

RANDOM PLOTS

NEWSLETTER

of the

NC STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR FORESTERS

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Continuing Forestry Education:

Just as a reminder! The following information is copied from the June, 1999, Newsletter, and is included here to remind all RF's of the new requirements to maintain their current Registration. Section 89B-11-(b) of House Bill 577 states that *The Board shall require registered foresters to attend continuing education courses approved by the Board, not to exceed 12 hours per year, as a condition of renewal.*

Proposed rules require that every non-retired Registered Forester have at least 10 hours of CFE's per year (6 SAF category 1, & 4 SAF cat. 1, 2, 3, or 4), beginning the fiscal year July 1, 1999-June 30, 2000. All retired foresters wishing to remain on registered status must have at least 3 credit hours per year. RF's will be required to certify their CFE's when they renew their application annually. Any CFE's earned prior to July 1, 1999, will not be acceptable to be used towards the June 30, 2000, requirements.

A copy of the DRAFT CFE Activity Report is included with this newsletter. Each RF will receive another copy of the form with their 2000/2001 renewal information. The copy is provided for reference only, and is not required to be completed or sent back to this office at this time.

A list of websites, telephone numbers, and other pertinent information concerning continuing education programs being offered by colleges, universities, and other certified forestry associations, are included in this newsletter.

Board Establishes Web Page:

The State Board of Registration for Foresters now has a web page, thanks to the work of Mr. Craig Clarke, R.F. # 909. Various forms, registration information, past Newsletters, Board member information, and exam information can be found at this site:

<http://members.aol.com/ncbrf/>

E-mail address ncbrf@aol.com

Applicants / Registrants:

Since the mailing of the June, 1999, newsletter new registrants have increased our RF numbers from #1375 to #1399, which represents a marked decrease in activity, compared to all of 1997 and 1998.

Forester Exams:

Effective January 1, 1999, House Bill 577 requires that all individuals applying for registration pass the Forester Exam.

All graduates with a bachelors or higher degree in a forestry curriculum from a school or college of forestry approved by the Board must pass a one-part comprehensive written open-book examination, and must complete two or more years' experience in forestry.

Those individuals **that do not have a bachelors or higher degree** from an approved school of forestry must pass a two-part exam, and must have six or more years of active practice in forestry work immediately prior to the application. The first part of the exam is a closed book exam designed to show knowledge approximating that obtained through graduation from a four-year curriculum in forestry in a university or college approved by the Board. The second part is identical to the open-book exam administered to the forestry school graduates, testing practical applications required in the field of forestry.

Only those people with a completed application on file with the State Board of Registration for Foresters may sit for the exam.

North Carolina Prescribed Burning Act

The 1999 General Assembly passed House Bill 316, "North Carolina Prescribed Burning Act", effective January 1, 2000. This act is designed to encourage additional burning of forestland in N.C.

The law gives landowners limited liability protection from smoke resulting from a prescribed burn, provided that the proper procedures and requirements are being followed.

The law defines the requirements for an individual to become a certified burner through certification training approved by the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The program includes training in methods to conduct prescribed burning, requirements to obtain a burning permit, methods to prepare a burning plan, knowledge of Air Quality Regulations, Voluntary Smoke Management guidelines and local ordinances and actions to conduct a prescribed burn.

Landowners are not required to conduct prescribed burning under the new law. It is legal for anyone to burn with a valid burning permit. However, compliance with the new law does reduce a landowner's liability from smoke when the burn is conducted by a certified burner or when the landowner is burning 50 acres or less of his/her own land and is following a written plan prepared by a certified burner.

Limited immunity from smoke does not relieve the certified burner from damage caused by burning activities. If damage occurs and negligence is found, the person who conducts the burn is liable.

Temporary rules governing the administration of the law go into effect January 12, 2000. Public hearings will be held to provide public input into permanent rules.

The Division of Forest Resources has conducted two training courses, but four training courses remain on the schedule. The courses will be held on the following dates at the following locations:

Dates	Locations
February 22-23	Kinston
March 14-15	Pittsboro
July 11-12	Crossnore
November 6-7	Kinston

Each course conducted will last for two days; there is a \$25.00 registration fee. If the class is full, a second class will be offered on Thursday and Friday of the same week. For more information on the training course, or to register for the class, please call Rosie Vandenberg at (919) 733-2162 ext. 252.

Tar-Pamlico Riparian Buffer Rules:

As of January 1, 2000, new temporary rules affecting timber harvesting within the Tar and Pamlico river basins went into effect. These temporary rules mirror similar rules incorporated into the previously established Neuse river basin rules. Any persons considering harvesting timber within 50' of any water body within the Tar, Pamlico, or Neuse river basins should familiarize themselves with the Riparian Buffer requirements set forth by the N. C. Dept. of Water Quality before initiating harvest procedures. Further information can be found on the NCDWQ internet website:
<http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/wqhome.html>.

Farewell to Samuel M. Hughes:

Samuel M. Hughes, former Secretary/ Treasurer, and Board member of the State Board of Registration for Foresters, died December 13, 1999, at the age of 69. He was a native of Orange County, North Carolina, and was a 1952 graduate of the North Carolina State University School of Forestry. He began his professional forestry career as an employee of Federal Paperboard Company, and was employed by them for sixteen years. He then became an Associate Forester with William H. Utley and Associates, in New Bern, N.C. He later became Vice President and President of the same company. In 1995 he became the Senior Consultant of the North Carolina Branch of F & W Forestry Services. Sam was a member of the N.C. Society of Consulting Foresters, Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Society of American Foresters (SAF), National Woodland Owners Association, North Carolina Forestry Association, Forest Farmers Association, American Tree Farm System, Pamlico County Forestry Association, Craven County Board of Equalization & Review, Rotary International, 1994 SAF Fellow, He received the 1991 Distinguished Service to Forestry Award (Appalachian SAF), 1988 Outstanding Service Award (NC Division, SAF), 1987 Forester of the Year (North Carolina Society of Consulting Foresters), and the 1999 Distinguished Service Award from the NCFA. Sam was also an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Sam is survived by two daughters, Joan and Sandra, and Special Friend, Elizabeth Baker. He will be missed by his many friends in the Forestry Community.

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Continuing Education Opportunities for Natural Resource Professionals

Following is a listing by state of the continuing forestry/natural resources education coordinators and contacts for a portion of the southern region. These are either "official" coordinators whose responsibilities include organizing and/or coordinating forestry/natural resource educational programs or "unofficial" contacts who may be able to direct you to the appropriate source for continuing education and other extension and outreach activities.

For further information concerning this list please contact:

Bill Hubbard, Regional Forester ES Southern Region at: hubbard@smokey.forestry.uga.edu phone: (706) 542-7813, fax: (706) 542-3342

North Carolina - Director, Forestry Educational Outreach Program, NCSU Box 8003, Raleigh, NC 27695-8003,
phone: (919) 515-3184, fax: (919) 515-6883,
homepage: <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/nreos/forest/feop>

Alabama - Chris Issacson, Preceda Education & Training
2515 E. Glenn Ave. #101, Auburn, AL 36831-0410
Phone: (334) 821-9222, fax: (334) 821-9296

email: besong@preceda.com homepage: <http://www.preceda.com>

Preceda is a private firm currently contracting with Auburn University to conduct courses in Alabama. This firm also performs continuing education programs around the south, including North Carolina, in an unaffiliated fashion.

Arkansas - Frank Roth, Southwest Research & Education Center
Hope, AR 71801

phone: (870) 777-9702, fax: (870) 777-8441

email: froth@uaex.edu homepage: No forestry calendar is maintained, the forestry school web address is: <http://www.afrc.uamont.edu/sfr/index.htm>

Florida - Mary Duryea, University of Florida
118 Newins-Ziegler Hall, Gainesville, Florida 32611-0303.
phone: 352-846-0896, fax: 352-846-1277

email: mld@gnv.ifas.ufl.edu homepage: <http://aris.sfrc.ufl.edu/Extension/ExtInfo.html>

Georgia - Susan King, Georgia Center for Continuing Education,
UGA, Athens, GA 30602.

phone: (706) 542-6640, fax: (706) 542-6465

email: kings@gactr.uga.edu homepage: <http://www.gactr.uga.edu/gc/upcomingfor.html> or
http://www.uga.edu/~wsfr/html/continuing_ed.html

Kentucky - Jeffrey Stringer, University of Kentucky, Department of Forestry,
205 Thomas P. Cooper Bldg. Lexington, KY 40546-0073
phone: (606) 257-5994, (606) 323-1031

email: jstringe@ca.uky.edu homepage: No official forestry calendar - forestry school site is
<http://www.uky.edu/Agriculture/Forestry/forestry.html>

South Carolina - Steve Muzal, Continuing Forestry Education Coordinator
Clemson University, 272 Lehotsky Hall, Box 341003,
Clemson, SC 29634-1003

phone: (864) 656-4842, fax: (864) 656-4786

email: sjmzl@clemson.edu homepage: <http://www.clemson.edu/extfor>

Tennessee - Wayne Clatterbuck, Department of Forestry Wildlife and Fisheries, University of Tennessee, PO Box 1071, Knoxville, TN 37901-1071

phone: (423) 974-7126, fax (423) 974-4714

email: wclatterbuck@utk.edu homepage: No active site maintained - forestry school site is:

<http://fwf.ag.utk.edu/>

Virginia - David Waterman, Assistant Director for Program Development Division of Continuing Education, Virginia Tech

820 University City Boulevard, Mail Code 0364, Blacksburg, VA 24061,

phone: (540) 231-5486, fax: (540) 231-9886 email: dmwater@vt.edu homepage:

<http://www.conted.vt.edu/forestry/index.htm>

Info. gathered from website maintained by J. B. Jordan at <http://www.uga.edu/soforext/conted.html>

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Additional Continuing Forestry Education Information Sources

N. C. Society of American Foresters –Ron Myers, NC Society CFE Contact, 2411 Old U.S. Hwy. 70 W., Clayton, NC 27520 phone: (919) 553-6178, fax: (919) 553-4486 email: ron.myers@ncmail.net

N. C. Society of Consulting Foresters – A. P. Mustian, Jr., Secretary/ Treasurer, 3625 Westridge Circle Dr., Rocky Mount, NC 27804 phone:(252) 443-5667

Forest Landowners Association – Ronald M. Bost, North Carolina Coordinator, 8137 Luckey Point Rd., Denver, NC 28037, phone: (704) 483-3767, fax: (704) 483-8285, email: rmbost@aol.com

N. C. Forestry Association – Karen Boyette, Staff Secretary, 1600 Glenwood Ave., Suite I, Raleigh, NC 27608, phone: (919) 834-3943, fax: (919) 832-6188 email: kboyette@ncforestry.org

N. C. Division of Forest Resources – A list of Division training sessions available to non-DFR foresters will be posted on the Division's web page in the near future: <http://www.dfr.state.nc.us>