! **We will be sending out a separate Exhibitor/Sponsor/Silent Auction forms.** Options will be designed to help you choose the right level for your budget and time. As a promotional partner or technical exhibitor you will be a key contributor to the success of our Winter Training Meeting, providing added value and interest to the program. We also ask you to consider a Sponsorship and/or a donation to the Silent Auction. The sponsorship program will be designed to provide a wide range of options for you or your contacts to consider. Your support will be appreciated!



Do you have artistic talent?



Reginald D. Forbes Art Show: Since 1974, the art show and competition has been a regular part of the Allegheny Society of American Foresters winter training with the objective of fostering and displaying the artistic abilities of foresters and their family members. All those interested are invited to submit entries. A display area for viewing artwork will be set aside convenient to the main meeting room and exhibitor area. There will be three categories for entry: photography, flat art and 3-dimensional artwork. Ribbons and certificates will be presented. Awards will be determined by the votes of meeting the attendees.

[Start now – making plans for your entries.](#)

BOOK REVIEWS

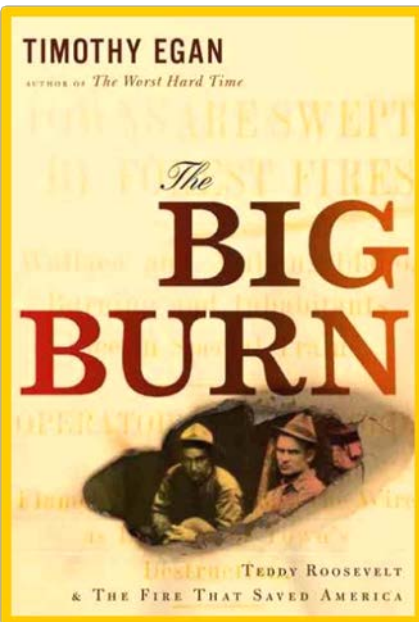
Based on the presentation by WV NRCS State Conservationist, Louis Aspey, the following book reviews have been included in this newsletter:

[The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dustbowl](#)

by Timothy Egan



We've all heard about the Dust Bowl and think we can imagine dust storms. But the dust storms that ripped across the High Plains of the US (and all the way to the East coast!) during the Great Depression were like nothing seen before or since, and the stories of the people that survived are truly astounding. This book follows a half-dozen families and their communities from sod homes to new framed houses to huddling in basements with the windows sealed by damp sheets in a futile effort to keep the dust out. They endured black blizzards, crop failure, livestock loss, and the deaths of loved ones, in one of the greatest human-caused environmental disasters to hit America. Also included are stories of how soil came to be understood as a resource to be managed and cared for, and the founding of the Soil Conservation Service is part of this story.



[The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America](#)

By Timothy Egan

On August 20, 1910, a windstorm moved through the drought-stricken national forests of Washington, Idaho, and Montana, turning hundreds of small blazes burning across the region into an uncontrollable inferno. Although rangers in the fledgling U.S. Forest Service had assembled nearly ten thousand men—college boys, day workers, immigrants from mining camps—to fight the fire, no one had seen anything like this fire, nor knew how to subdue it. This book is the dramatic story of the struggle of that fire. It is also the story of Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, the Forest Service in its infancy, and the creation of the idea of public land, owned by all citizens.

