

# RANDOM PLOTS

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## Annual Renewal Fee Notice

Your current registration expires on June 30, 2001. To renew your registration, please complete the attached renewal form and CFE Activity Report and remit the annual renewal fee of \$30.00 (thirty dollars). The Board must receive your registration renewal NO LATER THAN JUNE 30, 2001. Please attach copies of your CE certificates with your CFE Activity Report. Be sure your address and other information are entered correctly. Failure to submit your renewal form could result in a suspension of your registration.

## Continuing Education Requirements

Board rules require that every non-retired Registered Forester obtain at least 10 hours of CE's per year (6 SAF category 1, & 4 SAF cat. 1, 2, 3, or 4) during the fiscal year July 1, 2000-June 30, 2001. All retired foresters wishing to remain on registered status must obtain at least 3 credit hours per year. RFs are required to submit their CE credits when they renew their application annually. Any CE's earned prior to July 1, 2000 cannot be used toward the June 30, 2001 requirements.

Failure to obtain the necessary credit hours will result in the Board's refusal to renew the RF's registration until the required hours are "made up", at the rate of 10 CE's per year missed. A late fee of \$2.50/month will also be assessed for renewal. There is no time limit on this obligation. However, the RF will have the option to become "Re-registered" by submitting a new application for registration, and passing the Forester's exam(s).

A copy of the CFE Activity Report is included with this newsletter. Please list the programs attended, the sponsoring organization, date(s) attended, number of contact hours, and the SAF category (1-4) where designated on the form. You must submit documentation or proof of attendance of Continuing Education courses. All individuals must retain copies of all documentation for a period of two years in the event of an AUDIT by the Board.

Those Registered Foresters still needing CE credit hours may wish to check out the Board website ([HTTP://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/NCBRF/](http://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/NCBRF/)) for more information on programs being offered. Additional links with information on available programs throughout the South are also listed on the site.

## Registration By the Numbers

Since June 2000, 24 new registered foresters have joined our ranks (#1416-#1439). The number of foresters currently registered with the Board now totals 976. Of these foresters, 913 are active and 63 have retired status. Additionally, 229 RFs have filed affidavits with the Board to qualify as Consulting Foresters. There are 99 foresters whose registration is suspended due to failure to meet the renewal requirements.

The examination for registration has been offered twice since June 2000. The results of the examinations are:

	Pass	Fail
November 2000		
Level I	1	1
Level II	14	4
March 2001		
Level I	0	1
LevelII	6	2

To become registered 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 the comprehensive Level II examination.

The Level I examination 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. Individuals that do not have a bachelors or higher degree from an approved school of forestry must pass both the Level I and Level II examinations.

## Board Web Page

We encourage RFs to use the Board website to access an updated roster, newsletters, a schedule of Board meetings, forms, and examination dates. The web address is: <http://members.aol.com/ncbrf/>

## The Association of Southeastern Boards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF)

The N. C. State Board of Registration hosted the annual meeting of the Association of SoutheasternBoards of Registration for Foresters (ASBORF) on May 21-22, 2001 in Asheville, NC. In addition to the NC Board members, representatives from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania were present.

Discussions at the two-day meeting centered on such issues as reciprocity agreements among states, examination procedures, and ethics. Each representative gave a report of activities and issues facing the administration of licensing and registration laws in their respective state.

The 2002 annual meeting will be held in Mississippi.

## **Schedule of Events**

The next meeting of the N. C. State Board of Registration for Foresters will be held on June 5, 2001 in Raleigh, NC.

The next examination for registration (Levels I and II) will be held on October 19, 2001 in Winston-Salem, NC.

If you have any questions, desire to bring an issue to the Board's attention, or if the Board and/or its members can be of service to you, please contact us.

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